



Future Welder's Scholarship

Overview:

Carry-On Trailer, a nationally recognized company that produces utility, cargo, horse, livestock, and specialty trailers, wants to increase career opportunities for local area high school students while filling employment needs specifically targeting the welding profession. This scholarship program will provide eligible students who plan to attend Rappahannock Community College's Welding Certificate Program following high school graduation with scholarship funds to cover tuition/fees and a portion of related expenses*. Upon successful completion of RCC's Welding Certificate program, graduates will be offered a full-time position at Carry-On Trailer's manufacturing facility located in Montross, Virginia.

GRASP (Great Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc. ("GRASP")), and the GRASP advisors who assist students and their families in procuring financial aid for education, will help promote this scholarship, provide students with program information, and collect scholarship packets from student candidates.

Eligibility:

- The high school senior must attend one of the Northern Neck area high schools including; Colonial Beach, Washington and Lee, Lancaster, Northumberland, Rappahannock, Northern Neck Technical Center, and Essex.
- Each candidate must meet with the GRASP Advisor at his/her respective school at least once during the current school year.
- Candidates must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be scheduled to graduate from high school in the spring of the student's senior year.
- All candidates must be legally eligible to work in the United States.
- A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed prior to the scholarship application deadline.

Application Process:

Candidates must submit a cover letter, essay, scholarship application, and signed authorization form to their school's GRASP Advisor. A resume may also be included but not required. Selected candidates will be personally interviewed by a Carry-On Trailer representative. Final scholarship recipients will be notified by April 15 (if starting in May) or May 15 (if starting in August).

Deadline:

Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2017

Questions?

For additional information, please speak with your school's GRASP Advisor. Appointments can be made with a GRASP Advisor by contacting the school's counseling office.

* Funds for related expenses may range in amount based on student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA

Future Welder's Scholarship Authorization Form

Please use the following checklist to ensure that your application is complete. Return this list along with your application packet to your school's GRASP Advisor on or before the deadline. Be sure to have you and/or your parent or guardian sign the Statement of Verification and Release and ask your school counselor to complete the School Official Certification section.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

First _____ M.I. _____ Last _____

High School _____ Today's Date: _____

I have enclosed the following in this packet:

- A complete scholarship application and essay
- Cover Letter
- Resume
- My Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA showing my Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- This checklist, signed by a parent/guardian or student over the age of 18, and by a school official verifying high school & GPA

I want to begin the program (circle one): May, 2017 August, 2017

STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION AND RELEASE

I certify that the student applicant named above is eligible for this scholarship and the information provided is true to the best of the student applicant's knowledge.

Parent Signature (if student is younger than 18) _____ Date _____

Student Signature (if 18 or older) _____ Date _____

School Official Certification

This student is a senior at _____ High School. This student's cumulative GPA is _____.

School Official's Signature _____ Title _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

FIRST _____ M.I. _____ LAST _____ GRAD YR _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____, VA ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ CONTACT PHONE _____ CELL? Y N

HIGH SCHOOL _____ GRASP ADVISOR'S NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ PHONE _____

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Please identify the year(s) you participated and/or received honors & awards.

CLUBS	FR	SOPH	JR	SR	SPORTS/HOBBIES	FR	SOPH	JR	SR
Example: Key Club	X	X	X	X					
HONORS & AWARDS					VOLUNTEER WORK				

PERSONAL STATEMENT

On a separate piece of paper, please answer one of the following questions:

- 1) How will this scholarship and employment opportunity at Carry-On Trailer help you?
- 2) Why do you want to become a welder ?

Your statement must be at least 50 words to a maximum of one page, double-spaced if typed.