



2017 Olentangy Orange Athletic Boosters Scholarship Program Applications Due Tuesday, April 4th, 5:00 pm.

Scholarship Overview

Each spring, the Olentangy Orange Athletic Boosters (OOAB) awards up to eight - one time scholarships for up to eight varsity senior athletes (with an equal split between female athletes and male athletes) from Olentangy Orange High School (OOHS). The award will benefit the student athletes who will continue their education efforts in college. These awards may be used toward the student's first year expenses and will be paid in the form of a voucher. When the awarded student athlete is preparing to attend college, they will provide OOAB with a receipt or other proof of payment for expenses of up to the scholarship that they are awarded. These expenses will be directly tied to their first year of college, and they will be reimbursed for those expenses by the OOAB. OOAB can also send the award directly to your school. Examples of acceptable college expenses for this award are:

- Tuition, room and board
- Books and supplies
- Laboratory fees
- Equipment such as computers, calculators or printers

Items that are not reimbursable as expenses for this award are:

- Travel expenses such as airfare, gasoline, travel meals or hotels
- Clothing
- Dorm room items such as microwave ovens, refrigerators or other non academic equipment
- Personal items not related to or deemed necessary for fulfilling college academic interests

Requirements

In order to qualify for this scholarship, student-athletes must meet the following criteria and follow the guidelines below:

1. **Students in good academic standing** - Student athletes must abide by and follow all Olentangy Schools' academic requirements and be considered academically eligible to participate in sports. Student must supply a sealed transcript or letter from their guidance counselor affirming their good academic standard.
2. **Student athletes in good athletic standing** - Student athletes must be a member of a varsity team and in good standing with that team for at least two consecutive years. **Please note that an applicant does not have to be a starting athlete.**
3. **Student athletes will complete an application** - Student athletes will complete the application form along with an essay and other requested items, and submit it no later than Tuesday, April 4th. Applications can be picked up from **Athletic Director John Betz** in the AD's Office or use electronic copy.
4. **Student athletes will complete an essay (50% weighting)**- The topic of this essay may change yearly. ***The 2017 essay prompt will be "What role has athletics played in my life during my time at Orange High School to make me a better all around person?"*** A rubric will be used to evaluate all essays on:

Revised and approved 1-14-2017 by The OOAB Board –The OOAB Board reserves the right to review and change the requirements and/or any aspect of this scholarship program at any time without notice.

- **Purpose** -- Essay maintains a clear, specific, and prompt-appropriate focus that develops a clear, consistent main idea throughout the entire essay.
- **Specificity of Argument** -- Essay supports idea(s) with clear, unique, relevant, concrete details that develop the essay's purpose.
- **Audience Awareness** -- Writer comes across appropriately to the essay's target audience of Orange High School Athletic Boosters. Essay uses appropriate tone and details to present writer as compelling candidate for scholarship.
- **Conventions** -- Essay demonstrates firm control of English conventions, with essentially no errors, even with sophisticated language and ideas.

Essays are to be no more than 500 words.

5. **Student athletes will provide two letters of recommendation (5% weighting)**- Student athletes will provide one letter of recommendation from a head coach or position coach and one letter from a teacher, guidance counselor or administrator.
6. **Student athletes will provide a copy of their most current resume (5% weighting)**-This will include any work experience, volunteer work, school clubs or organizations or other pertinent information.
7. **Scholarship finalists will be asked to interview with the OOAB Board (40 % weighting)**-Upon completion of the application packet, letters of recommendation and the review of the essays, finalists for the scholarship will be asked to meet with the OOAB Board for a 20 minute interview. From this interview, OOAB Board members will meet and determine the winners of the scholarships. The winners will be announced at the OOHS Awards Night in May. **Interviews will be held Sunday, April 23rd.**
8. **For Consideration, student's parents MUST be active members of the OOAB**-As a requirement for this scholarship, parents of students who apply for this award must be active members of the OOAB. One of the following criteria must be verified by the coach of the sport, sport booster liaison or the OOAB board;
 - a. **Active Volunteer**-parent (s) actively participate in fundraising or player support activities
 - b. **Financial Volunteer**-parent (s) have been a paid booster member for at least one year, or have donated monies to the OOAB
 - c. **OOAB Sport Liaison**-parent (s) have served or are serving as the liaison to the OOAB for the sport their student athlete participates in or another varsity sport at Orange
 - d. **OOAB Board Member**-parent (s) have served at least one term as a officer of the OOAB during the time the applying student athlete attended Orange
9. **Student athletes who meet and complete the above criteria will have their *information reviewed by an independent group of at least three (3) OOHS staff and/or administrators*. All applicant essays will be submitted to the independent group anonymously and ranked from highest to lowest. The OOAB Board then collects comments and contacts finalists. The OOAB reserves the right to determine the number of finalists to be selected for interviews based upon the independent scoring process.**
10. **Scholarship Calendar: Important Dates**
 - a. **Scholarship Application Deadline**-Application deadline is **Tuesday, April 4th**
 - b. **Scholarship Application Packet-VERY IMPORTANT**--Applications that are turned in without referral letters, essays, resumes or with incomplete applications will be considered incomplete and will be removed from consideration.
 - c. **Scholarship Interviews with Finalists**-With the OOAB Board will occur on **April 23rd, 2017.**
 - d. **Scholarship Award**-Will be announced at the OOHS Awards Night Ceremony in May.
 - e.

GO PIONEERS!

Please make sure your application is complete and you have attached all needed documents.

OOAB Scholarship Application Form



Applicant Name:

Date:		Phone:
Address:		E-mail:
City:		
State/Zip:		
Parents Names:		
Student's Guidance Counselor:		Current GPA:
Where Do You Plan to Attend College?		Course of Study:

Sports Participated in at Orange:	List sports you have participated in and any honors associated with your sport (You may attach an additional sheet if you like):	List Coach names below:
Letters of Recommendation: Who do you plan to ask for recommendations? Please attach those letters with your application.	Coach:	Teacher, Administrator:
Parent's Booster Club Experience: Please list your active OOAB experience	Please list OOAB service experience below:	Please list a sport liaison, Coach or OOAB Board Member (including a phone number) where service may be verified:

(refer to the Requirements section of the application information form)			
Date Received by OOAB:			Received by:
Packet Complete:	Application:		
	Letters of Recommendation:	Resume:	
	Essay:		
Review Date:			
Comments:			

By the application deadline **April 4th, 5:00 pm** please either hand deliver completed applications with essay and all necessary paperwork in a sealed envelope with your name in the upper left hand corner to **Athletic Director John Betz** in the AD's Office or mail completed applications in a sealed envelope with your name in the upper left hand corner, to:

**OOAB Scholarship Application
 Olentangy Orange High School
 2840 East Orange Road
 Lewis Center, Ohio 43035
 Attention-John Betz/OOAB Vice President**

Any application packets received after **April 4th, 5:00 pm** or incomplete will not be considered.