2024: Applying for Oneonta Dollars for Scholars (ODS) Scholarships

Last year Oneonta Dollars for Scholars proudly awarded over $100,000 in scholarships.

Any Oneonta School District graduating senior may apply for an ODS scholarship by completing an application online.

To apply: Go to: [**https://oneonta.dollarsforscholars.org**](https://oneonta.dollarsforscholars.org). Select the Students and Parents Tab. Then: ***Click to LogIn***. Follow the instructions provided to create your Log In and profile. See **2024 Instructions** for more information.

Profiles may be created at any time during the high school years. The profile gathers all information needed for the application and automatically transfers it to the appropriate applications when ready to apply. **DO NOT** attach documents to your profile. Complete each application section in the space provided.

The 2024 application period is: Monday, January 1 to Friday, March 1, 2024.

**To streamline the application process for Oneonta students, ODS does NOT require self-reporting of GPA and class rank, primary references, financial information, or test scores. The directions for each section of the profile indicate the information required by ODS. However, if you want to be considered for Scholarship America scholarships in addition to ODS Scholarships, you should complete these sections when directed to do so.**

Many e-mails will come from Scholarship America = Dollars for Scholars. When you reply, reply to oneonta.dollarsforscholars@gmail.com. ODS will use e-mail communications. Check/Read your e-mail often!

**References are NOT required.** If you chose to submit a reference, the person you list as a reference will receive an e-mail from Scholarship America. YOU need to communicate this to your reference.

**Your guidance counselor MUST be contacted for GPA information early in the process. Take care to input correct information: name & spelling. See guidance counselor details below.**

ALL **essays** should be ***100 words or less***. The **plans/goals essay is required** and should include specifics about your educational and personal goals for the next decade. The unusual circumstances essay ***requires an answer***. Indicate N/A if an essay question does not apply. Punctuation, spelling, capitalization, and formatting are considered in essay ratings. It is wise to have someone proofread your essay(s).

When you have completed your profile, click on **MY SCHOLARSHIPS** to be matched to 2024 scholarships. This option will not appear if you have not input an essay response or N/A. After you have been matched to scholarships, click on **VERIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS** to see if you match any new scholarships. Next, click on **APPLY TO ALL SCHOLARSHIPS WITH A RED APPLY BUTTON** or click the apply button after each scholarship. If a question or references button is red highlighted, please click, and follow the instructions *before* you click APPLY.

It is important to continue to check the Oneonta.dollarsforscholars.org website before and after our due date of March 1, 2024, because you may be matched to Scholarship America scholarships. Additionally, check the website after you are in college since many organizations on this site continue to offer scholarships to students currently enrolled in college. It may “pay” to keep your profile updated with your college activities and information.

Please feel free to contact us with questions/concerns:

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