



Couch Oil Cares Scholarship Program

2025 Application

Celebrating Our 11th Year!

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 25, 2025

Scholarship Presentation: Saturday, July 12, 2025 (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 12, 2025 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 are available online at couchoilcares.org/scholarship, [Durham Bulls/Couch Oil Cares Scholarship](http://DurhamBulls.org/CouchOilCaresScholarship), and Couch Oil Cares social media pages. Hard copies are available upon request. Questions concerning application submission should be emailed to scholarships@couchoilcares.org.

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 2025-2026 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 12, 2025**. 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, April 25, 2025**:

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 2025 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 2025 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 or emailed no later than 11:59 pm on Friday, April 25, 2025.

EMAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO scholarships@couchoilcares.org

OR

SUBMIT THE ONLINE APPLICATION (couchoilcares.org/scholarship)



ESSAY QUESTIONS

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

Please note: Essays are meant to showcase your own thoughts, ideas and experiences.

The use of AI-generated content without personal input may result in disqualification.

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!