

Wentcher Foundation Scholarship

Fall 2017 - Spring 2018

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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 are available for high school graduates enrolling full time at Oakton, each valued at up to \$3,500 per year. Scholarships may be renewed for the following academic year based on sufficient funding and minimum grade point average. The scholarship cannot exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books, and supplies as listed on the course syllabus.

Requirements:

- 3.0 grade point average
- Full-time enrollment (12+ credit hours)
- U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Copy of high school transcript and ACT scores (minimum composite of 20)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of 2017-2018 Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
- Completed scholarship application and essay
- Personal interview at Oakton Community College on April 24, 2017 (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: Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the Enrollment Center, Room 1860 (Des Plaines) or Room A100 (Skokie).

Must type or print all information

Student Name

Last

First

Phone (*daytime*)

Social Security Number

Address

City

State/Zip

Email (not school or college email)

Birth Date

Have you applied to Oakton for admission? Yes No

Please turn over and answer the important essay questions.

Make sure you address each question in your essay. 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*)

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?

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

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, 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 Banquet during the fall 2017 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 1, 2017, at 5 p.m.

Return to: Oakton Community College, Enrollment Center
Room 1860, 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.