

Wentcher Foundation Scholarship

Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

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Educational Foundation

This scholarship is made possible by the generosity of the Wentcher Foundation, with the Oakton Community College Educational Foundation serving as its agent. Ten (10) annual scholarships, valued at up to \$3,500 per year each, are available for high school graduates enrolling full time (12 credit hours or more) at Oakton. Scholarships may be renewed for the following academic year based on sufficient funding and minimum grade point average. The scholarship may be used for tuition, fees, books, and required supplies.

Requirements:

- 3.0 unweighted grade point average
- U.S. citizen or FAFSA-eligible noncitizen (e.g. legal permanent resident)
- Printed copy of high school transcript and minimum 1030 composite SAT score (or 20 composite ACT score)
- One letter of recommendation from teachers, counselors, or other professionals
- Copy of 2020-2021 Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
- Completed scholarship application and essay
- Personal interview at Oakton Community College on April 24, 2020 (an appointment will be scheduled).

Not all applicants will be selected for an interview.

Applications will be considered based on academic merit, character, and financial need.

Application deadline: Monday, March 2, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Enrollment Center, Room 1740 (Des Plaines) or Room A100 (Skokie).

Must type or print all information

Student Name Last First Phone (daytime)

Oakton ID Number Address City

State/Zip Email (not school or college email) Birth Date

High school graduation date: _____ Have you applied to Oakton for admission? Yes No

Please identify your racial/ethnic group(s): American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
 Hispanic or Latino Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White Choose not to Respond

Please turn over and answer the important questions.

Make sure you address each question below. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

The Wentcher Foundation strives to provide financial support to talented students who exhibit the characteristics necessary to succeed in college and in life and who require extra financial assistance in order to afford college. The Foundation seeks to invest in students on the basis of academic merit (past achievements as well as future potential), character, and financial need. Applicants should craft their essay to highlight their personal connection to the Foundation's criteria.

Financial Circumstances (*short answer*) - optional

Describe any unique personal or financial circumstances that may affect your ability to attend college.

Essay (*minimum 500 words*)

Tell us your story and why you should receive a Wentcher Scholarship.

Provide an essay that helps us understand who you are, your history and goals, and/or how the Wentcher Scholarship will help you attain your dreams. Share your perspectives on achievements, honors, extracurricular activities, and/or struggles. Explain what you have learned from these experiences and how you think they've prepared you for Oakton. Why do you want to attend Oakton? How does Oakton meet your needs?

Authorization

I certify that the information provided in the application is accurate. I hereby give Oakton Community College permission to release information about my gender, race, citizenship status, high school, high school grade point average, high school transcript and rank, SAT and/or ACT score, Oakton major, Oakton grade point average, Oakton transcript and enrollment information, financial aid eligibility, and other scholarship eligibility criteria including my personal statement and letter of recommendation, if applicable, to those involved in the scholarship selection process and/or the donor. I understand that I need to demonstrate strong moral character and good citizenship to receive the Wentcher Foundation Scholarship. The Wentcher Foundation has the right to terminate a scholarship should they determine I do not meet their expectations.

I understand my personal statement, or a portion of the statement, may be used in Oakton promotional materials. Furthermore, I give Oakton Community College permission to use my biographical information, my personal statement, and/or photograph in promotional materials, media releases, and other College publications.

Recipients selected for a scholarship are honored at the Donor Recognition Brunch during the fall 2020 semester. *Scholarship recipients are expected to attend.* In addition, scholarship recipients may be asked to participate in other Oakton fundraising events.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Application deadline: March 2, 2020, at 5 p.m.

Return to: Oakton Community College, Enrollment Center
Room 1740, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016-1268
or Room A100, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077-2895



Submission of an application implies that all information is accurate and truthful. The college reserves the right to make inquiries or ask for documentation about any information on your application. Scholarship awards may be reduced or cancelled if funding unexpectedly changes.