



O2WA Scholarship Fund

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Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association Scholarship Program Application Form

The purpose of this scholarship program is to:

1. Promote the education of members of the Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association (O2WA) and their sons or daughters in any field of higher education, and
2. Promote education in the environmental sciences or other related academic pursuits that apply to the field of onsite wastewater treatment.

Forty (40) percent of the weight in scoring applications provides an incentive toward fields of study related to the onsite industry.

A. Eligibility

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a child or dependent, age 25 or less, of a current O2WA Member (Individual or listed Corporate Member) in good standing as of May 31 of the preceding year planning to study or currently studying in any field of higher education. A child or dependent is defined as a son or daughter (including step-children) living in the members household or primarily supported by the member; or
2. Be a non-O2WA member interested in pursuing an education beyond high school through study in fields related to onsite wastewater treatment. Students are limited to relevant fields of study that apply to the field of onsite wastewater treatment, including, but are not limited to, public health, environmental science, soil science, engineering, construction technology, or biology.

Candidates must:

1. Be a high school senior or graduate who plans to enroll as a full-time student or is already enrolled as a full-time student in a technical or undergraduate field of study at an accredited vocational school, two-year college or four-year college or university; and
2. Complete and submit the scholarship application and all required attachments by the stated deadline. Candidates need not be Oregon residents or attend Oregon schools.

Further, O2WA pledges not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, marital or veteran status, creed, religion, or disability.

When to Apply

All application materials must be postmarked no later than April 30th. Recipients will be notified if they were a successful recipient and the amount of their award.

How is the Scholarship Awarded

O2WA will make payments directly to the student following submission of proof of registration and attendance by an appropriate faculty member for the current academic period. Payments will be made on an academic quarter, term, or semester basis. For example, payment during the second quarter will depend upon successful completion of the first quarter. For any academic year, the successful applicant will need to tell us how many terms, quarters, or semesters will be in his or her academic year.

Application Form

Instructions: It is important to follow the directions outlined in the Scholarship Framework that is attached to this application. **Please complete this form in full. Incomplete applications are considered ineligible. Do not leave any item blank.**

1. Name:

_____	_____	_____
First	Middle	Last

2. Permanent Mailing Address:

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Street or PO Box	City	County	State	Zip code

Telephone Number

O2WA Membership Relationship

Email address

3. The applicant will apply to enter or is currently enrolled at what institution of higher education or trade school?

4. Major course of study: _____

5. Minors and/or options: _____

6. Please list high schools, junior or community colleges, and colleges you have attended. Do not include single courses or class studies.

School	Dates
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Applicant's GPA: _____ **Enclose Official Transcript for your most recent school.**

8. What will be your academic level for the coming school year? _____

We are interested in more than your academic credentials. We want to know about your activities in school (honors, awards, extra-curricular activities, sports, leadership roles, and so on), in the community (church, clubs or organizations, community service opportunities, and any other activities), and on the job (what work experiences have you had?) Please answer the following questions with that in mind.

9. List school activities as noted above.

10. Describe your involvement in community activities and service.

11. List your work experiences.

12. We would like to know something about your future goals and why you are interested in this scholarship. In 300 to 500 words, describe your educational or career goals in some detail. Describe those personal qualities (leadership, persistence, desire to learn, or anything that sets you apart) that we should know about. Write this essay on a separate sheet and attach it to this application.

13. Attach at least 3 reference letters. Of those 3 letters, two must come from any two of the following categories: (1) a non-related O2W A member in good standing, or (2) a member of academia who has personal knowledge of the applicant's performance in education, or (3) a community member who has personal knowledge of the applicant's community service or work history. Letters should be written on the author's letterhead, where relevant and signed.

General Information:

If insufficient room exists on this form to answer any question completely, attach your answer(s) on a separate sheet.

Do not forget to enclose a minimum of three references as noted in the Scholarship Framework and above. You may submit more than three, as long as the criteria for basic submission are met.

This scholarship is a merit-based program. Decisions of the O2WA in this matter or any other scholarship issue will be considered final.

By signing this application below, the applicant certifies that the information provided in this application form and any attachments is true. The applicant agrees that if the applicant is selected to receive a scholarship, the applicant will attend the institution listed above and will pursue the major course of study listed in this application for the duration of the academic year.

The applicant understands and agrees that failure to comply with the above may render the applicant ineligible for the scholarship granted and that he or she may be required to return any remaining unused portions of the scholarship to the O2WA.

It is understood that submission of this application gives permission to the Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association Scholarship Fund and the Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association to utilize your name and/or picture for promotional purposes consistent with the goals of the organization.

The applicant understands and agrees that the Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association, either directly or through its Scholarship Committee, has permission to contact all references listed in this application.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return all applications and materials to:

Oregon Onsite Wastewater Association
Scholarship Committee
70 SW Century Drive
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Bend, Oregon 97702