



Olentangy Orange Athletic Boosters

2022 Olentangy Orange Athletic Boosters Scholarship Program Applications

Due Friday, February 18, 2022, 2:35 pm EST

Each spring, the Olentangy Orange Athletic Boosters (OOAB) awards 6 to 10 one-time scholarships to 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. 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 (most recent transcript must accompany this application)** - 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 Friday February 18, 2022. Applications can be picked up from **Athletic Director Brett Diehl** in the AD's Office or may be printed off from the OOAB website (orangepioneerathletics.com – click on forms, then 2022 scholarship package).
4. **Student athletes will complete an essay (50% weighting)**- The 2022 essay topic is based upon the significant increase in mental health issues among U.S. adolescents and young adults, which began to

rise in the early 2010s. The latest studies have shown declines in adolescent happiness, life satisfaction, and flourishing and increases in anxiety, loneliness, and depressive symptoms. We are interested in our student-athlete's perspective on reversing this trend. Please answer the question: **"How could coaches, teachers, and peers assist with improving and positively impacting our student athletes' well-being?"** A rubric will be used to evaluate all essays on:

- **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 30 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. The interviews will be held on Sunday, March 6th, 12-6 pm.
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/OOAB 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. Important Dates:
 - a. Scholarship application packet deadline: Friday, February 18, 2022, 2:35 pm EST

- b. Scholarship applicant interviews: Sunday, March 6, 2022, 12-6 pm EST
- c. Scholarship award announced at award ceremony in May 2022



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Name	
Date	
Email	
Phone	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
Parents Names	
Student's Guidance Counselor	
Current GPA	
Where do you plan to attend college?	
What do you plan to study?	

List OOHS sports you participated in, coaches, and honors received (you may provide an attachment)		
Letters of Recommendation from Whom (attach letters)	Coach:	Teacher/Administrator:
Parent's Booster Club experience		
Whom may we confirm Booster Club experience with?	Please provide name and phone number of liaison, coach and/or OOAB Board Member who can verify your parent's experience.	
Please check! Is your application complete? If incomplete, the application will NOT be reviewed.	Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Application (pgs 4 & 5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Letters of Recommendation (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Resume	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please 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, Brett Diehl in the Athletic Director's office. Applications received after Friday, February 18 at 2:35 pm will NOT be considered.