

Tips for Applying for a Scholarship

Pay attention to deadlines:

November 1 for Spring

July 1 for Fall

Unofficial transcripts or copy of your GED diploma must be received by the OC Foundation Office (**Separate from Admissions**). **Applications without unofficial transcripts or GED diploma will not be considered.**

Mail your most recent unofficial transcripts (high school or college) or copy of your GED diploma, to the OC Foundation Office, 201 W. University, Odessa, TX 79764, or fax to (432) 335-6721 by required deadline.

Eligibility: Scholarship awards are based on a variety of criteria. Some of the major areas of consideration are grade point average, financial need, and community service experience. The majority of scholarships require that students have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 for consideration.

If you are receiving other financial aid, such as federal Pell grants, you may be limited in the amount of scholarships you can receive.

How to apply: STARS Online Scholarship Tracking and Review System makes it quick and easy for you to apply for the scholarship that meet your needs. The STARS Scholarship Application Wizard will lead you through the process by asking specific questions and tailoring your results – ensuring that you are able to apply for all the scholarships you qualify for. Within minutes, you can submit your scholarship application and receive a customized list of scholarships that are best suited for you. STARS enables you to find, review, and apply for scholarships all with just a few clicks of the mouse.

After submitting your application, you may return at any time to check on the status of your scholarship applications without ever having to call the Foundation office.

Students must also provide materials which support their application as identified in the application process. **Students who apply for scholarships that they are not eligible for, will be disqualified from the scholarship process.**

Provide complete answers to the questions: Describe how the scholarship will aid you in completing your education. Will it help you as you support a family or yourself? Will it give you confidence to continue? Are you the first in your family to attend college? You don't need to provide many personal details, but enough to show how it would make a difference to you.

Detail why you are attending OC and what you hope to accomplish. Explain what career you want to enter using your OC education. Describe your long-term goals and how a scholarship will help you get there.

Characterize yourself as a well-rounded student by listing your extracurricular activities. Describe one that is most meaningful to you.

The Selection Process: Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and OC Foundation Executive Director and Scholarship Coordinator.

Notification: Scholarship recipients for the current academic year will be notified via email and by mail.

If you receive a scholarship you are expected to write a note of thanks to the donor!