College Student Scholarship Application

Your information and eligibility

2027 award	$1,000 one-time scholarship
Applications open	February 1, 2027
Deadline	April 2, 2027 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern
Decisions	By May 15, 2027
Submission	Email; assisted/paper option; website updates

For current undergraduate students whose permanent home is in Franklin County, Ohio. Full-time and part-time students at accredited colleges and community colleges may apply for the 2027-28 academic year. Temporary residence elsewhere for college does not disqualify you. Graduate study is outside this program. There is no GPA cutoff, credit minimum, or application fee.

Applicant name

Street address, city, state, and ZIP code

Phone number and email address

Parent or guardian name and contact, if under 18

College, degree or credential, and major

Year in program and expected completion date

Enrollment status and credits this term

Cumulative GPA, grading scale, and academic standing

A documented HBCU enrollment or transfer status earns a 10-point preference. Students at other eligible institutions may apply; see page 3.

Do not email tax returns, benefit notices, Social Security numbers, bank details, or FAFSA credentials. OCEF will arrange secure collection of any requested income proof.

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Your progress and financial need

Enter each response in the space below OR attach a separate response with your name and the prompt. Use one method; do not submit duplicate responses. Write responses in your own words. AI-generated substantive text is not allowed. Spelling checks, accessibility tools, and help understanding the form are allowed.

Education goals and scholarship impact

200-300 words; describe your progress, next steps, and how the award would help.

Work, service, leadership, or caregiving

List up to three commitments, with dates and responsibilities. Paid work and family care count.

Financial need and circumstances

Up to 150 words; describe remaining costs, available aid, and barriers. Share only what you want considered.

Annual education cost; grants or scholarships; remaining cost

Amount requested, term of use, and intended expenses

Recommender: name, role, and contact

HBCU name and status, if applicable

Current enrollment / transfer application / transfer acceptance; include the funded term.

Submit one non-family recommendation from an instructor, adviser, employer, or community supervisor. If access is a barrier, contact OCEF before the deadline to arrange an equivalent reference interview. Optional interruptions or changes may be explained in your financial need response.

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Checklist and submission

Required when you apply

- ☐ Completed, signed application and responses on page 2 or attached separately
- ☐ Current unofficial college transcript and proof of current enrollment
- ☐ One recommendation letter or an OCEF-arranged equivalent reference interview
- ☐ For HBCU points only: enrollment proof or transfer application or acceptance confirmation

Only if selected for an award

- ☐ Continued enrollment, approved costs, and school payment information
- ☐ Redacted aid or income information only if OCEF requests it

Review category	Points
Financial need	35
Education goals and scholarship impact	25
Persistence and academic progress	15
Work, service, leadership, or caregiving	15
Documented HBCU enrollment or transfer plans	10
Total	100

HBCU means Historically Black College or University. The 10-point preference applies to current HBCU enrollment or a documented HBCU transfer application or acceptance for the funded term. Each qualifying status earns the same 10 points. A plan without supporting evidence earns 0 HBCU points. Students at other eligible institutions remain eligible, and applicants of all races and ethnicities may apply.

I certify that this information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize OCEF to verify eligibility, enrollment, and approved expenses. My substantive responses are my own work. An award is not guaranteed.

Applicant signature and date

Parent or guardian signature and date, if under 18

OCEF uses your information to review and administer scholarships. Access is limited to authorized staff and reviewers. Photo, story, or publicity permission is separate, optional, and does not affect selection.

Check omegasgo.org/scholarships for any available protected upload option from February 1. Email your signed application and nonsensitive attachments to OCEF@omegasgo.org; subject: 2027 scholarship - [program] - [name]. Recommenders may email separately. Call 614-669-2525 for paper assistance or confidential records. All required materials must arrive by the deadline.

Expect a receipt within five business days; contact us if it does not arrive. Decisions: May 15, 2027. Accept by May 29, 2027. OCEF pays the school or approved provider after enrollment and costs are verified. Awards are one-time; future awards require a new application.