



Chuck Cooper Foundation Scholarship Application –

SUBMISSION DEADLINE 12/31/16

The Chuck Cooper Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) charity which was established to honor the legacy of Pittsburgh native and Duquesne All-American, the late Charles “Chuck” Cooper. Cooper was the first African-American player drafted into the NBA. Cooper, who exemplified athletic scholarship and leadership at the highest levels, went on to obtain his Master’s Degree in Social Work, after retiring from the NBA. Cooper worked in variety of community-focused leadership positions and was a PNC community development banker until his untimely death in 1984. He mentored and encouraged others to develop their leadership potential as well. Part of the Foundation’s mission is to continue to honor the legacy of Chuck Cooper by supporting the community’s future leaders through annual graduate school scholarships to underserved students.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS 2016

MINIMUM GPA

3.0

ETHNICITY

African-American

RESIDENCY STATUS

U.S. Citizen

ACADEMIC CLASSIFICATION

Current Graduate School Student at the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Robert Morris University, Carnegie Mellon University, or Point Park University who are enrolled in graduate school for the fall semester of 2017.

OR

A current undergraduate student who has been accepted to graduate school for the next full academic year at the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Robert Morris University,

Carnegie Mellon University, or Point Park University or is or was a part of the Pittsburgh Promise Program. For undergraduates or individuals who are applying to graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Robert Morris, Carnegie Mellon or Point Park, receipt of a scholarship award is contingent upon proof of acceptance into and enrollment in a graduate program at one of those schools. For example, an undergraduate who graduates college in May of 2017 who has applied to and then is accepted at Duquesne Law School for the Fall of 2017 is eligible for the scholarship provided that student is enrolled in Duquesne Law School for the Fall of 2017.

FINANCIAL

Demonstrated financial need as determined by the applicant's college or university.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

From someone who knows you well e.g., faculty member, coach, advisor, etc.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

Scholarship recipients are required to volunteer their time and energy to participate in programs offered by the Chuck Cooper Foundation including the Cooper Leadership Program (CLP). The CLP is a program for Chuck Cooper scholars and for a select group of promising African-American undergraduate juniors and seniors currently attending college in Pittsburgh. Scholarship recipients will actively participate in a series of workshop sessions and will lead a team of undergraduate students in a service-oriented team project. Failure to successfully complete the CLP can lead to forfeiture of any scholarship award.

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December 31, 2016.

Applications will be screened after December 31, 2016. In January 2017, finalists will be interviewed by members of the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation. The scholarship award winner will be selected on the basis of his or her application and interview. Notification will follow after the interviews. The scholarship award will be presented at the Annual Chuck Cooper Luncheon and will apply to the academic year beginning in the fall of 2017. Scholarship winners must be enrolled in graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Robert Morris, Carnegie Mellon or Point Park in the Fall of 2017 to receive the Chuck Cooper Scholarship.

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:	Date of Birth:
School Address:	Permanent Address:
Mobile Phone:	Work or School Phone:
Email Address:	
Hometown:	

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of College or University:

A. CURRENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY

Current and Future Graduate Students Please Complete Part B

Name of Undergraduate Program: _____

GPA: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Anticipated Graduate Study: _____

Graduate School Applications Pending: _____

B. GRADUATE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of Graduate Program:

Is this a dual-degree program? If so, please describe: _____

GPA: _____

Start Date of Graduate Study: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

SECTION 3 –ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

A. List your extracurricular activities (e.g. memberships in organizations, sports, etc.):

Organization Involved	Position Held	Date of Involvement

B. List volunteer activities in which you have been involved:

Organization	Activity	Date of Involvement

C. List honors or academic awards you have received (e.g. scholarly activities, research, etc.):

Award/Honor	Institution/Organization	Date

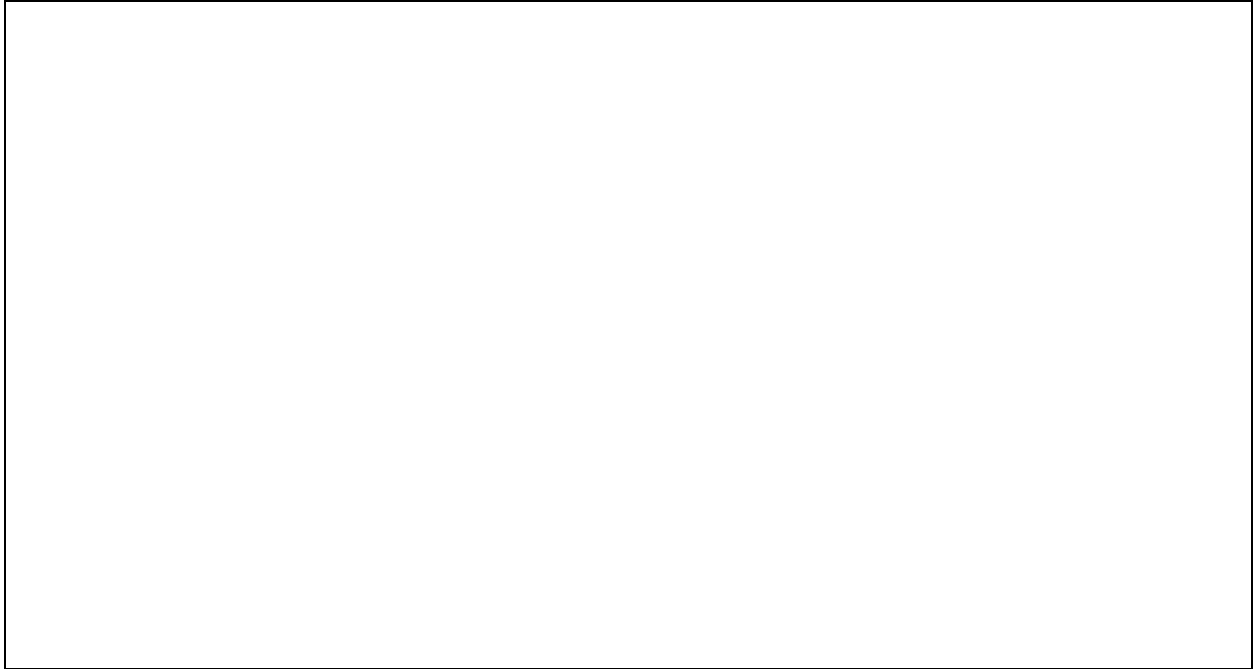
D. List any work experience:

Position	Employer	Dates of Employment

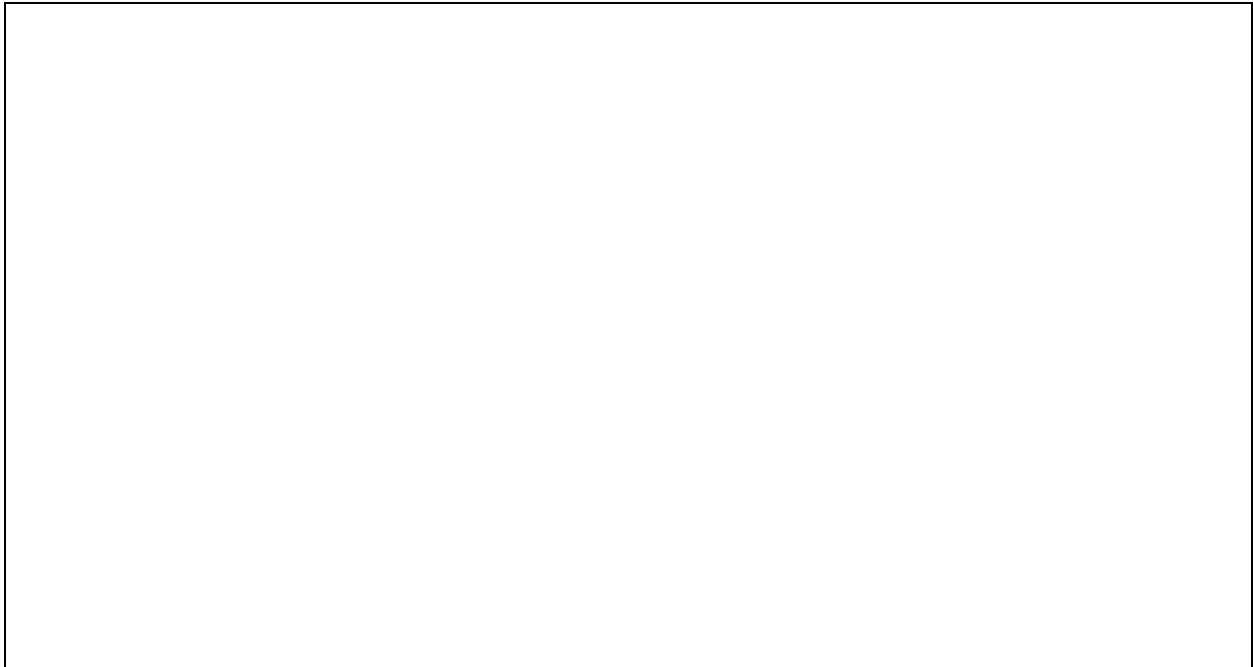
SECTION 4 – SHORT ESSAYS

Maximum word count: 250 per question.

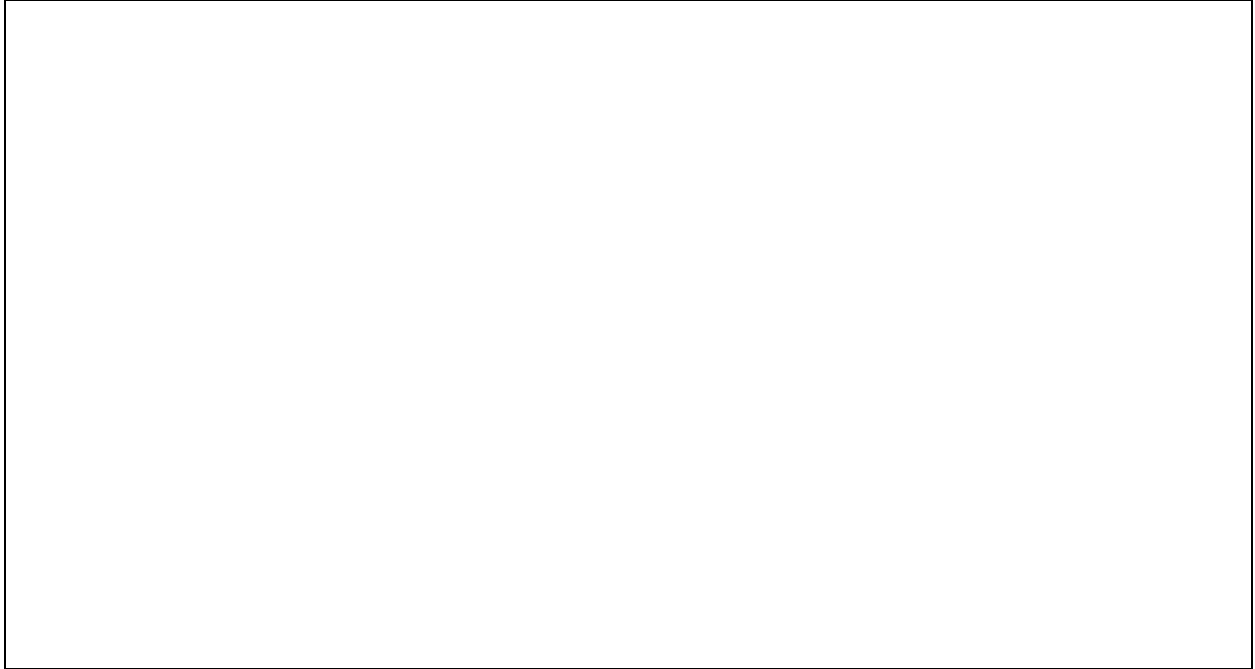
A. Discuss a subject where you have excelled. To what factors do you attribute your success?



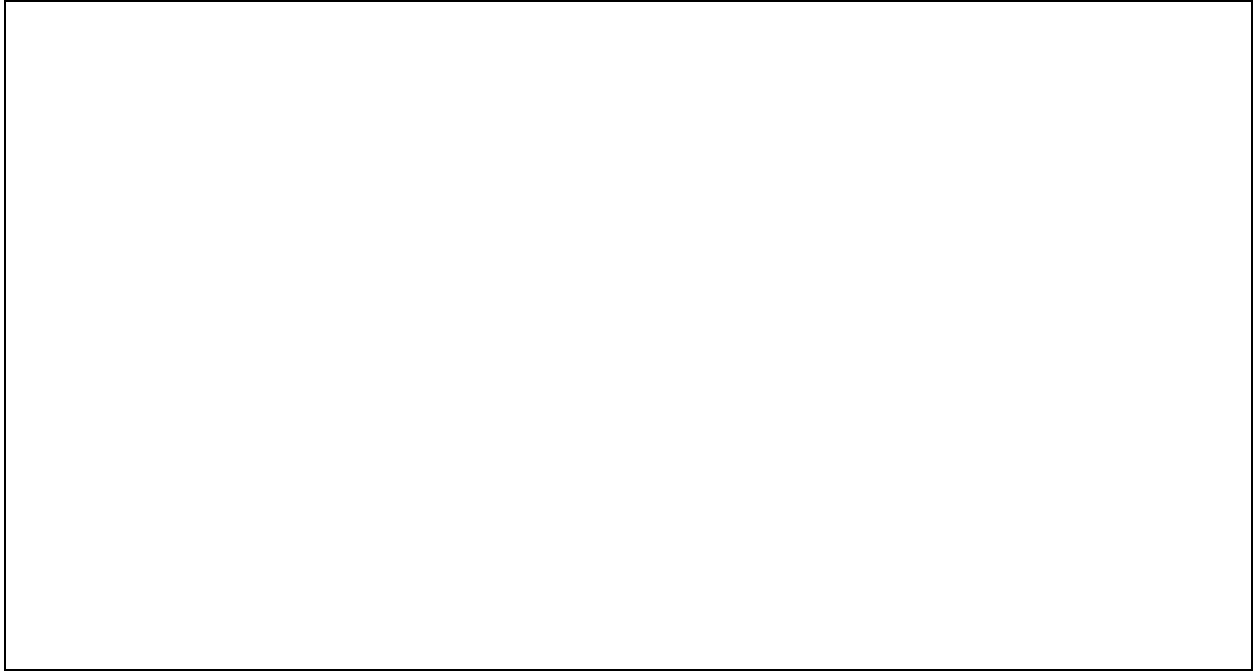
B. Describe a situation in which you felt that you or others were treated unfairly or were not given an opportunity that you or others deserved. Why did this happen and how did you respond?



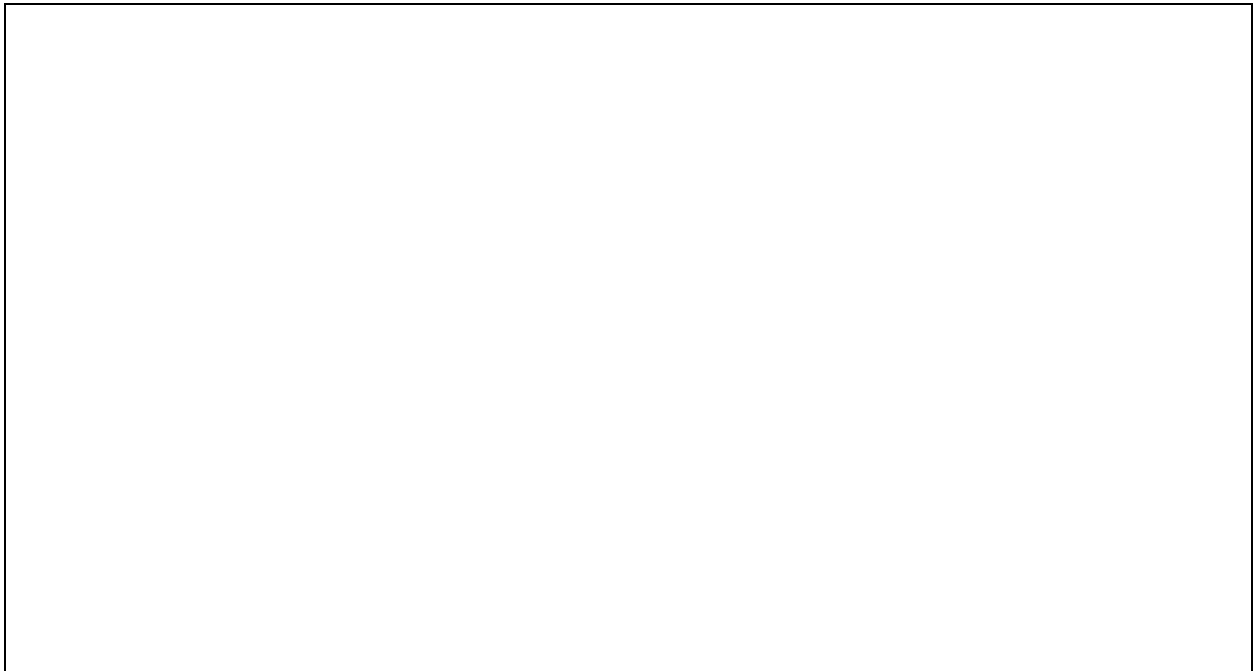
C. How do you feel graduate school will prepare you for success in the future?



D. Describe a situation where you have established yourself as a leader in any area of your life: e.g., school, work, sports, family, church, community, etc. In your answer provide insight on how you were able to become a leader and, if applicable, the role and impact any leadership programs played in helping you to become a stronger leader.



E. Identify what qualities of Chuck Cooper you admire and explain why these qualities are important to you.



F. Is there any other information that we should know about you? This is your opportunity to include information that is not contained in other areas of the application. Please be specific.

SECTION 5 – REFERENCES

(Name, email address and telephone number)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

SECTION 6 – SIGNATURE

I certify that the information contained on this form is accurate and complete.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

This application and letter of recommendation are due on **December 31, 2016**.

Return applications and letters of recommendation BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO

The Chuck Cooper Foundation Scholarship Committee
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Information about the Chuck Cooper Foundation is available at <http://chuckcooperfoundation.org>