

2020-2021 OCCS Scholarship Application

The Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) is proud to offer this Scholarship to high school seniors who aspire to continue their education after high school. 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. Attended an OCCS-affiliated community (charter) school (grade school or high school);
- b. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher;
- c. Completed a standardized admissions test (ACT or SAT), required 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 8, 2020:**

- a. 2020-2021 OCCS college scholarship application (including supporting documents);
- b. "Student Aid Report" from the 2020-2021 FAFSA;
- c. Any document showing proof that the candidate attended an OCCS-affiliated community school;
- d. An official or unofficial transcript indicating the candidate's cumulative grade point average;
- e. Standardized admissions test results (ACT or SAT), if applying for a 4-year school; and,
- f. 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 June 1, 2020.

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 Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Permanent Address

City	State	Zip	County
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Date of Birth	Phone Number
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Email Address (This will be our main form of communication, so please provide a current, frequently checked email address.)

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

High School Address	City	State	Zip
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Cumulative GPA

What charter school did you attend?

What years?

What College are you planning to attend?

Proposed Major?



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Short Answer: In a few sentences, please complete the following questions that apply to you. (Additional pages may be attached.)

If you participated in Extracurricular Activities, please tell us about your experiences.

If you attended a virtual school, why was attending a virtual school an important component of your educational journey?

If you are a first-generation college student, why is it important to you and your family that you continue your education?

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

Describe any meaningful experiences during your charter school education that helped shape your college and career goals. 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. I further understand that the information provided in this application may be used by OCCS to publicize the scholarship program in the media and in other printed materials. 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.

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

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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