

Joanne Hudson Cook Memorial Scholarship Application

(1) \$500 scholarship awarded to a student who is a single parent and graduating from the Ridge Teen Parent Program OR a single parent student graduating from Haines City High school, who plans to attend Ridge Career Center.

Applications will be accepted at the beginning of each term of study to coincide with when payment for classes is due.

Mail submissions to:
Polk Education Foundation
1530 Shumate Drive
Bartow, FL 33830
(863) 534-0519

After attaching all required documents, give this application to your counselor and have he/she use the PCSB courier Rt. E to send it to the Polk Education Foundation.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Completed application - You will complete this application, sign it and attach all the required items and turn it in to your counselor before the deadline above. Please secure all with one staple.
- Picture of yourself
- A copy of your transcript (get this from your school counselor)
- Parent's income information (either 2017 W-2 forms or 2017 income tax report). If you do not live with your parents, please submit your own 2017 W-2 form or 2017 income tax report or your 2016 FAFSA or SAR report.

Type or print entire application neatly in blue or black ink.

Name _____ School _____

Your Mailing address _____

City, ZIP _____ Phone _____

Email address if applicable

GPA _____

Do you live with your parents? If so, complete the next two lines. If not, please list here, who you live

with _____

Mother's Name _____ Employment _____

Father's Name _____ Employment _____

Total # people living in your home _____

of family members attending college including you _____

Your past and Present Employment History _____

Current # and type of volunteer hours if applicable _____

What do you plan to study at Ridge Career Center? _____

List all other financial aid or scholarships for which you have applied and/or received other than those on this form Scholarship Name, Amount per year, and if it is received, denied or pending.

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Essay – please type or computer generate

Use this essay to provide information requested by each individual scholarship, personal **financial need** information, college and career plans, and any other information you feel would help in the selection process. Things like medical problems, divorce, and special family situations are all considered when awarding scholarships. **Scholarships will be chosen solely on the information contained in this essay. So be specific and state your need clearly.** Honors, awards, clubs, volunteer time, leadership roles and extra curricular activities may be included in your essay; however, do not send certificates, resumes or other documents as they are discarded and not considered. **For this award please describe your experience as a young parent, how it has effected you and your goals for the future.** You may use the front side of one additional sheet of an 8.5x11 paper if needed for essay. **Minimum type size 10 point.**

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT

I understand that:

- (a) if my application is incomplete or does not contain all items on the eligibility check list, my application will not be considered, acknowledged or returned,
- (b) scholarships will be decided based solely on the essay,
- (c) all supporting paperwork must accompany my application packet,
- (d) those other than Polk Education Foundation staff may review my application for the selection Process
- (e) only the recipients of the scholarships will be notified by graduation.

I further understand and agree that if I am chosen as a recipient:

- (a) I will attend the Senior Awards program at my high school to receive the award(s),
- (b) I will send a thank you note to the sponsor(s) of my scholarship(s) and a copy of the same thank you note to the Polk Education Foundation,
- (c) **my scholarship check will not be released until my College Information Sheet and a copy of my thank you note has been received by the Foundation office,**
- (d) the Foundation may use my name and photo to publicize my award without any further compensation,
- (e) if I change colleges, it is my responsibility to request that the balance of funds be transferred back to the Polk Education Foundation to be reissued to the college I will be attending. I will notify the Polk Education Foundation of this in writing.
- (f) all monies received from a one-time award must be used within three years of my graduation. Any money remaining after that time will revert back to the Polk Education Foundation,

Student's Signature _____ Date of Birth _____

School _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature if student is under 18
