

## Lauryn Leonard Memorial Scholarship

Lauryn Leonard was a 19-year-old native of Suffolk, Virginia. A graduate of Lakeland High School, she was a student at Old Dominion University, actively involved in various organizations within her school and community. Lauryn was a valued member of the trailblazing Hope for Suffolk 2021 team, where she demonstrated exceptional teamwork. She was a sweet person who radiated joy and beauty, a young woman of God, and a dedicated worker. Lauryn passed away unexpectedly in February 2024, and we aim to honor her legacy by offering a scholarship in her name.

The Lauryn Leonard Memorial Scholarship will award three winners:

1. 1st place: \$2,500
2. 2nd place: \$1,500
3. 3rd place: \$1,000

### **Eligibility**

- A Hope for Suffolk graduate or participant who completed 60% or more of the program (participated until August of their intern year) and ended their internship season in good standing.
- All candidates must be planning to pursue post-secondary education (trade/vocational school, two-year college, or a four-year university).
- Candidates must not have won the Hope for Suffolk scholarship in previous years.

### **Criteria**

Each candidate must write a 500–750-word essay responding to **ONE** of the following prompts. Please state which prompt you are responding to on the application:

1. Describe areas in your life where you demonstrated leadership and overcame obstacles, either through your community, school, social, or family life.
2. Explain the importance of growing organic and treating the environment well.
3. Discuss what it means to be a good student in the community, on the field (participation in extracurricular activities), and in the classroom. Explain how you exemplified this.
4. Reflect on your experiences as a Hope for Suffolk Intern and how they have shaped your goals. How do you plan to leverage your education for positive change in your community?
5. Discuss the impact of Hope for Suffolk on your personal and professional development. How has it influenced your values, leadership skills, and commitment to social responsibility?
6. Explain how receiving this scholarship will further your educational and career objectives, enabling you to make a lasting contribution to the community.

### **Additional Requirements**

- One letter of recommendation (no relatives).
- Official or unofficial transcript.
- Resume.
- Completed scholarship application.

**Procedure**

- **Complete Applications:** Must be submitted to the Hope for Suffolk office by [Date to be determined based on website completion]. Complete applications include all requested materials and the completed application form.
- **Formal Interview:** Candidates will participate in a formal interview (date to be announced).
- **Fund Disbursement:** Selected recipients will receive their funds once they have graduated from high school and provided proof of enrollment in their post-secondary institution.

Hope for Suffolk Scholarship Application

<p><b>Please type or print your answers. If the application is illegible, it will be returned to you. Be sure to answer ALL questions. If a question does not apply to you, write, "N/A"</b></p>		
1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: City: State: ZIP:	
3.	Telephone Number: ( )	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year	
5.	Current High School:	What year will you graduate:
6.	I plan on attending the following post-secondary institution: _____  Semester and year: _____ (Ex: Fall 2021)  Proof of acceptance or student enrollment from institution is <b>required prior to receipt of funds.</b>	
7.	If you are a graduating senior, state the institutions you have applied to. If you are NOT a graduating senior, state some post-secondary institutions you are interested in applying to.	

8.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)
9.	<p>ACT Score: _____ If you have not taken one or either test, state, "N/A." This will not disqualify you</p> <p>SAT Score: _____ PSAT scores are acceptable.</p>
10.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:

11.	List any leadership positions you have held (sports, work, in the community, etc.)
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12.	List the name of any AP/Honor/Dual Enrollment classes you have taken:
13.	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?
14.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
15.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

16.

Which essay prompt will you be responding to (1-6)?