

**ODESSA COLLEGE STUDENTS IN PHILANTHROPY
\$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2011/2012**

The Odessa College Students in Philanthropy is an educational leadership program designed to increase an awareness of the value and importance of service to the community through philanthropy. Philanthropy may be defined as "voluntary action for the public good," including voluntary service, voluntary association and voluntary giving. The OC Students in Philanthropy program provides a structured class designed to educate, support, and promote philanthropic leadership in the community. Participants will develop, implement, and evaluate a fundraiser during the fall semester. During the spring semester students will distribute their earnings to various non-profit agencies that benefit the community of Odessa based on numerous criteria, including site visits. Students selected to participate in the program will participate for one full academic year, beginning with the fall semester and ending upon completion of the spring semester.

Applications must be signed and returned with two letters of recommendation (one of which needs to be from a school official) to the Student Financial Services office before June 10, 2011.

Last Name	First Name	MI	School ID #
Address	City	State	Zip
GPA (4.0 scale)	Previous School (high school or college)		Email address

- **Attach two letters of recommendation, one of which should be from a school official.**
- **Attach a resume of extracurricular, community and employment activities including any awards or honors.**

What led you to participate in the activities listed on your resume? _____

What have you accomplished in these activities that you think is important? _____

Why do you want to participate in the Students in Philanthropy program? _____

CERTIFICATION

(Please read the following statements carefully)

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF SELECTED, MEMBERSHIP IN THE PROGRAM MAY BE REVOKED IF I FAIL TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO VERIFY AND QUALIFY ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR THIS APPLICATION.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please submit completed application with attachments **NO LATER THAN June 10, 2011** to:
 Odessa College, Student Financial Services, 201 West University, Odessa, Texas 79764, 432.335.6429

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

REQUIREMENTS

1. **ELIGIBILITY** – Student must be a high school graduate and/or currently enrolled at Odessa College.
2. **GPA** – Incoming High School graduates must have a GPA of **3.1 on a 4.0 scale**. Current Odessa College students must have and maintain an overall GPA of **2.75 or higher**.
3. **ENROLLMENT** – Student must maintain a minimum course load of **nine (9) credit hours** per semester for the duration of the program.
4. **APPLICATIONS** – Students must complete and submit the Student in Philanthropy scholarship application and **two letters of recommendation** to the OC Student Financial Services office. At least one of the recommendations should be from a school official. A personal interview by the Students in Philanthropy Director with each qualified applicant will be required. Any application that is unsigned, incomplete, or without proper attachments will be deemed ineligible.
5. **COMMITMENT** - Students must make a commitment to participate for the entire academic year (both fall and spring semesters). This commitment includes mandatory class meetings on **THURSDAYS FROM 12:30 TO 1:30** throughout the program year. This time is not subject to change and is non-negotiable. *It is the student's responsibility to arrange all class or work schedules accordingly.* Students are also required to participate in at least one fundraising activity as well as other projects as decided by Students in Philanthropy members. Students cannot miss more than two meetings per semester in order to receive the scholarship.
6. **COMPLIANCE** – Students must comply with the Students in Philanthropy By-Laws and all related responsibilities.

GUIDELINES

- ***SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT** – Scholarships of **\$500.00 per semester will be awarded at the END of each semester after verification that all requirements have been met**. Funds are to be utilized only for the student recipient awarded the scholarship and the express purpose for which funds are awarded.
- **TIME LIMIT** –Students must participate in both fall and spring semesters of the 2011/2012 academic year.
- **MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY** – **Students must maintain a minimum of nine credit hours per semester with a cumulative 2.75 GPA or better, meet attendance requirements, and participate in program activities**. Students must comply with and fulfill all related responsibilities of the Students in Philanthropy program guidelines and By-Laws.
- **LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY** – Students will forfeit their scholarships and their membership will be revoked if they do not abide by the Students in Philanthropy guidelines and requirements as specified above.