



2021 Oak Park High School COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Welcome to the Oak Park High School *Class of 2021 Common Scholarship*. These scholarships are offered through OPHS, local organizations, clubs and individuals. This single application allows you to apply to any of the listed scholarships.

There are three sections to the Common Scholarship Application:

1. Instructions Page
2. OPHS Common Scholarship Application with Applicant Information and Scholarship List
3. Descriptions and Supplemental Requirements for each scholarship

INSTRUCTIONS

Follow all instructions as missing information or incorrectly submitted paperwork could exclude you from competing for the scholarship(s).

- Carefully read the description of each scholarship. Indicate with a checkmark the scholarship(s) you will be applying to on the Common Scholarship Application (you may apply to as many scholarships that you are qualified).
- Complete the OPHS Common Scholarship Application. *Do this only once.* Then **copy this Common Scholarship Application for each of the scholarships to which you apply.**
- Complete the requirements for the additional supplemental information for each scholarship (i.e. additional essays, letters of recommendation).
- Assemble your application and all components into **a separate large manilla envelope for each scholarship.** (For example, if you are applying for three scholarships, you will turn in three envelopes)
 - Put the name of the scholarship on the front of each envelope.
 - Put your name and student ID # on the front top right corner of each envelope (horizontally).

Assembling the Scholarship Application(s):

Assemble your packet(s) in the following order to ensure you have included the following in your large manilla envelope:
A COMPLETED packet in a manilla envelope must be assembled for EACH Scholarship.

- Common Scholarship Application (This can be completed once and then copied for each scholarship)
- Resume (for activities participated in during grades 9-12) to include all that apply:
 - a. School(s) attended
 - b. Extracurricular activities including sport teams, clubs and outside organizations
 - c. Volunteer and community service
 - d. Work experience
 - e. Leadership roles
 - f. Honors, Awards from OPHS and outside of school
- Personal Statement on a separate page.
- Financial Need explanation on a separate page, *if applicable and optional.*
- Current copy of *unofficial transcript* (12th grade fall semester grades included). Copies okay.
- Supplemental Requirements requested by individual scholarships.
- Letters of Recommendation, only if requested in supplemental section. (*see addendum for LOR instructions*)
- Write your Student ID# in the top right corner of **every** page submitted, including supplements.
- Do **NOT** use staples (paper clips may be used).

DEADLINE – Completed Applications are due by Thursday, March 18th at 3:00pm.
No Exceptions! Late applications will not be accepted.

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Every Thursday 1:00-3:00pm and Friday 11:00am-1:00pm until March 18th



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NAME: _____ OPHS STUDENT ID #: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

GPA: (use OPHS transcript) **Unweighted** _____ **Weighted** _____

SCHOLARSHIPS

Place a check next to each scholarship you are applying for and refer to each individual scholarship found in the description for the supplemental requirements.

OPHS Scholarships

- _____ Oak Park High School Athletic Booster Club
- _____ Oak Park High School Choir Boosters
- _____ Oak Park High School Instrumental Music Senior Award
- _____ Oak Park High School Parent Faculty Assoc. – **Submit through google classroom code: 5mf6j3f**
- _____ Oak Park Performing Arts Alliance, In Memory of Rick Rhodes
- _____ Oak Park Teachers Association

Oak Park High School Memorial Scholarships

- _____ Anton Sokolow-Nikolic Golf Scholarship
- _____ Dana Sheehan Memorial Scholarship for Courage and Perseverance
- _____ Brian M. Wolverton Exemplary Citizenship Scholarship
- _____ Marie Panec Memorial Scholarship for Integrity and Advocacy

Oak Park Unified School District Schools

- _____ Brookside Elementary School
- _____ Oak Hills Elementary School
- _____ Red Oak Elementary School
- _____ Medea Creek Middle School

Local/Community Scholarships

- _____ Agoura Youth Basketball Association (AYBA)
- _____ Baha'i of Oak Park Scholarship
- _____ Westlake Village Rotary Club

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Please print clearly. When using additional pages (i.e. Personal Statement, Financial Statement etc.) put student ID # in top right corner of every page.

Indicate your top college choices for continued education:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Intended major or field of study in college: _____

List the classes you are **currently enrolled** in at OPHS and other institutions (i.e. APEX, Moorpark College etc.):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What contributions have you made to your school or community?

Personal Statement: Tell us about you and what distinguishes you from others applying for these awards. Why do you want to be considered for this scholarship? (maximum 250 words).
Use a separate piece of paper and title it "Personal Statement" (include OPHS student ID# in top, right corner).

Financial Need? Do you have any circumstances that may affect the affordability of a post- secondary education? If so, please attach a brief explanation on a separate piece of paper and title it "Financial Statement" (include OPHS student ID# in top, right corner). *Financial Statement is optional.*

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DESCRIPTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

For questions contact Mrs. Prince at jprince@opusd.org or (818) 735-3315.

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Keep this list of scholarships for your file. Do not include it in your packet.

Scholarships

Complete the supplemental requirements listed below for **EACH** scholarship that you apply for (i.e. additional essay, letter of recommendation) in addition to the Common Scholarship Application requirements. See the instructions page for information on how to assemble each scholarship application packet in separate manilla envelopes.

Oak Park High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

Student Profile:

Graduating senior who plans to attend a community college, technical school or four-year college or university either on a full time or part time basis. Minimum 2.5 GPA

Supplemental Requirement:

- On a separate piece of paper please submit information on:
 - All sports you participated in at OPHS and awards/recognition received (include all grade levels)
 - Sports clubs/teams not affiliated with OPHS and awards/recognition received (all grade levels)
- Submit a typed, double spaced, personal essay (no longer than 2 pages) which includes the information below. This essay is an important part of the selection process and will be kept in **strict confidence**.
 - Your goals for the future. This is an opportunity for you to share your hopes and goals with the Scholarship Committee.
 - How has your athletic experience at Oak Park High School prepared you for the future?
 - Include any information you believe the scholarship Committee should have. For example, family income, estimated expenses and/or circumstances that may affect the affordability of a post-secondary education should be included.

Award:

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Oak Park High School Choir Booster Scholarship

Student Profile:

College bound senior who has participated with the OPHS choir sometime during their high school years. Applicants must have plans to continue studying in the area of Performing Arts, with special attention to students majoring in voice, choral general and/or musical theatre.

Supplemental Requirement:

- Submit an essay (double spaced essay, approximately 2 pages) based on the following questions:
 - What has being a member of the choir program at Oak Park High School meant to you and how long have you been a member?
 - What are your future plans for college & career?
 - Describe your most meaningful/favorite experiences while being a member of the OPHS Choir?
 - Explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.
 - Explain why you feel that you are deserving of this scholarship.
 - Explain how you feel that you have shown leadership while being in the choir, especially as a senior.
 - List as an appendix: all awards / solos / officer positions that you have received as a member of this OPHS choir.

Award: Will be allotted at the discretion of the choir scholarship committee, which will consist of the choir director and at least three non-senior choir parents.

Oak Park High School Instrumental Music Senior Scholarship Award

Student Profile: Must be a college bound graduating senior who has been involved in the OPHS instrumental music program sometime during their years at OPHS. In good standing with a 2.0 GPA or higher and must have plans to continue studying in the area of Performing Arts with special attention to students majoring in music.

Supplemental Requirement:

- Applicants must submit an essay (double spaced, approximately 2 pages) based on the following questions:
 - What has being a member of the Instrumental Music program at Oak Park High School meant to you and how long have you been a member?
 - What are your future plans for college and career?
 - Describe your most meaningful/favorite experiences while being a member of the OPHS Instrumental Music program.
 - Explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.
 - Explain why you feel that you are deserving of this scholarship.
 - Explain how you feel that you have shown leadership while being in the Instrumental Music program, especially as a senior.
 - List as an appendix: all awards / solos / officer positions that you have received as a member of the OPHS Instrumental Music program.

Award: The number of scholarships to be awarded at discretion of the Instrumental Music Director and at least three non-senior music class parents.

Oak Park High School Parent Faculty Association Scholarships - Submit through google classroom code: 5mf6j3f

Student Profile:

The scholarship is open to **ALL** OPHS seniors. There is no GPA requirement.

Supplemental Requirement:

- Please include everything from the Common App **EXCEPT** your GPA or Transcript
 - Using **ONE** of the five mediums below, address this theme and show us what ***"RESILIENCE"*** means to you.
 - Please do not include any information that may identify you
 1. Essay - 2 pages, typed and double spaced
 2. Drawing/Painting
 3. 3D Design/Ceramics/Woodwork
 4. Digital Media (still)
 5. Video - 2 to 3 minutes in length, submit on a flash drive. Your production should be your work only. Actors are allowed, music/sound/editing must be completed by you. This can be done in a pair and if chosen for an award, it will be shared between the pair. Only two applicants per video and both must be Seniors.
 - **Note:** if entering categories 2-5 please include up to a 250-word essay explaining how your submission addresses the theme. All entries will be digital this year, please take a good photo (multiple if you need) to submit with your application.
- Please do not include any information on your submission that will identify you.**

Award: Certificate and \$500 each award. There are up to 9 awards. Awards will be distributed proportional to the type of submission.

Oak Park Performing Arts Alliance, In memory of Rick Rhodes

The Oak Park Performing Arts Alliance awards annual scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated in the Theatre Arts Program at Oak Park High School. These awards are given in memory of Rick Rhodes, a talented and accomplished musician and songwriter who was the creative force behind the performing arts program at OPHS. He helped create the theatre arts program and provided a level of professionalism that has influenced many students in the arts program.

Student Profile: The applicant must have participated in the theatre arts program at OPHS (on stage or crew) in **at least 4 productions** and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Supplemental Requirements:

- The applicant must include a list of any OPHS productions as well as outside OPHS productions participated in, as well as any performing arts awards.
- The applicant must complete the application's record of extra-curricular activities
- The applicant must attach a typed, double-spaced, personal essay no longer than 2 pages, which includes information from 3 of the 4 areas below. This essay will be an important part of the selection process. This essay should paint a clear picture of who you are. Essays will be read by a panel of OPPAA members, as well as outside community members. Any information you provide will be **kept strictly confidential**.
 - How has your theatre experience at Oak Park High School prepared you for your future endeavors?
 - Your goals for the future. This is an opportunity for you to share your hopes and goals with the Scholarship Committee.
 - What has being a part of the Performing Arts program meant to you?
 - Describe your most meaningful performance/project in theatre at OPHS.

Award: Three awards: \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$1,000.

Oak Park Teachers Association Scholarship

Student Profile:

Graduating senior who is planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college/university or trade/technical school. Student must have a 2.5 minimum GPA at OPHS or OVHS and be involved in school and/or community activities.

Supplemental Requirements:

- Submit a 200-word statement explaining school/community/volunteer service and how this *impacted your future decisions* regarding college/university/trade/tech school major/career opportunities. Make sure your name appears at the top of your statement.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from two current faculty members.
- Submit a third letter of recommendation from an adult in the community in connection with your community/volunteer service.

Award: \$1,000

Oak Park High School Memorial Scholarships

Dana Sheehan Memorial Scholarship for Courage and Perseverance

Purpose:

This scholarship is being awarded in memory of Dana Sheehan, the mother of Meg (OPHS '16) and Jill Sheehan (OPHS '20). Dana, a graduate of Agoura High School and long-time local resident, passed away in 2020 following a courageous 8-year battle with breast cancer. The winner of this award will have demonstrated unusual courage and perseverance in overcoming obstacles in their life, such as a serious disease or injury, particularly cancer. Alternatively, applicants may demonstrate how they helped a loved one overcome similar adversity.

Student Profile:

The winner of this award will be a graduating senior. Courage, perseverance and articulating the lessons learned during your experience shall be the primary consideration for this award. Academic achievement may be considered but will not be the primary criteria.

Supplemental Requirements:

- A 300-to-500-word personal statement explaining the adversity you overcame, what you learned or are learning from your experience, and how you plan to apply this knowledge to your future.
- One or more letters of recommendation, preferably from an OPHS staff member, are optional, but will strengthen your application.

Award: To be determined on a year-to-year basis depending upon the quality of the applications.

Marie Panec Memorial Scholarship for Integrity and Advocacy

Student Profile:

Must be a graduating senior at Oak Park Unified School District and will be awarded in recognition of that student's exemplary integrity, compassion and advocacy for the interests of others. Although academic achievement may be considered in determining the award recipient, it shall be accorded less weight than the key criteria. (Dr. Marie Panec, a trustee of the Oak Park Unified School District Board of Education, a Moorpark College professor and a community volunteer, focused on improving the community in which she lived through education.)

Supplemental Requirements:

- One or more Letters of Recommendation are optional but may strengthen your application.
- A 300-word maximum personal statement, explaining why you feel you are most qualified for this scholarship. Examples of subjects include but are not limited to: (1) discussing a time in which you advocated for the interest of another, or (2) discussing what ideals are important to you and how your pursuit of these ideals exemplifies integrity, compassion or advocacy.

Award: \$750

Brian M. Wolverton Award for Exemplary Citizenship *In memory of Brian M. Wolverton*

Student Profile:

Must be a graduating senior at OPHS, Oak View or OPIS that possesses exemplary citizenship and character. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.

Supplemental Requirements:

- Two Letters of Recommendation that attests to your character and exemplary citizenship from a coach, teacher, counselor or employer.
- A 250-word essay to define the meaning of "exemplary citizenship" as it relates to Brian Wolverton and what does it mean to you?

Award: To be determined

Anton Sokolow-Nikolic Golf Scholarship

Student Profile:

Senior must be a member of the OPHS golf team, have a minimum of 2.8 GPA, demonstrate a strong commitment to the game of golf.

Supplemental Requirements:

- Submit a 150-word statement, describing your commitment to golf, your future plans, including your education and career goals as well as listing the reasons why you would like to be considered for this award.
- Statement of financial need
- Three letters of recommendation, attesting to your reliability, integrity and dedication: one from a golf professional--not the Oak Park High School golf coach; one from a teacher or school official, and one from an employer or supervisor (volunteer or paid).

Award: To be determined

Oak Park Unified School District School Scholarships

Brookside Elementary School Scholarship

Student Profile:

Must be a graduating senior at Oak Park Unified School District who culminated from Brookside Elementary School and plans to attend a community college or a 4-year university. Minimum 3.0 GPA.

Supplemental Requirements:

- Submit a typed, double spaced essay that describes in 500 words or less an experience or teacher from Brookside Elementary School who helped shape you into the person you are today.
- Submit on a separate sheet of paper the grade levels you attended at Brookside Elementary School.

Award: \$500

Oak Hills Elementary School Scholarship

Student Profile:

Must be a graduating senior at Oak Park Unified School District who culminated from Oak Hills Elementary School and plans to attend a community college or a 4-year university. Minimum 3.0 GPA.

Supplemental Requirements:

- Submit a typed, double spaced essay that describes in 500 words or less an experience or teacher from Oak Hills Elementary School who helped shape you into the person you are today.
- Submit on a separate sheet of paper the grade levels you attended at Oak Hills Elementary School.

Award: \$750

Red Oak Elementary School Scholarship

Student Profile:

Must be a graduating senior at Oak Park Unified School District who culminated from Red Oak Elementary School and plans to attend a community college or a 4-year university. Minimum 3.0 GPA.

Supplemental Requirements:

- Submit a typed, double spaced essay that describes in 500 words or less an experience or teacher from Red Oak Elementary School who helped shape you into the person you are today.
- Submit on a separate sheet of paper the grade levels you attended at Red Oak Elementary School.

Award: \$750

Medea Creek Middle School Scholarship

Student Profile:

Must be a graduating senior at Oak Park Unified School District who attended Medea Creek Middle School from grades 6-8 (and culminated from MCMS) and plans to attend a trade school, community college or a 4-year university. Minimum 2.5 GPA.

Supplemental Requirements:

- Submit a typed, double spaced in 500 words or less answering this question: "Middle school is a time that can be turbulent as well as transformative for students. What experiences from middle school helped shape your successes in high school and possible future plans?"
- Unofficial transcript (can be screen shot of transcript in Q)

Award: \$500

Local/Community Scholarships

Agoura Youth Basketball Association (AYBA)

Student Profile:

Graduating senior must have played, coached, worked, or volunteered in some other capacity with AYBA programs for at least 2 seasons.

Supplemental Requirements:

- One (1) Reference Letter
- Personal Statement – Include “How participation in AYBA has helped you.”

Award: Two awards to be offered—the AYBA Scholarship and the “AYBA Luc Bodden Memorial Scholarship.” Each worth \$1,000.

Baha’i Community of Oak Park Scholarship

Student Profile:

College bound senior who has a minimum 3.0 GPA and is headed to a 2-year or 4-year college or technical school. Senior needs extensive community and/or extracurricular activities. There will be a strong emphasis on community service, scholastic achievements, goals and service to mankind.

Supplemental Requirements:

- Essay - one page maximum 250 words, should describe in detail your activities regarding voluntary service and what you have learned from these experiences.

Award: \$300

Westlake Village Rotary Club

Student Profile:

College bound senior. Students will be evaluated based upon scholastic records, school activities, financial need, community service and employment experience.

Supplemental Requirements:

- On the top of your supplemental essay, please include the following information:
 - Name, complete address and zip, and phone number
 - Birth date and social security number
 - Father and Mother’s occupation or previous occupations.
 - Brothers and sisters, please list names and ages
 - Approximate Family Income: under \$50,000 \$50 - \$75,000 \$75,000 - \$100,000 over \$100,000
 - List any awards or scholarships you have received
 - List hobbies or interests.
 - List all work experience, length of employment and job description.
 - List your personal goals.
- Essay – Attach an autobiography of not more than 500 words. Be sure to indicate your personal goals and why you feel you should receive this scholarship.

Award: To Be Determined

Additional Scholarships

Additional local scholarships with separate applications and not included in the OPHS Common Scholarship but are included in Senior Recognition Night can be found on the College & Career Center webpage at

<https://www.oakparkusd.org/page/1088>

OPHS Common Scholarship

Letter of Recommendation (LOR) Instructions

Letters of Recommendation are due by:

Thursday, March 18th by 3pm.

DO NOT DELAY in asking a teacher/counselor for your LOR.

Give teachers/counselors 2 weeks to process!

Ask your teacher, counselor, coach etc. far in advance of the deadline. Due to the confidential nature of LORs, some recommenders may not want the applicant to see the letter. If this is the case, please give the recommender these options if they prefer confidential delivery or otherwise the recommender can email it directly to the student.

OPTION #1 - Email the LOR directly to Julie Prince, College & Career Center Advisor at jprince@opusd.org. Mrs. Prince will then place the letter in your scholarship packet.

OPTION #2 – Place the LOR in Mrs. Prince’s s OPHS staff mailbox located in the front office.

OPTION #3 - Place the LOR in the OPHS front office outside mailbox located outside the front door on the right.

OPTION #4 – Recommender can email directly to student.

Additional Information – For Options 1-3

- Outside of envelope and/or letter **must contain student’s first and last name.**
- It is the student’s responsibility to follow-up to ensure the LOR has been sent to and received by Mrs. Prince. Email Mrs. Prince at jprince@opusd.org which scholarship packet needs the LOR and from which teacher/coach etc.
- LORs can be emailed or put in Mrs. Prince’s staff mailbox or front office mailbox prior to the scholarship application(s) being turned in.
- ***Don’t delay and ask for the LOR early!***

Be sure to thank your recommenders!