## **Applying for Oneonta Dollars for Scholars Scholarships**

Last year Oneonta Dollars for Scholars proudly awarded 74 scholarships totaling \$67.000.

Any senior may apply for a Dollars for Scholars scholarship by completing an application online.

To apply: Go to: Oneonta.dollarsforscholars.org and Click on Student Directions 2021.

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 can apply for Oneonta Dollars for Scholars scholarships between Monday, January 19 and Friday, March 5, 2021.

In order to streamline the application process for Oneonta students, Oneonta DFS has decided not to require primary references, financial information, and the goals essay. However, if you are interested in also being considered for Scholarship America scholarships in addition to Oneonta Dollars for Scholars Scholarships, you should complete these items as you may not be considered for other scholarships if this information is missing.

- E-mails will come from Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars. When you reply, reply to
   Oneonta.dollarsforscholars@gmail.com
   100% of the communications from Oneonta Dollars for Scholars will come in the form of e-mails. Check/Read your e-mail!
- 2. 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 TELL them this.
- 3. In the course of our 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.
- 4. We are NOT requiring the goals essay 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."
- 5. When you have completed your profile, you need to click on MY SCHOLARSHIPS to be matched to scholarships that are being offered. After you have been matched to scholarships, you click on VERIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS to see if there are any new scholarships you match. You can then 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 highlighted red, please click, and follow the instructions before you click APPLY.
- 6. It is important that you continue to check the Oneonta.dollarsforscholars.org website before and after our due date because you may be matched to scholarships from other organizations that you could submit from this site. You may also want to continue to check the website after you are in college because many organizations on this site continue to offer scholarships to students currently enrolled in college. It pays to keep your profile updated with your college activities and information.
- 7. Quality thank you notes are important to our donors. If you win an Oneonta Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, we will see that you receive a handout on how to write an appropriate thank you note.

If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact:

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We will help you in any way that we can.