



Olathe National Education Association Scholarship 2024-25

Scholarship Details:

- One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a recipient from **each** Olathe high school.
- If there is not a scholarship application submitted from each Olathe high school, scholarships will be awarded to six applicants OR scholarship money will be divided equally amongst the applications that meet scholarship criteria.

* Application Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2025

The application may be completed online (preferred)

<https://forms.gle/J71KX6q4KUALm3su7>

or sent directly to **Dr. Anne-Marie Bixler-Funk**, Olathe NEA Scholarship Chair, at abixlerfunk@olatheschools.org.



Eligibility Requirements: (Only **one** is required but **select all that apply**.)

- I plan to pursue a career in education. My parent/guardian is a member of ONEA*

Application Requirements:

- Applicant must fully complete this application.
- Applicant must submit an official copy of their high school transcript.
- Applicant must include two letters of recommendation: oOne from a current teacher and one from any other high school teacher
- Applicant must demonstrate a commitment to education (or their chosen field of study)

APPLICATION for OLATHE NEA SCHOLARSHIP 2024-25

Applicant's full name:

Parent's/Guardian's name(s):

Parent/Guardian email:

Applicant email:

Home address:

Parent/Guardian phone:

Applicant's phone:

Applicant's high school:

Cumulative GPA:

Planned College/University(s):

Personal Statement: Please respond to one of the following questions in approximately 100 words.

- How do your personal values and aspirations align with your educational and career plans? OR
- How do you see yourself growing and developing both personally and professionally through your educational and career pursuits?

Educational Activities, Leadership, and Honor/Awards/Achievement:

Please list **up to six** of your most **meaningful educational activities** to date:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Please name and describe your most meaningful **leadership positions** held at school:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Please list any **awards, honors, or achievements** you have received and the year they were awarded:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Community Service: Please describe any **community activities** in which you have been involved:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Essay

Please respond to the following prompt:

- How have the teachers, resources, or opportunities available to you in public school influenced your path to higher education and your chosen career?
OR

- In what ways have challenges or obstacles that you faced in your public-school education influenced your educational or career goals? How have you overcome these challenges?

Your **essay** will be judged for clarity, voice, and your commitment to public school education or your chosen field of study. Please limit your essay to **500-1000 words**, Please use standard 12-point font (Times New Roman, Century Gothic, or Cambria), double spaced with 1-inch margins.

Letters of Recommendation

Two **confidential references** *must accompany this application*. The references chosen should provide explicit details that highlight the applicant's commitment to academics, participation in extracurricular activities, and recognition of any awards or honors they have received. In addition, chosen references should emphasize the applicant's unique strengths and qualities that make them a strong candidate. This could include the applicants' creativity, intellectual curiosity, adversity, resilience, and determination. Each application must include:

- One letter of reference from a **current teacher**
- One letter of reference from **any teacher at your high school**

Please have your reference submit their letter of recommendation at the following link: <https://forms.gle/zZpgbkj7AgsSZSCWA>. They can also scan the following QR Code:



Transcript

Please include an official copy of your high school transcript.

Application Rubric

Please reference the scholarship rubric as a guide to completion.

Questions?

Contact **Dr. Anne Marie Bixler-Funk**, Olathe NEA Scholarship Chair, abixlerfunk@olatheschools.org or (913)780-7006.

OLATHE NEA Scholarship Rubric

	Exemplary 4	Good 3	Average 2	Fair 1	Score
Application is Complete	Application is complete, accurate, proofed, and clear	Application is complete, accurate, and clear	Application is complete but may have minor errors or omissions.	Application is incomplete or contains significant errors.	____/4
Personal Statement	Personal statement is engaging, authentic, and well-written. It provides memorable insight into the applicant's goals, strengths, and needs.	Personal statement is clear and provides insight into the applicant's goals, strengths, and needs.	Personal statement is somewhat informative but lacks depth or clarity.	Personal statement is unclear, irrelevant, or does not address the prompt.	____/4
Educational Activities	Applicant demonstrates a deep commitment to educational activities, including membership in several types of organizations or activities	Applicant demonstrates a commitment to educational activities, including membership in several types of organizations or activities	Applicant demonstrates some involvement in educational activities, but they lack variety.	Applicant provides very little concrete evidence of educational activity involvement.	____/4
Leadership, Awards, Honors, Achievements, & Community Service	Applicant has a strong record of leadership, awards, honors, and community service.	Applicant has a solid record of leadership, awards, honors, and community service.	Applicant has some involvement in leadership, awards, honors, and community service.	Applicant has little or no involvement in leadership, awards, honors, and community service.	____/4
Essay	The applicant's essay is well-written, insightful, and effectively connects the applicant's public-school education to their educational and career goals.	The applicant's essay is well-written and demonstrated a clear connection between the applicant's public-school education and their career goals.	The applicant's essay is adequately written but lacks depth or clarity in connecting education to goals.	The applicant's essay is poorly written, unclear, or does not address the prompt.	____/4
Reference Letters	Reference letters are strong, supportive, and provide detailed insights into the applicant's character, work ethic, and future potential.	Reference letters are positive and provide relevant information about the applicant.	Reference letters are generally positive but may lack specific details or be less enthusiastic.	Reference letters are negative or do not provide sufficient information.	____/4
Academic Performance	3.8-4.0 or Higher	3.0-3.79	2.0-2.9	Less than 2.0	____/4
Total Score					____/28

