2026 "BELIEVING IN YOUR DREAMS" SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
offered by
Embassy of Hope
A Vince Carter Foundation

$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS THE EMBASSY OF HOPE FOUNDATION?

The Embassy of Hope Foundation is a non-profit foundation established in 1998 by NBA basketball star Vince Carter to help address the needs of children and their parents. It represents Vince's lifelong commitment to perseverance and achievement and as a person committed to helping those less fortunate.

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE?

Candidates for the Embassy of Hope academic assistance are expected to have a 3.0 or better grade point average and ***must have played basketball, volleyball, and/or been an active member of a high school band (orchestra, marching, concert, jazz, etc.) for at least two years of high school.*** Candidates must be graduating from a public high school in Volusia County.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKET?

Applications may be obtained through your high school guidance department or the Embassy of Hope office at Vince Carter Athletic Center, 1255 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

All application materials should be assembled into one packet and sent to the following address:

Embassy of Hope Foundation
Vince Carter Athletic Center
1255 West International Speedway Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Candidates should complete the scholarship application and ask a school administrator or guidance counselor to provide the candidate's class rank and size.

THE ESSAY

All candidates are required to submit an original essay following the directions below:

You are the author (not AI or a reference source). **In your own words**, write a real-life biography on Vince Carter.

The essay should be neatly written or typed in black or blue ink on standard 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. The candidate's name and the date should appear at the top of each sheet. The essay should be double-spaced and at least a full page.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Embassy of Hope requires each candidate to submit two (2) letters of recommendation: one **(1) academic from your school and one (1) from the community**. The candidate's name should be clearly printed on the top of each recommendation letter; both should be sealed and placed with the packet of other stated materials.

A teacher, guidance counselor, or advisor who can assess your academic achievement, leadership ability, potential for success, and is not related to the candidate should prepare the academic letter of recommendation.

An employer, community official, or minister who can comment on your personal attributes, involvement in the community, and is not related to you should prepare the personal letter of recommendation. This recommendation should include your personality, character, and positive qualities.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

An official high school transcript must accompany each candidate's application packet to Embassy of Hope. The transcript should include the candidate's SAT and/or ACT test score(s).

If your high school will not provide you with an official sealed transcript, please ask a school administrator or guidance counselor to forward an official transcript to: Embassy of Hope Foundation, Vince Carter Athletic Center, 1255 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?

A selection committee will review the credentials of the applicants. Each candidate will be independently reviewed by two (2) committee members and assigned a score derived from the two (2) ratings.

During the evaluation process, the committee will consider academic performance, evidence of leadership ability, financial need, and the quality of written material.

WHEN ARE STUDENTS NOTIFIED?

All candidates will be notified no later than April 22, 2026.

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THE DECISIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE ARE FINAL!

For more information, please contact: Embassy of Hope Foundation
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(386) 239-8215
(386) 254-1718 (**FAX**)

If by February 1st of the ensuing year, the recipient of this scholarship has not satisfied the qualifications for the designated scholarship, the recipient forfeits all rights to this award.