

2022: Applying for Oneonta Dollars for Scholars (ODS) Scholarships

Last year Oneonta Dollars for Scholars proudly awarded over \$93,000 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>. Select the Students and Parents Tab. Then: Click to LogIn. Follow the instructions provided to create your Log In and profile. See 2022 Instructions for more information.

The student can begin filling out the profile at any time. The profile gathers all information needed for the application and automatically transfers it to the appropriate applications when ready to apply.

The student may apply for ODS scholarships between Tuesday, January 11 and Friday, March 11, 2022.

To streamline the application process for Oneonta students, ODS does NOT require self-reporting of GPA and class rank, primary references, financial information, test scores or the goals essay. 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. Most of the communications from ODS will come in the form of e-mails. Check/Read your e-mail often!

1. 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.
2. During the application, you will be asked for your grade point average. We do not require you to self-report your GPA or your class rank. Your guidance counselor will do this when they send your transcript.
3. The goals essay is NOT required this year. If you have unusual circumstances, you should complete the unusual circumstances essay. You should pay attention to punctuation, spelling, capitalization, and paragraphing on any essay. Have someone proofread your essay. If you have no unusual circumstances, just write "no unusual circumstances."
4. When you have completed your profile, click on MY SCHOLARSHIPS to be matched to scholarships that are being offered. 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.
5. It is important to continue to check the [Oneonta.dollarsforscholars.org](https://oneonta.dollarsforscholars.org) website before and after our due date of March 11, 2022, because you may be matched to scholarships from other organizations that you could submit from this site. 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.
6. Quality thank you notes are important to our donors. If you are awarded an Oneonta Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, we will see that you receive a handout on how to write an appropriate thank you note.

Please feel free to contact us with questions/concerns:

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