

It's Scholarship time again. Let me start with an apology; If you have already been approached to support the Hammock Scholarship Program, I am sorry. We have made an effort not to make multiple requests. If however we failed in that endeavor, better you be asked twice than not at all.

The best part of being involved with the Hammock Scholarship Program is to hear from students that because of scholarship programs they can attend further education rather than a minimum wage job. The worst part is asking my friends and neighbors for money to fund the Hammock Scholarship program.

When considering on how much to support the Hammock Scholarship Program, please keep the following points in mind.

1. One Hundred Percent of all moneys collected goes directly to further the students post secondary educational needs. No administrative fees are deducted.
2. The Hammock Scholarship Program does not just support four year collage degree programs. All forms of " post secondary education are supported."
3. All donations that go though the Okeechobee Educational Foundation are Tax Deductible as the foundation is a registered 501(c)3
4. All donations that go through the Okeechobee Educational Foundation go to the institution for any educational needs, not to the student directly.

We are "targeting" several of our scholarships this year. The targeted scholarships include;

1. Nursing scholarship given to a deserving student(s) pursuing a nursing career.
2. President's award given to student with a connection to Indian Hammock.
3. The Phoenix scholarship is given to a deserving student who had a difficult early life but overcame those early challenges and had a successful high school experience.
4. The rolling Tool box scholarship is a large rolling tool box filled with new and well cared for used tools. For a deserving Okeechobee High School student pursuing a career in the trades.

We also are funding our general Hammock Scholarship fund.

There are several ways to make your donation.

1. You can use an amenity ticket, and have your donation added to your next HOA payment.
2. You can mail it to "The Education Foundation of Okeechobee" at 700 SW 2 AVE Okeechobee Fl. 34974 Make sure you designate your donation goes to the Hammock Scholarship.
3. Send the money to me, designating it for "The Education Foundation of Okeechobee" using the enclosed envelope or the "member to member" box at the front gate. This way I can assure the donations go to the intended purpose.

Yours and His,



Bill Tabbert