

2008-09 APEX Scholarship Application

Made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation, this scholarship is provided to talented, full-time science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) students who demonstrate financial need.

Requirements

1. Full-time enrollment (12+ credit hours)
2. U.S. Citizenship or eligible non-citizen admitted as permanent resident or refugee
3. APEX Scholars must place into Calculus I (MAT 250) and are eligible for awards up to \$8,000 per academic year depending on financial need. APEX Incentive Scholars must place into Pre-Calculus (MAT 149) and are eligible for a one-time \$500 scholarship.
4. Submit:
 - 2008 – 09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application released to Oakton's Office of Student Financial Assistance;
 - Completed scholarship application;
 - Completed essay describing your interest in STEM studies, your commitment to achieving a bachelor's or associate's degree in this area, and your long-term academic and professional goals (typed, 500 words maximum);
 - One letter of recommendation from a high school or college faculty member;
 - Official copy of high school transcript mailed to Office of Registration and Records, Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL, 60016;
 - Official copy of college transcript (if attended college or university other than Oakton) mailed to Office of Registration and Records, Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL, 60016;
 - ACT or SAT score released to Oakton; and
 - Personal interview at Oakton Community College, to be arranged.

Applications will be considered based on the following criteria: academic program, educational goals, grade point average, campus/community involvement, and application content and quality.

Applications will be accepted starting February 1, 2008, at the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Room 1250 (Des Plaines) or Room A100 (Ray Hartstein Campus) until all funding for the year has been awarded.

Please print all information.

Name _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____ / _____ / _____
Last *First*

Permanent address: _____
Street *City* *State/Zip Code*

Phone: _____ Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No.: _____ Student ID No. B
Home or cell

E-mail: _____ Citizenship: (Check one) U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Refugee

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High School/College Information

List all high schools and colleges previously attended:

<i>Name</i>	<i>City/State</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Degree</i>
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Demonstration of Financial Need

Qualified applicants must complete the 2008-09 FAFSA application and authorize Oakton to receive the results. For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Assistance (Room 1250, Des Plaines; Room A102, Skokie). Online resources include www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.oakton.edu/admiss/finaid/index.htm.

Have you completed your FAFSA application? No Yes, date completed _____

Degree Intent (Check one)

- Biological Sciences Computer Sciences Computer Technologies Engineering
 Information Systems Mathematics Physical Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Earth Sciences)

Employment or Extracurricular Activities

<i>Title</i>	<i>Employer /Activity Organization</i>	<i>Dates</i>
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Demographic Information

This scholarship program assists academically talented students in financial need to obtain a college degree. A secondary goal is to increase the number of under-represented students, such as women and minorities, in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines. Providing this information is not mandatory in order to receive this scholarship.

Gender: Male Female

Ethnic Background:

- African American Asian American or Pacific Islander Hispanic Native American White, not Hispanic
 Other _____

I certify that the information provided in the application is accurate. I hereby give Oakton Community College permission to release information about my major, grade point average, enrollment status, and other eligibility criteria including my essay, if applicable, to those involved in the scholarship selection process.

Furthermore, I give Oakton Community College permission to use my biographical information, my essay, and/or photograph in promotional materials, media releases, and other College publications.

Signature _____ Date _____