



2010 NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who resides in the Oberlin City School District and is able to demonstrate financial need through the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Applicants do not need to attend Oberlin High School. Other schools and home-schooling are equally acceptable, if the applicants live in the Oberlin City School District.
- Students must have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 based on a 4-point scale.
- Students must submit one letter of recommendation with the scholarship application. A letter from a family member or Scholarship Selection Committee member is not acceptable.
- Applicants must complete the **FAFSA** and obtain a **Student Aid Report (SAR)**. A copy of the **SAR** must be included with this application. Students must demonstrate financial need to be awarded scholarships. Applicants are urged to be careful to complete the **FAFSA** accurately. To complete the **FAFSA** on-line, go to **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.
- Relatives of scholarship selection committee members are not eligible to apply.
- It is recommended that students be taking or have passed, as a minimum, the courses in the core curriculum as established by the Ohio Board of Regents. (English – 4 credits; Mathematics – 3 credits; Science - 3 credits; Social Studies – 3 credits; Foreign Language – 2 credits; The Arts – 1 credit).

SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications are reviewed by the entire OCYSF board.
- Applicants are interviewed by a subcommittee of the board. Applicants are required to bring financial awards letters to the interview.
- Final selections are made by the entire OCYSF board; considering character qualities such as determination, positive attitude, desire to improve oneself, communication, leadership, and community service.

SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT POLICY

- Students must enter, on a full-time basis, a regionally accredited 2- or 4- year college/university or vocational/technical school that is eligible to participate in Title IV Student Aid Programs of the U.S. Department of Education. Students will forfeit their scholarships if they transfer to non-accredited institutions.
- Students forfeit their scholarships if they do not enroll or if they withdraw from college for reasons not approved by the Selection Committee (examples of acceptable reasons for withdrawal: health, family concerns). In extraordinary circumstances students may defer receipt of their awards for periods of no more than one year. Such requests must be made in writing and must receive committee approval. After one year, remaining funds will be directed to the runner-up from recipient's graduating class.
- Scholarships will be renewable as long as the student remains enrolled full time and funds are available
- If the student receives financial assistance from the college in which he/she enrolls, the scholarship will be administered according to the regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. If a student's financial need as determined by the FAFSA is exceeded by receipt of the award, the college will be required to reduce the student's loan or work-study expectation.

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2010 NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

Instructions

To be considered for a scholarship, please read and carefully follow the steps listed below.

1. You and your parent or guardian must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form (www.fafsa.ed.gov) as soon as possible after January 1, 2010 and obtain a **Student Aid Report (SAR)**. Include a copy of your **SAR** with this application. The information contained on the **SAR** will be used only by the Scholarship Selection Committee to determine eligibility. It will be kept strictly confidential.
2. Each student must include an official copy of his/her most recent transcript with the application.
3. Ask a teacher or a member of your community who knows you well complete the enclosed recommendation form. Return this form in a separate envelope sealed by the recommender, along with your application.
4. Each student must include a copy of any financial award letters that she/he may have received.
5. Return the application and **all of the documents requested above** to your Oberlin High School guidance counselor, **no later than Monday, April 26, 2010**. Applicants that do not attend OHS should send them directly to:

OCYSF
c/o Oberlin Community Services
285 S Professor St
Oberlin, OH 44074
6. Contact Oberlin Community Services at (440) 774-1353 with any additional questions.

Application

Name	High School	
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Home Telephone	Mobile Telephone	
E-Mail Address	Work Telephone	
Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)		
Address and Telephone if different from above		
Employer of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)	Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Mobile/Work Telephone	
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) E-Mail Address	Date FAFSA submitted to Washington	

I understand that the letter of recommendation provided will be confidential and waive my right to read it.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name	High School
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Responses to the following questions can be made on this form or on a separate sheet of paper.

Please list the activities you have been or are currently involved in, including employment, extra-curricular activities, hobbies and community service (whichever are applicable). Indicate any positions held and the length of time you participated in each.

Activity	Position/Special Responsibility	Time

Of these activities, which three do you feel have been most important, and why?

What schools have you applied to and which do you plan to attend?

What field of study do you plan to pursue?

Please describe your future goals. Who or what influenced you in forming these goals? Your essay response should be at least 100 words but not more than 250 words.

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APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Applicant	High School
Your Name	Your Title
Organization	Telephone
Address	

The purpose of the Oberlin Community Youth Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to students with demonstrated financial need who plan to pursue post-secondary education. Please describe how you know the applicant. Comment on his/her characteristics, including responsibility, self-reliance and future potential. Explain how you think post-secondary education or training will benefit the student.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please place this recommendation in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal and return it to the applicant. All information will be kept confidential.