

OFFICE COMMITTEE UNION (OCU) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2025 Application Packet

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Scholarships are available to legal dependents of an OCU active, retired, or deceased member. Applicant must be a graduating senior; college, university, technical or vocational post-secondary school freshmen, sophomore or junior, or high school graduate within the last two years.

Completed application, together with all supporting documents, must be received no later than 3:00PM Friday, March 07, 2025. See application details for more information.

OCU Scholarship Application Details

The Office Committee Union (OCU) is committed to supporting our members and their families. To honor this commitment, we have created the *OCU Scholarship Program.* Four (4) scholarships in the amount of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars each will be awarded to **legal dependents** of an OCU active, retired, or deceased member. These dependents must be a graduating high school senior, college freshman, sophomore, or junior, or graduated from high school within the last two years.

HOW TO APPLY:

Application packets will be made available on the OCU Website <u>www.officecommitteeunion.org</u> or can be obtained by a member of the OCU Board, Scholarship committee, or Area Representative.

The deadline for complete applications is no later than 3:00 pm Friday, March 07, 2025. Applications received after this date will not be accepted even if postmarked before this date. You can send your application electronically to kz562@cummins.com, or you can either mail or drop it off at the OCU Hall, address below:

Office Committee Union Scholarship Committee 1933 10th Street Columbus, IN 47201

<u>Please use the checklist below</u> to guarantee that all required documents are submitted with your application. You must ensure the following documents are complete, and none may be omitted. Only complete applications, including all required documentation, will be reviewed:

- □ Application Form with Counselor Verification
 - □ **Counselor Verification** Your application <u>must be signed</u> by your counselor/administrator.
- Student Essay <u>Must be 500 Words, Double-Spaced, 12pt Times New Roman</u>.
 See Below for Essay Topic*
- □ **Current Transcript** of grades and grade point average. Electronic transcript will be accepted at time of application.

Note: Official Transcript must be provided before funds are deposited.

- **Resume:** list of your employment, and/or any involvement in extracurricular activities, community involvement and volunteer endeavors.
- □ Letter of Recommendation (i.e. employer, teacher, coach, pastor, other professional; non-relative) must be submitted via professional email from individual writing the recommendation and sent to <u>kz562@cummins.com</u>. New for 2025!

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*Student Essay Topic: If you could have a conversation with any historical figure, who would it be and why? What questions would you ask them? What do you think their outlook would be on our current society?

The essay is a very important part of the scholarship application.

HOW THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORKS:

SELECTION

The Scholarship Committee will award scholarship winners by evaluating academic records, a written application, a 500-word essay, and a GPA score.

AMOUNT

Up to Four (4) scholarships, each valued at \$1,500 per year, will be awarded.

A new application must be submitted for consideration each year.

PAYMENT OF AWARD

Upon admittance, the award is deposited in the student's name at the school of their choice.

2025 APPLICATION TIMETABLE

March 7	Completed applications, including all supporting documents, must be received at the OCU Hall address no later than 3:00pm.
March 17 – April 2	Scholarship Committee will review all application packages.
April 4	All winners will be notified on or before this date.
April 22 6 - 8pm	Recognition Dinner for scholarship winners.
July 31	Scholarship checks mailed directly to schools on or before this date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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