

OTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FAQs

1. Can I have an extension on the deadline?

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is January 31, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. There are no extensions to the deadline.

2. Can I apply to more than one scholarship?

Yes. Students who are planning to attend a four-year university or college in Ohio can apply for both the Academic Achievement and Local Government Achievement scholarship. However, only scholarship one will be awarded. If a student plans to attend a trade or vocational school, there is only one scholarship available at this time.

3. If I am a township employee, can my child apply for the scholarship?

Yes, anyone who meets the requirements of the scholarships can apply, no matter what position their parent/guardian holds within the township.

4. Do I have to attend a township meeting?

Attending a township meeting and having at least two elected officials sign your attendance form is a requirement for all applications.

5. Do I have to attend a meeting in the township where I live?

No. You can attend any township meeting in your county. It does not have to be a township that you reside in.

6. I am having trouble downloading the meeting attendance form, what do I do?

If you cannot download the meeting attendance form, email Anne Beauch at beauch@ohiotownships.org and she will email you the document.

7. If I have to exit the application online, do I need to start over?

You can exit the application at any time, and you will not need to start your application over again. The system will save your application as you fill it out, so you should be able to pick up where you left off.

8. What should I do if I am having trouble uploading documents to my application online?

You can email any documents for your application to Anne Beauch at beauch@ohiotownships.org.

9. What if I have a teacher or community leader who wants to send their recommendation in separately from my application? Can they do that?

Yes. If someone would like to send in a letter of recommendation, they can submit it to Anne Beauch at beauch@ohiotownships.org. We will make sure that it is added to the student's file prior to review.

10. Do I have to submit everything?

Yes, you must submit all of the requirements requested to be eligible for a scholarship. You must be a high school senior, have at least a "B" cumulative average or equivalent overall GPA, be a U.S. citizen and resident of a township in Ohio, and must plan to attend a college or university, training program, or vocational school in Ohio. Other application requirements for each scholarship can be found at ohiotownships.org/scholarship-program.

11. I found a township meeting to attend that is after the deadline. Can I turn in everything on time except for my meeting attendance form, and submit that after the deadline?

No. All required forms and information, including the meeting attendance form, are due January 31, 2025. Nothing may be submitted after the deadline.

11. Who can I contact with additional questions?

Contact Anne Beauch, Director of Communications, at beauch@ohiotownships.org.

***PLEASE NOTE: The OTA staff will not be in the office Wednesday, January 29 - Friday, January 31, 2025.** We will be offsite at the 2025 Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and Trade Show. If you have a question during this time, please email Anne Beauch, Director of Communications, at beauch@ohiotownships.org, and she will get back to you during business hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).

The scholarship deadline is Friday, January 31, at 11:59 p.m. (This is a hard deadline and there are no exceptions or extensions.) Please be sure to ask any questions prior to close of business at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025, to ensure that your question is answered.