

CARAS LOVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND A CHARITABLE TRUST

A 501C3 Non-Profit Corporation

Website: www.caraslove.com

Scholarship Application 2025 Due Date: May 1, 2025

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: A \$2,000 award will be presented to the selected recipient at their High School Graduation Awards Ceremony in June.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior of either Atlantic City High or Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District – Absegami High School (Cara's alma mater), Cedar Creek High School (Cara attended feeder school, Port Republic) Oakcrest High School (the HS for her Hess School students) or Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT, another feeder school for Hess students).
- Applicant must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must intend to pursue a career in education.
- Applicant must be accepted as a full-time student at a college/university for fall semester.
- Applicant must complete and submit a Scholarship Application with essay by May 1, 2025
- Applicant must provide two letters of recommendation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed application form (**Resume can be submitted in lieu of page 2 of application**)
- Proof of acceptance at a college or university for post-secondary studies
- Official high school transcript
- **Essay (250-500 words) "Who or What inspired you to pursue a career in education?"**
- Two letters of recommendation (forms attached)

Mail Submission:

Cara's Love Scholarship Fund
5000 Boardwalk Unit 606
Ventnor, NJ 08406

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Application 2025-must be filled out by applicant.

Please type or print your answers below. A separate sheet may be used if needed. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: () _____

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s): _____

Phone: () _____

☐ Cumulative GPA: _____

☐ Intended college or university: _____

☐ Anticipated Program of Study: _____

☐ Future Career Goals: _____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (on a 4.0 scale)
Required: Please attach your most recent official school transcript.

SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer, and/or religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.

RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date, if applicable.

FINANCIAL NEED

- What are your anticipated annual expenses (tuition, room/board)? _____
- What is your expected family contribution? _____
- What is your adjusted household income? _____
- Will you be applying for financial aid? _____
- What other scholarships and grants are you applying for? _____

PERSONAL ESSAY: On a separate sheet of paper, compose a 250 – 500 word essay on the following topic: ***"Who or What inspired you to pursue a career in education?"***

RECOMMENDATIONS

You are required to select two individuals (teacher, coach, advisor, employer, etc.) to complete a recommendation on your behalf. Please provide these individuals with a recommendation form (attached) and a stamped envelope addressed to:

Cara's Love Scholarship Fund 5000 Boardwalk Unit 606 Ventnor, NJ 08406

The recommendation should be sealed and mailed directly to the scholarship committee, not returned to the applicant. All recommendations must be postmarked by May 1, 2025 to complete your application. Failure to submit recommendations will result in an incomplete application, and thus eliminate the applicant for selection.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

YES	NO	Completed Application (pages 1-4) (Resume in lieu of page 2 acceptable)
YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or enrollment
YES	NO	Official high school transcript
YES	NO	<i>Personal essay ""</i>
YES	NO	Two letters of recommendation to be mailed separately. Forms and stamped envelope addressed to CLSF have been supplied to at least two individuals.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that the information contained within this application is true and accurate. I understand that all the information will be kept confidential and only be used by the scholarship committee to evaluate the candidates.

Only completed applications that meet the May 1, 2025 mailing deadline will be considered for this award. I further understand that the selection of the scholarship committee is final and not subject to appeal.

Date

Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Scholarship Recommendation for _____

Thank you for taking the time to submit a recommendation on behalf of this student to be considered for the Cara's Love Scholarship. Your input will be used to assist in the selection of recipients for this year's scholarship.

In your recommendation, please include your relationship to this applicant and how long you have known them. In addition, it would be helpful to the scholarship committee to gain your perspective on how this applicant uniquely embodies the characteristics of an exceptional humanities scholar.

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