



## Couch Oil Cares Scholarship Program

### 2023 Application

*Submission Deadline: Friday, May 5, 2023*

*Scholarship Presentation: Saturday, July 8, 2023 (Durham Bulls Athletic Park)*

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

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 Company and the Durham Bulls Baseball Club permission to use your image in print and/or digital media.**

**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 Company 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 2023-2024 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 Company will award six (6) scholarships of \$1,000 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 8, 2023**. 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 5, 2023**:

1. An application for the scholarship (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 2023 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 2023 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 5, 2023.

**EMAIL:** [scholarship@couchoilcompany.com](mailto:scholarship@couchoilcompany.com) OR **SEND to:** Couch Oil Cares Scholarship  
Attn: Janice Couch Thompson  
PO Box 699  
Hillsborough, NC 27278



### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**(BOTH questions must be answered – Limit of 500 words each)**

**Essay #1: Answer the following:**

- a) How will a college degree help you to achieve your future goals?**
- b) 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!**