



Tail Waggers Chrissy White Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Application Form ♦ 2026-2027 Academic

Year Deadline for Submission: May 1, 2027

Award Value: \$500

Who Can Apply?

Applicants should meet the following baseline criteria; however, Tail Waggers HOPP, Inc. reserves the right to flexibly adjust these preferences based on the application pool:

- Current high school senior graduating in Spring 2027 from a local area high school.
- Has a 3.2 or higher GPA.
- Can provide two (2) verified references.
- Able to submit an acceptance letter from the program/school where they applied.
- Career Path: Planning to pursue a degree or certification in a field that directly helps animals (e.g., Veterinary Medicine, Vet Tech, Animal Rescue/Welfare, Zoology, Animal Sciences, etc.)

1. Applicant Information:

Full Name _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Phone Number () _____ Email Address _____

Permanent Address (street, city, state, zip code) _____

2. Academic Information:

Current School _____

Grade Level/ Year _____ GPA _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Major/Intended Field of Study _____

3. Extracurricular Activities/Achievements:

(List clubs, sports, awards, etc.)

4. References:

(Please provide two (2) reference letters, choosing from two different categories listed below. Letters can be uploaded directly to your application or emailed by the writer to tailwaggershopp@gmail.com. If emailed, the subject line must be "Scholarship Reference: [Applicant Name]". All letters must include the writer's email address and phone number for verification.)

- **Academic:** Teacher, professor, school counselor, academic advisor, principal, or vice-principal.
- **Professional:** Current or former employer, supervisor, or manager, or internship coordinator.
- **Extracurricular:** Coach, club advisor, music/band director, troop leader, or JROTC instructor/leader.
- **Community:** Volunteer coordinator or community organization leader.

Please note: Letters from immediate or extended relatives, neighbors, or personal friends will not be accepted.

5. Essay Requirement:

Please write or attach a typed essay response based on the prompt below. The essay must be single-spaced, typed in a standard 12pt font, and must be between 300 and 500 words.

- **Prompt:** How do you plan to use your future career to make a meaningful difference in the lives of animals, and what experiences inspired you to take this path?

 Application Submission Checklist

Please review your application packet carefully. Submit all required materials together in a single email to tailwaggershopp@gmail.com.

- **Completed Application Form:** Fully filled out and signed.
- **Personal Essay:** Your 300-to-500-word response (written in the box on Page 2 or attached separately).
- **Proof of Intent:** A copy or screenshot of your college acceptance letter or program enrollment confirmation.
- **Two (2) Reference Letters:**

Included with your email submission or sent directly by your references.

Note: If your letters are being emailed separately by your references, please explicitly state their first and last name(s) in the body of your submission so we know to expect them.

 Important Dates & Selection

- **Application Deadline:** All materials must be received by **May 1, 2027**.
- **Winner Announcement:** A single recipient will be notified by **May 15, 2027**, and celebrated on our social media pages.

 What Happens Next?

1. **Review Phase:** Tail Waggers will review all completed packets throughout the month of June.
2. **Finalist Contact:** If any additional verification is needed, you will be contacted by email.
3. **Notification:** The final recipient will be announced via email and celebrated on our social media platform on June 30, 2027.

 Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the eligibility criteria, reference guidelines, or submission process, please contact us at tailwaggershopp@gmail.com. Please allow 24-28 hours for a response. We highly recommend reviewing your application early to ensure all questions are resolved before the final deadline.

Scholarship Terms & Conditions

This \$500 scholarship is administered by Tail Waggers HOPP, Inc. As this is our inaugural application cycle, Tail Waggers HOPP, Inc. reserves the right to broaden or flexibly adjust our qualification preferences to accommodate deserving applicants who are pursuing an animal-related field or a closely adjacent path. In the event of insufficient applicant interest, or if no candidates meet the intended qualification goals of this award, we reserve the right to roll them over to subsequent application cycles. **If funds are rolled over, Tail Waggers HOPP, Inc. reserves the right to modify or expand the scholarship criteria for future cycles to ensure the funds can be successfully awarded.** If, after subsequent cycles, the scholarship program cannot be successfully sustained, Tail Waggers HOPP, Inc. reserves the ultimate discretion to redirect these funds to our general operating pool or another active project that aligns with our core mission. All selection decisions made by Tail Waggers HOPP, Inc. are final. Current board members of Tail Waggers HOPP, Inc., as well as their immediate family members, are strictly ineligible to apply for or receive this scholarship.

Certification and Signature:

By signing below, I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and true. Additionally, I agree that if I am selected as the recipient, Tail Waggers HOPP, Inc. has permission to feature my name, photo, and scholarship story on our organization's website and social media channels.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(Required if the applicant is under 18 years of age.)