



Grace and Robert Hammond Foundation

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Grace and Robert Hammond Foundation Scholarship 2025

The Give Back Organization was founded in 2002 by North Rowan High School alumni Ronneil Robinson (1997) as a mechanism to educate young adults on three key principles: to show them how education and college can change lives, to keep them out of the prison pipeline, and to prepare them for the real world. Ronneil and fellow Cavalier, Tronda Lee (1999) partnered in 2020 to create the scholarship foundation in memory of their grandparents, Grace and Robert Hammond of East Spencer, NC who were the essence of their family.

Purpose: To support the post-secondary educational pursuits of graduates with a \$500.00 stipend.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be a 2025 graduating senior.
2. Applicants must plan to enroll and attend an accredited college or university or enlisted in the military by the start of the 2025-2026 academic school year.
3. Applicants must submit an essay of a minimum of 500 words on the essay prompt below. The essay must be typed, double-spaced, an original work by the student and not one previously published nor secured by copyright.

Selection Process: A scholarship committee will review, and judge all submitted essays. The essay and application must be received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, February 28, 2025. Submissions must be emailed to GRHFoundationScholarship@gbocares.org.

School counselors and selected applicant(s) will be notified no later than March 28, 2025.

The following information must appear on the first page of your essay:

- First and Last Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Email Address

Essay Prompt:

“We don’t grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges!” – Arthor Unknown

The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter are fundamental to future success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

NOTE: Scholarship stipend will be awarded to the recipient once proof of enrollment at an accredited college/university or the military is submitted to the Grace and Robert Hammond Foundation Scholarship Committee.