

# The HSRC Diversity Scholarship

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The HSRC Diversity Scholarship is an annual \$5,000 scholarship designed to support the education of NC undergraduate students who are interested in exploring transportation-related areas of study. The goal of the HSRC Diversity Scholarship is to encourage Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) undergraduate students interested in pursuing a career in transportation safety. A call for applications will be issued each spring, and candidates will be evaluated on essay responses, as well as community involvement, leadership, academic performance, and career goals.

## Eligibility Requirements

The HSRC Diversity Scholarship is open to all students enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at any of the University of North Carolina system campuses. Transportation-related areas of study include, but are not limited to: computer science and data analytics, communications, engineering, environmental studies, occupational therapy, city and regional planning, public health and epidemiology, public administration, and psychology.

### To be eligible, students must:

- Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at a University of North Carolina system campus.
- Be interested in exploring a transportation-related areas of study.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Be involved in their community.

BIPOC students are strongly encouraged to apply.

## Application Deadline

# June 30, 2022

Learn more: [www.hsrc.unc.edu/scholarship](http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/scholarship)



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Transportation is a broad field that includes professionals who work in multidisciplinary topic areas, including, but not limited to, driver behavior, city and regional planning, public health, and environmental issues. Our profession can only become more diverse and better serve our communities if more students, practitioners, and researchers from different backgrounds and experiences are supported to enter the transportation profession. HSRC is invested in fostering this important change. The goal of the HSRC Diversity Scholarship is to encourage Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) undergraduate students interested in pursuing a career in transportation safety.

## Eligibility Requirements

The HSRC Diversity Scholarship is open to all students enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at any of the University of North Carolina system campuses. Students should be enrolled in the fall semester of 2022 and have an interest in the transportation field.

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Current HSRC employees, students employed by HSRC after August 1, 2022, and/or relatives of current HSRC employees are not eligible for the scholarship.

## Criteria for Evaluation

All qualified and eligible applications will be reviewed. A review committee of transportation research experts will judge the applicants on the basis of a completed application, the essay responses and an optional recommendation statement. Final evaluation will take into consideration the applicant's community involvement, leadership, academic performance, and career goals. Applicants may be subject to an interview upon the request of the review committee. The review committee also reserves the right to not award the scholarship if necessary.

## Procedures

Individuals meeting the eligibility requirements are invited to complete this application. Completed applications must be submitted by the June 15, 2022 deadline. The student selected to receive this scholarship will be notified in July 2022. Students not selected will be notified shortly thereafter.

## Awarding of Scholarship

Scholarship funding will be sent directly to the recipient's university financial division for distribution to the student.

## Application Instructions

1. Apply online at [hsrc.unc.edu/scholarship](https://hsrc.unc.edu/scholarship) or complete the enclosed application and send along with resume, essay, transcript(s) and (optional) letter(s) of reference to:  
UNC Highway Safety Research Center  
c/o: Scholarship Committee  
730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Bolin Creek Center, Suites 200 and 300  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
2. Online submissions must be received by June 15, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern; mailed applications must be postmarked by June 15, 2022.
3. The complete application should be submitted in full all at one time. This page, and the preceding page, need not be submitted. A signed original application is required.
4. Feel free to include attachments, as noted, to fully answer questions on the application.
5. If you have questions, please email them to us at [info@hsrc.unc.edu](mailto:info@hsrc.unc.edu).

# Application Form (Please type or print)

Additional copies of this application are available at [www.hsnc.unc.edu/scholarship](http://www.hsnc.unc.edu/scholarship).

## Personal Information:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Address	City	State	Zip
Daytime Phone		Evening Phone	
Email Address			

How did you learn about this scholarship?

What is your gender?

- Male  
 Female  
 Self-identify \_\_\_\_\_

Which category(ies) describe your race? [Mark all that apply.]

- American Indian or Alaskan Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 Middle Eastern  
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific islander  
 White  
 Prefer not to answer

What was the combined annual income of all members of your household in 2020, before taxes?

- 12,000 or less  
 12,001 and 20,000  
 20,001 and 40,000  
 40,001 and 60,000  
 60,001 and 80,000  
 80,001 and 100,000  
 100,001 and above

What is your date of birth?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic/Latinx origin?

- Yes  
 No

## Education:

High School, College/University	Dates (to – from)	Program of Study	Degree Earned	GPA

Please include the following along with the completed application:

- An unofficial transcript from high school and each university/college attended.  
*Scholarship recipient may be asked to provide official transcripts prior to receipt of scholarship award.*
- Two essays addressing the following questions. *Please limit your total response to a maximum of two pages.*
  - 1) Why are you interested in transportation?
  - 2) Do you have any life experiences that inform your interest in pursuing a transportation-related topic/area of study? You are encouraged to include autobiographical information (e.g., geographic background, family background, leadership skills, ability to overcome great obstacles, etc.), which would help us place your academic interests/goals in context.
  - 3) How would a \$5,000 scholarship help you excel in your undergraduate program and, ultimately, succeed on your University of North Carolina system campus?
- Copy of resume, including education, community involvement, leadership roles, honors and awards, etc.
- Optional: A letter of reference from a teacher, mentor, advisor, etc.  
*This item is not required, but may be included if you feel it will strengthen your application.*

## Testimony and Signature

I hereby attest that I understand the award terms and that the foregoing information provided by me is true to the best of my knowledge.

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Name Date