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## 2027 FIRST GENERATION HOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

THE SALVATION ARMY INDIANA DIVISION

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### THESE ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED:

- NOTE: Must be the first in immediate family to attend college.
- Completion of this form. Please answer all items fully and completely.
- Personal statement written by your nominee – not to exceed 1,200 words.
- Copy of high school transcript.
- A faculty or staff recommendation letter, explaining why your nominee should receive a Salvation Army First Generation Hope Scholarship. The letter should state how the student has overcome substantial hardships - environmental, emotional, mental or physical - and what effect a college education will have on the student and his/her family.
- An additional letter of recommendation (from pastor, coach, mentor, etc.).
- Deadline: ~~Thursday~~, October 28, 2026 by 5:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY**

### STUDENT INFORMATION

|                   |                  |               |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Name of Applicant |                  | Date of Birth |
| High School       |                  | Male Female   |
| Home Address      | City, State, Zip | Phone         |

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

|                                               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Mother (or <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian) | Phone |
| Address (If different from student)           |       |
| Educational Background:                       |       |
| Father (or <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian) | Phone |
| Address (If different from student)           |       |
| Educational Background:                       |       |
| Parent or Guardian E-Mail:                    |       |

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Counselor Contact<br><b>Ms. Mindy Weaver</b>                                              | School Phone: 765-345-5153<br>Email: <a href="mailto:mindy.weaver@cabeard.k12.in.us">mindy.weaver@cabeard.k12.in.us</a> |
| Student Contact information – please provide as many numbers as possible, if appropriate. |                                                                                                                         |
| Student Contact Phone Number(s)<br>Cell: _____ Home: _____ Other: _____ Email: _____      |                                                                                                                         |

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### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

|                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Cum. GPA                                      | Grade Scale <b>4.00</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Class Rank                                                              | Number of Students in Graduating Class <b>73</b> |
| Standardized Test Scores                      | SAT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Total _____<br>CR _____ Math _____ Writing _____                        |                                                  |
|                                               | ACT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Composite _____<br>English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ |                                                  |
|                                               | Other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                         |                                                  |
| Expected Grad Date<br><br><b>May 30, 2027</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Core 40 Diploma<br><input type="checkbox"/> Core 40 With Academic Honors<br><input type="checkbox"/> Core 40 With Technical Honors<br><input type="checkbox"/> IB<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other – Explain _____ |                                                                         |                                                  |
| Other Academic Awards or Honors               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                  |
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### OTHER ACTIVITIES – Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Extracurricular Activities in High School – Where applicable, note leadership positions held, accomplishments, nature of organization's activities if not apparent.

Other Community Service Activities, Hobbies, or Outside Interests

Employment During High School – Provide employer, when, nature of job, summer only or during school term, & approximate hours per week

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**COLLEGE PLANS** – Indicate where you plan to enroll or school(s) of interest

| Name of School | Applied?                                                    | Accepted?                                                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pending |
|                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pending |
|                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pending |
|                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pending |

Planned Area(s) of Study

Any Career Plans That You May Already Have

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application and accompanying documents is accurate, and that neither parent of this student have earned college degrees.

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Counselor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Submission deadline: Must be received at The Salvation Army by 5:00 PM, Wednesday, October 28, 2026.**

*May be submitted by mail or courier, hand delivery, or email. If emailed, please submit entire application, including attachments, as a single file and include your school in the file name.*

*All attachments listed at top of form must be included. Please retain a copy for your records.*

*Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed regarding any submitted application material nor any interview comments made.*

*Finalists will be selected by December 2, 2026. The tentative date for interviews between finalists and the selection committee is Saturday, February 13, 2027. We strongly encourage attending the interview in person.*

## 2027 FIRST GENERATION HOPE SCHOLARS APPLICATION

For students who will be the first in their immediate family to go to college.

**Student Essay** – Please tell us why you should be selected as a First Generation Hope Scholarship recipient, in consideration of the criteria for the awards:

- How earning a college degree will significantly alter the projected path of you and your family in the future.
- History of overcoming significant adversity – environmental, emotional, mental or physical.
- Academic achievement and demonstrated ability to realistically pursue your post-secondary goals.
- Participation and accomplishment outside the classroom, both inside and outside school.
- Personal motivation and positive and persistent attitude toward obstacles and setbacks are an inspiration to others.
- How you can inspire others to achieve success.

Please attach your essay as a separate document. Maximum 1,200 words.

Each year we will have various scholarships available. This year we have at least one for \$5,000, one for \$2,000, and one for \$1,000. Recipients are eligible for one scholarship per year. We will have information on how many and what types of scholarships are available for your student's award year by the beginning of February, before the finalists come for their interview. We are developing support for new scholarships on an ongoing basis. The scholarships offered will vary each year.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the student must enroll in and attend a full-time accredited college, university, or vocational school. The scholarship award is subject to the rules as established and/or modified from time to time, by the First Generation Hope Scholarship Committee. In August of 2027, after The Salvation Army has received proof of enrollment, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the academic institution in which the student is enrolled. Any refunds must be returned to The Salvation Army Indiana Division.

At this time only two of our scholarships are renewable. To qualify for each year, the student must submit a certificate of transcript of the prior year's grades showing maintenance of required 2.5 GPA, plus a certification that the student is again enrolled in a college, university, or trade school for the coming academic year. If the student is awarded a subsequent scholarship, it will be paid directly to the school.

Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed regarding any submitted application material nor any interview comments made.

A representative of the First Generation Hope Scholarship Committee will be willing to appear at your school's Awards Program and present any award received to any of the nominated students, upon request.