



JAMES O. THOMASON SCHOLARSHIP Criteria and Eligibility

- This scholarship consists of \$2,000 annually, for up to four (4) consecutive years, to help a student further their education in print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications.
- The applicant must be a full time resident of South Carolina and a senior in a public or private high school in South Carolina.
- The recipient must attend an institution of higher learning in South Carolina.
- The recipient must declare a major in electronic, print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications to qualify.
- Payment will be made to the same person for four consecutive years of college related to a major in the above disciplines.
- The recipient must maintain a GPR of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPR falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.
- Return both pages of the completed application, essay on a topic selected by the Hampton Fund*, personal essay and autobiography**, transcript of high school grades, college board scores, rank in high school class and a recent photograph **no later than JANUARY 31st, 2017** to:

HAMPTON FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, PO Box 2641, Columbia, SC 29202

- The Board of Directors of the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund will make the final approval of the recipient and notify the winners. Their decision is final.
- Applications are available at:
www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org
via email at jim.goller@hamptonwildlifefund.org
by phone at: 803-600-1570

***TOPICAL ESSAY:** The applicant will write a 1,200 word (approximate) essay on the following topic:

Bobwhite quail occur throughout South Carolina. However, these beautiful little reddish-brown birds with their famous two-toned whistles have declined greatly in the Palmetto State during the past half-century. What is being done to help restore this feisty game bird to its former heyday, what are the challenges and what can we do to help?

****PERSONAL ESSAY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY:** On separate paper, the applicant will write a brief autobiography to include a description of his/her career ambitions in the field of electronic, print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications and why he/she desires a college education, plus explain his/her interests in wildlife, natural resources, the environment, coastal resources or related topics and why he/she will be good investment if awarded this scholarship. (No more than three pages typed).