



OPEN HAND of FREDERICKSBURG

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in Open Hand GRAD Program. GRAD is an acronym for Gaining Respect And Determination for my Life's Purpose!

Your decision to apply for this program is an important one and we look forward to working with your teachers and parent(s)/guardian(s) to see if this is the right program for you.

The purpose of the GRAD Program is to help youth create a path from high school graduation to their future. GRAD program provides youth with resources that inspire confidence and foster the skills necessary to secure employment. This is accomplished through internships, networking opportunities, mentoring, and continuing education through workshops that teach life skills, job skills, work ethics, college preparedness, and leadership development.

Please complete the attached application as outlined in the instructions and return to the Open Hand office email address: ESeseKhalid@openhand-fred.org.

A detailed description of the GRAD program is available on our website www.openhand-fred.org. Please feel free to call or email **Elisha Sese-Khalid**, Program Manager at **540-834-4455** if you have any questions or need further information.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

Elisha Sese-Khalid

Programs Manager at Open Hand of Fredericksburg