



# Couch Oil Cares Scholarship Program

## 2024 Application

*Celebrating Our 10th Year!*

**Submission Deadline: Friday, May 17, 2024**

**Scholarship Presentation: Saturday, July 27, 2024 (Durham Bulls Athletic Park)**

***\*To receive the scholarship, recipients must attend this presentation.\****

Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA (9-12): \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College/Community College: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this application, you grant Couch Oil Cares, Inc. and the Durham Bulls Baseball Club permission to use your image in print and/or digital media. You also understand that, to receive this scholarship, you are required to attend the July 27, 2024 scholarship presentation. In addition, you may be asked to participate in future endeavors and promotions for Couch Oil Cares, Inc.**

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**



**Section A. Selection Committee:** Representatives from Couch Oil Company, the Durham Bulls Baseball Club, former scholarship recipients and other community leaders shall serve on the Couch Oil Cares Scholarship Selection Committee.

**Section B. Application:** Applications for the Couch Oil Cares Scholarship will be available online at [couchoilcares.org/scholarship](http://couchoilcares.org/scholarship), [milb.com/durham/community](http://milb.com/durham/community), and Couch Oil Cares social media pages. Hardcopies are available upon request.

**Section C. Eligibility:** Applications for the scholarship shall be accepted from

- \* Residents of **Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Nash, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, and Wilson** counties.
- \* Those who have been accepted to and registered as **first-year college students for the 2024-2025 school year** (two- or four-year college).
- \* Those who are **no more than twenty-five (25) years of age** at the time of the scholarship presentation.

**Section D. Scholarships Granted:** Couch Oil Cares, Inc. will award six (6) scholarships of \$2,000 each for one year only. Scholarships will be paid directly to the school in one installment after proof of acceptance and registration is received.

**Section E. Scholarship Presentation:** All recipients must attend the scholarship presentation on **Saturday, July 27, 2024**. Recipients and three (3) guests will receive tickets to the Durham Bulls game and dinner.

**Section F. Required Documents:** To be eligible for the Couch Oil Cares Scholarship, an applicant must submit the following to the Selection Committee by **Friday, May 17, 2024**:

1. **This application (including 2 essay questions)**
2. **A resume of significant honors, achievements, and extracurricular activities in grades 9-12, including leadership experience**
3. **One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher/counselor/advisor (Those who completed high school before 2024 must submit one recommendation from an employer or community leader.)**
4. **Other supporting documents or letters that may enhance the application**
5. **An official high school transcript for grades 9-12**
6. **A letter of acceptance from the student's intended college/community college**

**Section G: Selection and Notification:** Selection of recipients will take place in June 2024 with notification to follow by phone. (Finalists may be asked to participate in an interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee.) **Applicants who are not selected will be notified by email.**

**Section H: DEADLINE:** Completed applications (and supporting documents) must be submitted online, emailed, or postmarked no later than **Friday, May 17, 2024**.

**EMAIL:** [scholarships@couchoilcares.org](mailto:scholarships@couchoilcares.org)

**OR**

**SEND to:** Couch Oil Cares Scholarship  
Attn: Janice Couch Thompson  
PO Box 250  
Hillsborough, NC 27278



### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**BOTH questions must be answered – Limit of 500 words each  
Attach extra sheets as needed.**

**Essay #1** Answer the three questions below:

- a) Where do you see yourself in seven years?
- b) How will this scholarship help you to achieve this personal goal?
- c) What makes you a good candidate for this scholarship?

**Essay #2** Share some personal information about yourself. You may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) A life event that has shaped you as a person
- b) One example of community service involvement
- c) Your biggest weakness and steps you've taken to overcome it
- d) Something learned from someone who is very different from you

**THANK YOU FOR APPLYING FOR THE COUCH OIL CARES SCHOLARSHIP!**