OKALOOSA COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Okaloosa County Education Association (OCEA) will be awarding two scholarships this year to dependent seniors of OCEA members. One will be for students attending a 2-year or 4-year college/university and one will be for students attending a technical college/trade school. The application is the same for each. The ACT/SAT scores for the application will not be required for Technical/Trade School applicants. Please fill out this cover sheet to identify which scholarship you are applying for.

I am applying for the following OCEA Scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year:

_____2-year/4-year college/university Scholarship
This scholarship is for full time students and pays $500 per semester for 8 semesters (fall and spring) for a total of $4,000.00.

_____Technical/Trade college/school Scholarship
This scholarship is for full time students and would pay up to $500 per semester for up to 8 semesters not to exceed $4,000.00.

Complete scholarship packet must be emailed to oceascholarship2026@gmail.com or returned to the OCEA Office or sent to Debbie Clary at LHS no later than March 25, 2026.

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I,_____, understand that:
(Print Student Name)

1. This scholarship is based on scholastic achievement, personal character, leadership, aptitude and financial need.
2. If selected as a recipient I know that I will not receive a commitment for the actual scholarship until I am officially enrolled as a full-time student.
3. To retain the scholarship, I must maintain a 2.75 average as a full-time college student or remain enrolled and on tract in the vocational program I started. Also, my parent must remain an OCEA member or member of Gulf Coast Retired. (Parent Initial _____)
4. I will send OCEA my transcripts **every** semester from the college or university or technical/trade school to receive my scholarship funds. If for any reason I will not be attending school the following semester (examples – coop programs, family emergency, etc.), I will notify Dianna Smith in the OCEA office immediately. Notification grants me the opportunity to have my scholarship reinstated when I return to school. However, failure to notify the office will result in the forfeiture of my scholarship. (Initial_____)
5. The complete packet includes the Scholarship Application Forms (all of the pages of the application), the Student Data Information signed by your **guidance counselor**, both parents' most recent federal tax return summary sheets - (please white out all Social Security Numbers), **three** letters of recommendation and an essay.

_____ _____
Student Signature Date

_____ _____
Parent Signature Date

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Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

What name do you go by? _____

Home Address _____

Phone_____ Date of Birth _____

High School _____

What colleges/technical or trade schools have you applied to? Where do you plan to attend?

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Please fill out the table on the next page listing any participation in clubs or extra-curricular activities and any elected position or leadership position you held in those clubs or activities. Please include your freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years. Please list additional clubs/activities on the back if there is not sufficient room in the table given.

List Employment: (month and year and employer's name)

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How many hours of community service do you have and in a few words what was the most rewarding service you participated in and why?

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Year (Freshman, Sophomore, Jr., Sr.)	Club/Extra-Curricular Activity	Office/Leadership Role Held

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ESSAY: 500 words or less. Choose one of the topics below.

Topic 1: Who was the most influential teacher for you, and why? How did they influence you?

Topic 2: Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Topic 3: Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, please share your story.

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Submit **three letters of recommendation from teachers or members of the community that personally know you.

**Privacy Act Statement: The OCEA Scholarship Committee needs some personal data to select the recipients of this scholarship. Data will be considered privileged information and utilized solely for the above purpose. Disclosure of information requested is voluntary. However, the information must be furnished for the applicant to receive consideration for the financial need section of this scholarship.

1. Parent or Guardian: _____

2. List number of years as OCEA member: _____
   To retain the scholarship my parent must remain an OCEA member or member of Gulf Coast Retired.

3. Has OCEA member served as a Building Representative? _____

   If yes, please list school and number of years. _____

4. Has the OCEA member served on the Executive Board or been involved in any OCEA committee(s)? _____

   Please list OCEA committee(s) and years served. _____

5. Enclose a copy of the summary sheet for both parents' most recent federal Income Tax Return(s). This should include names, number of dependents, and income amounts. **Please white out all Social Security numbers.**

Student Data Information
Scholarship Application

Have your **Guidance Counselor** complete and sign the following form:

Student Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Grade Point Average

Weighted_____Unweighted _____

SAT Score (Possible 1600) ACT Score (Possible 36)

_____ _____
(Not required if applying for Technical/Trade Schools.)

Check Scholarship this Student qualifies for:
_____Florida Academic Scholars
_____Florida Medallion Scholars
_____Gold Seal Vocational Scholars

Is this student a recipient of other scholarships? If so, specify scholarship(s) and amount(s).

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Guidance Counselor Signature: _____
Date: _____