

2019-2020 First-Generation College Scholarship Application

The Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) is proud to offer this First-Generation College Scholarship to students who aspire to be the first in their family to complete college. Scholarships may be awarded for any 4-year college or university (University of Toledo, etc.), 2-year college (Owens Community College, etc.), or trade college leading to a certification (Hamrick Truck Driving School, etc.). This award will be a one-time scholarship ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. If awarded, this scholarship will be available for renewal upon completing a re-application in future years.

I. Eligibility

- a. First-Generation means that your parents have not completed a 4-year college degree
- b. Attended an OCCS-affiliated community (charter) school (grade school or high school)
- c. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher
- d. Completed a standardized admissions test (ACT or SAT), if applying for a 4-year school

II. Deadlines and Documents

To be considered for the scholarship, OCCS requires the following documents to be submitted by **4:00pm Friday, May 10, 2019:**

- a. 2019-2020 first-generation college scholarship application (including supporting documents)
- b. Evidence the candidate attended an OCCS-affiliated community school
- c. A transcript indicating the candidate's cumulative grade point average
- d. Standardized admissions test results (ACT or SAT), if applying for a 4-year school
- e. Completed essay

III. Selection Process

Upon receipt of a completed scholarship application and **ALL** other required documents, OCCS will verify eligibility and review completed applications. Candidates will be notified by May 23, 2019. Please note, incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Mail, deliver, or email your application to:

Ohio Council of Community Schools
ATTN: Scholarship Team
3131 Executive Parkway, Suite 306
Toledo, OH 43606
scholarships@ohioschools.org

For any questions, call Sarah Sánchez at (419) 720-5200 or email scholarships@ohioschools.org.

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Personal History

Last Name		First Name	Middle Name
Permanent Address			
City	State	Zip	County
Telephone Number	Email Address		Date of Birth

Demographic Information *(Optional, voluntary, and will be treated as confidential. No adverse actions for not responding.)*

Gender: Female Male

Ethnic Background:

African American American Indian/Alaskan Asian American/Pacific Islander Caucasian/White
 Hispanic American Other: _____

Education

High School Name			
Address	City	State	Zip
Cumulative GPA			
What charter school did you attend?		What years?	
What College are you planning to attend?		Proposed Major?	
Father's Highest Level of Education			
Mother's Highest Level of Education			

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Personal Achievements / Accomplishments (Additional pages may be attached.)

Extracurricular Activities and Community Service:

Name of Activity/Club	Number of Years Involved	Leadership Roles (if applicable)
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Employment Experience:

Name of Employer	Title	Number of Years
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Essay Question

Please complete and attach a five paragraph, double-spaced essay no longer than two pages.

Why is being a first-generation college student important to you? How did your charter school experience prepare or inspire you to pursue college? Share your story.

Statement of Integrity and Authorization of Release

I certify that the information contained in this application is complete, accurate, and true. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts on this application could be cause for revocation of scholarships. Applicant's signature grants OCCS and the Office of Student Financial Aid at the student's chosen college or university permission to release grade and financial-need information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I give permission for OCCS to publicize the scholarship program on social media and printed materials. Initials _____

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