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## “Hooked on Education” 2025 Scholarship Application

The Matlacha Hookers will grant scholarships to qualified applicants. Scholarships may be used for tuition, books or other acceptable costs of education for either a certification, licensing or technical program or toward a college degree. Notification of Scholarship winners will be made prior to the Hookers’ general meeting in June.

**Applications must be completed single sided, submitted by U.S. Postal Service mail and postmarked no later than April 4, 2025**

**Mail your completed application packet to:**

**Matlacha Hookers Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 111  
Matlacha, FL 33993**

For questions, please call Chairperson: Carolyn Ryzanych 707-291-0310

**THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE SUBMISSION METHOD OR DEADLINE  
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REJECTED**

### Required Qualifications

Seniors graduating 2025 or a High School Diploma or equivalent

**AND**

At least one of the following (check all that apply):

- Applicant is a full time Greater Pine Island resident for one year or more - If displaced from Hurricane Ian, include explanation page
- Former Pine Island Elementary student: Circle grades attended: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- I am a current Matlacha Hooker and have been for one year or more
- Eligible and applying for the 2025 First Responders Scholarship - Fire, EMT, Law Enforcement, Doctor, Nurses, or Emergency Management Careers
- Immediate family member is a current Matlacha Hooker for one year or more

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Read Carefully

Type or Print in ink. (**single-sided only**)

Answer all questions in full.

(Answer "N/A" if not applicable)

This application will be rejected if these instructions are not followed.

## 2025 Application Checklist

A complete application packet should be postmarked by the submission deadline and include the following items:

- Application pages 1 thru 5
- Application Essay
- A copy of your high school or current higher-education transcript, including attendance record (high school students only).
- Three Letters of recommendation. Each letter must be Dated 2025. Refer to items to be included in your Letters of Recommendation.
  - a. High school students: 3 letters: 2 letters from teachers, and 1 letter from a guidance counselor, principal or a non-family member.
  - b. Applicants NOT attending school or an institution of higher education: 3 letters: If employed, submit 1 letter from your employer, and 2 letters from non-family members. If not employed, submit 3 letters from non-family members.
  - c. Applicants attending an institution of higher education: 3 letters: 2 letters from an instructor or advisor from your current school and 1 letter from a non-family member.
  - d. Applicants being home-schooled: 3 letters: 3 letters from non-family members, i.e. librarian, clergy or other community leader.

*I hereby attest that all the information provided within this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.*

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 Scholarship Application – “Hooked on Education”**  
**APPLICANT INFORMATION**  
**(PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK INK)**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSING / FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Do you live with your parents or legal guardian:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(Most college housing student’s permanent residence is still at home)

If you **do live** with a parent/guardian, please complete the following parent/guardian information:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ # years at this address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current parent/guardian employers: \_\_\_\_\_

Total annual household income, including governmental or any other assistance from family or friends: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of household members this income supports: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent attesting to information above is to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you **do not** live with a parent/guardian, please complete the following:

(This does not include single college students unless emancipated)

Total annual household income, including governmental or any other assistance from family or friends: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of household members this income supports: \_\_\_\_\_

List any extracurricular (high school or college-related) activities, clubs or employment in which you participated, including length of time involved in each (use additional sheet if needed):

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List any community involvement or organizations and the time involved in each including year(s) of involvement (non-school related):

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List any degrees, certificates, non-financial awards earned by or awarded to applicant:

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List any financial awards or scholarships received or expected to receive. Include those offered by the schools you have applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

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High School Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_

High School/GED graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ College student current year \_\_\_\_\_

Last school attended (or present school): \_\_\_\_\_

I am on track to earn a Bright Futures Award Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate level: FAS \_\_\_\_\_ FMS \_\_\_\_\_ GSV \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Recipient of Matlacha Hookers' Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION GOALS**

First choice school \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Tuition cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Housing cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and location of school(s) that have accepted you: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s) and location of school(s) or institution(s) that you are waiting to hear from: \_\_\_\_\_

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Planned curriculum or course of study:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Application Essay**

Write an essay of your background, career and academic goals and why you should receive this scholarship. You must personally compose and write this essay. This essay must be either typewritten or printed in ink and included with your application. Add additional pages if necessary.

## 2025 Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

**Applicant: Please make additional copies of these guidelines as necessary and provide this information to those individuals that you have requested to write up a Letter of Recommendation on your behalf.**

Letters of Recommendation:

1. Should be placed on appropriate letterhead whenever possible.
2. Must be dated in 2025 .
3. Must include the name of the applicant.
4. Indicate how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity.
5. Describe the applicant as a student/employee/person, in terms of effort versus ability.
6. Comment on the applicant's maturity, initiative, motivation and breadth of general knowledge.
7. Describe the applicant's skills in oral and written expression.
8. Describe the applicant's overall potential for success.
9. Describe why you think this applicant should be awarded a Matlacha Hookers' Scholarship
10. Please sign, date and include your address and phone number on the letter.

**IMPORTANT:** Letters of Recommendation must be returned to the applicant no later than one week before the application submission deadline of **April 4, 2025** to provide them sufficient time to organize and mail their application.