



Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the OUCU Higher Education Scholarship. Members of OUCU and children under legal guardianship of a member are eligible to apply. Three (3) \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2025.

This scholarship is available to incoming first-year students (including those entering with AP or CCP college credit) who have been admitted to an institution of higher education other than Ohio University (includes a university, a college, a community college, or a trade school). Applicants must show that they have demonstrated excellence in service, leadership, activities and/or talent areas within their community, church, state, or school as well as strong academic achievement in high school.

When evaluating application materials, the Scholarship Committee will strongly consider contributions, honors, and recognition in all areas of service and leadership, fine and performing arts, athletics, forensics, and other extracurricular activities. Scholastic achievement, class rank, academic records, and ACT/SAT (if taken) are also important criteria that will be evaluated.

Attached you will find an application and two recommendation forms. In addition, you are required to submit a current resume. Once all the application materials have been completed (form, essay, two letters of recommendation, resume) submit the materials to: OUCU Financial, ATTN: Jodi MacNeal by April 1, 2025 (no exceptions). Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jodi MacNeal'.

Jodi MacNeal  
Executive Administrative Assistant

# OUCU Higher Education Scholarship

presented by  
OUCU Financial

Student Name: First, Middle Initial, Last		Date of Birth	Last 4 Digits of SSN	
Phone Number(s), Home & Cell		Email Address		OUCU Member Number (Required)
Address: Street		City	State	ZIP
High School Name, City, State		Class Rank	Class Size	%
Guidance Counselor Name, Phone Number, & Email Address		<b>Test Scores</b> ACT/SAT scores are optional. Please provide official scores, if scores are being provided.		
Intended Major/Field of Study	Which institution of higher education will you attend?	SAT Official Score	ACT Official Score	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s)		Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Place(s) of Employment & Work or Cell Number(s)		
List any awards or honors you have received for academic or leadership abilities. You may list these on a separate sheet of paper.				
In what clubs, activities, and organizations do/did you participate? (School, community, church, or state.) Please include offices held. You may list these on a separate sheet of paper.				
List any special talents you have. Please include offices held. You may list these on a separate sheet of paper.				
<p><b>ESSAY:</b> On a separate sheet of paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect upon a service activity or other efforts you have undertaken to contribute to your community or communities. Your actions might involve individual service, a group project, or substantial activities to support your family, such as employment or caring for a sick relative.</li> <li>• Briefly describe any leadership roles you have held and what that entailed.</li> </ul>				
<p><b>RESUME:</b> Please attach a copy of your resume.</p>				

OUCU Financial is committed to nondiscrimination in all educational programs, activities, and employment.

RETURN TO: OUCU Financial  
ATTN Jodi MacNeal  
944 E. State St.  
Athens, OH 45701

DEADLINE April 1, 2025 (No Exceptions)

# OUCU Higher Education Scholarship Recommendation Form

Deadline April 1, 2025  
No Exceptions

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Person Providing Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I request this reference to be:

Confidential (Open only to Scholarship Committee)

Open (I may view it)

I agree to the above designation.

I do not agree to the above designation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person providing reference

The scholarship committee is interested in your candid opinion of the applicant's personal qualities, character, academic ability, creative potential, attitude and whatever other characteristics which might be important in helping us to determine the applicant's suitability for the OUCU Higher Education Scholarship. (You may use the reverse side of this form or use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.) NOTE: It is unlawful to refer to the candidate's race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry.



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# OUCU Higher Education Scholarship Application Checklist

Have you provided the following information?

- OUCU Financial member number (Required)
- Two (2) completed and signed recommendation forms are required  
(Must have these by April 1, 2025, no exceptions.)
- Class Rank
- Class Size
- Class Percentage (figured by dividing your rank by the class size)
- Indicated which institution of higher education you will be attending
- Answered essay question
- Resume
- SAT and/or ACT test scores (Test scores are optional. Please provide official scores, if scores are provided.)

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