



Mayor Hopkins Scholarship Program Renewal Application Fall 2025

Name:			
Address:		City/State:	Zip:
Soc.Sec#:		Date of Birth:	
Tel.#:		Email:	
School Name:			
Address:			
Tel.#:		Fax#:	
Please check one:			
Sophomore: _____		Junior: _____	
Senior: _____		Are you a full-time student? Yes No	
Anticipated Graduation Date:			

Annual Household Income

of Household Members: _____

Parent/guardian: \$ _____	Student: \$ _____
Other: \$ _____	
Please attached signed 2024 Income Tax Return**	

Please Answer the following questions:

1. Are you a legal resident of Cranston: _____
2. Are you enrolled as a student of good standing at the college or university named above?
(If no please attach explanation)
Yes _____ No _____

I, _____, certify to the best of my knowledge that the information on this form is accurate and current.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

2025 spring grades must accompany this form for eligibility as a fall semester 2025 student. Renewal applications will not be processed until grades and 2024 tax return are received. Please complete this form and return with attachments by May 30, 2025, TO:

Laura-Jean Ferranti

35 Sockanosset Cross Road

Cranston, RI 02920

401-780-6240 lferranti@cranstonri.gov



**The Department of Community Development
35 Sockanosset Cross Road
Cranston, RI 02920**

Dear Scholarship Recipient:

Continued eligibility for aid from the Mayor's Scholarship Program depends on whether the 2024 Renewal Application Form, a transcript of your final grades for Spring 2025 and a copy of your 2024 Income Tax Return and your parents, are submitted to the Office of Community Development prior to May 30, 2025.

As you know, the funds used to support the scholarship program come from Cranston's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which is a program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.). HUD regulations require that this office determine eligibility on an annual basis. It is therefore imperative that you return the enclosed renewal application form before May 30, 2025, along with all the income information requested on the enclosed renewal form. Failure to reply in a timely manner will result in you not receiving aid for the 2025/2026 school year.

Total household income, or the student's gross income, if he or she is not dependent on parents, may not exceed the following amounts.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income	\$62,950	\$71,950	\$80,950	\$89,900	\$97,100	\$104,300	\$111,500	\$118,700

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 401-780-6240.

Sincerely,

Laura-Jean Ferranti
Resource Specialist
Cranston Department of Community Development



Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures

The Mayor's Scholarship Program is funded through Cranston's Community Development Block Grant. These are federal funds appropriated by Congress and granted to the city through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All monies spent under this program must primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons and families. Thus, the city must make awards based on family income limits set by H.U.D. Because the grant is made to Cranston to benefit residents of this city, scholarship recipients must be and remain legal residents of Cranston.

Since the inception of its scholarship aid program, Cranston has appropriated nearly a half million dollars to help more than 900 students through college. In 2024/2025, the number of students accepted into the program was 7. Students admitted into a four-year program are eligible to receive \$1,000 per year, for a total scholarship of \$4,000.00.

CHECKS ARE MADE PAYABLE TO THE SCHOOL

One check and only one check will be issued and sent to your school for each academic year. For the 2024-2025 school year, checks will be mailed to your school sometime the end of January for all sophomores, juniors and seniors. Checks will be sent to schools directly on behalf of student. Scholarship funds are to be credited only toward tuition. Checks for freshmen will be mailed to the school in February of the year following matriculation. Freshmen checks will not be mailed until the month of February after the Community Development office has received a first semester transcript.

To remain eligible, all returning students must submit semester grades and a renewal form to the Office of Community Development prior to the deadline of May 30, 2025. Renewal forms will be mailed out from the Community Development Office in January.

To be renewed, you must:

- Be a legal resident of Cranston. Standard identification with a Cranston address will suffice. In the case of students living out of town or out of state at school a Cranston voting registration will constitute residence.
- be in good standing at the school and have maintained a minimum 2.0 cumulative average. Semester grades must be submitted to the City of Cranston, Community Development, 35 Sockanosset Cross Road, Unit #6, Cranston, RI 02920, Attn: Laura-Jean Ferranti
- remain within the income limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PLEASE NOTE: SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED WHEN GRADES AND VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT ARE RECEIVED.

For good cause, a student will be granted up to two (2) semesters' leave of absence, in any one (1) full year. Such a request must be made to the Director of Community Development along with appropriate evidence that the college or university has granted the leave.

FAILURE TO OBSERVE ALL RULES CAN LEAD TO FORFEITURE OF AID.

Effective January 2025