

DFS: Tips for Filling Out the Profile/Application

To Log In: Use an outside email (**NOT your oabcig.org one**) It may have been created before (ask counselor if you have given them this information OR give your counselor your new login information).

- If password is forgotten, click on “forgot password” so a new one can be created.

Work on “Profile” May start profile at any time, but DFS application does not open until Jan. 1.

- When starting, click on “Work on Profile” tab. *Opt-in to receive text messages
- **Important Info:**
 - Mark “Some high school” when asked
 - Mark “Senior in HS” when asked
 - List **OABCIG** as high school
 - **Important:** Mark “4-year” if possibly planning to go 4 years, even if starting at a two-year/community college. **Do not put graduate school.**
 - **College ID:** If you don’t know it yet, mark 0000 (four zeroes).
 - **Enter your major/majors you are pursuing; this makes you eligible for certain scholarships**
- **Please see Mrs. Sadler for your current GPA and ACT score.**
 - Mrs. Sadler will also have to verify this information.
 - **GPA DOESN’T NEED TO BE DONE UNTIL 1ST SEMESTER IS COMPLETE.**
 - **GPA:** On the GPA page, please mark that your school **DOES NOT** use a weighted GPA scale. You **do not** have to enter your GPA for each year. Please only enter your cumulative HS GPA (If you have a cumulative GPA over 4.0, please enter it as 4.0).
 - **Cumulative HS GPA Scale:** 4.0
 - **ACT:** Please put your highest composite ACT score. You do not have to put anything in for the date.
 - **Class Ranking:** Not needed

ACTIVITIES:

This is where you will put everything you have been involved in during high school.

- **Athletics, Music, Theater, Art, Clubs, Organizations, Volunteer Activities, Church/Religious**
- Make sure you enter information in the description that states what you did and how many years. **DFS likes to see explanations how you have helped.**
- **All activities, awards, work, and volunteer hours are for high school years only.**
- **A Start Date and End Date are now required fields.**
- **The exception is Hike Bike (DFS), in which you should list ALL years since PreK.**
- For activities or service which has been since elementary or MS (4H, church, mentoring, dance, etc.), students may list the total years in the comments section so the scorer will know.
- **DFS Activities: THIS IS IMPORTANT - For Hike Bike and Pancake Breakfast:**
 - Activity Name: Hike Bike (or Pancake Breakfast)
 - Type: Volunteer Activities
 - Activity: Dollars for Scholars
 - Activity Organization Name: DFS Hike Bike (or DFS Pancake Breakfast)

Should list ALL years participated in Hike Bike, since PreK. To list as participant, you must have sent out letters. If also helped during the event as a high schooler, can list that separately, as another DFS activity.

- **Volunteer Activities:** Think of all volunteer activities in high school. Possible suggestions: Church (list all types of service), Food Pantry, Feed Just One, Hoagie Assembly, Concessions, Prom and After Prom service hours, NHS service hours, Student Council service, 4-H or FFA service hours, Mentoring at Elem., working at tournaments, youth events, coaching youth, etc.
- **Clubs/Organizations:** 4H, NHS, TAG, Quiz Bowl, Art Club, Spanish Club, FFA, KEY, etc.
 - **Some can be listed under both: NHS, Student Council, 4H, etc. can be under Club, but also list your service hours under Volunteer Activities.**

Include the total hours spent on each activity. (Out of school hours.)

AWARDS:

- List academic and financial awards here. Examples: Gold/Silver Honor Roll, Academic Letters, etc. (Awards, Honors, and Offices for activities, organizations, etc. are listed in the **Activities** section for each activity you enter.)

EMPLOYMENT:

- Make sure you put in anything you have gotten paid for, even babysitting.

ESSAYS:

- A few paragraphs for each essay would be the recommendation.
 - **Goals Essay:**
 - What are your educational, career and personal goals now, in one year, five years and ten years after graduation? A few well-written paragraphs showing step-by-step progression toward your goals, listing details and specific activities or advancement in each area will improve your score on the scholarship.
 - Include goals now, for college, and after college, both personal and career-based. Again, the more information and details that are given help with your score. A long paragraph (5-10+ sentences) is the recommended range.
 - **Unusual Circumstances Essay:**
 - Possible things to include are any issues that have affected a student's emotional, social, or financial well-being. For example, health issues, disability, or injuries that affect learning or sports/activities, parents' divorce, single-parent home, death in family, financial problems, family or personal problems, school issues, several children in the family who are in college/planning to be in college, which causes more financial pressure, college funding stress, race, or other personal or family issues.

You do not need Documents, Financial Information or References on your DFS application.
(Only if you apply for FastWeb national scholarships.)

Under Transcripts: Click on button "Add School Official Information."

Info: Samantha Sadler ssadler@oabcig.org 712-364-3371 (She will verify your GPA and ACT.)

MY SCHOLARSHIPS: (Do not do this step until after January 1.)

- After entering information on your profile, **students should click on “My Scholarships”** so they will be listed as an applicant. **Please do this by early February.** (This just matches scholarships; you still can apply later.)
- **Answer the questions listed.** Then the matched scholarships will be listed.
- **We suggest that you do not apply until all the information and sections have been completed on your profile.** However, you may still add information to your profile until March 15 even if you have submitted your scholarship applications.
- Students should continue to click on “My Scholarships” periodically as they fill out the application/profile to continue to match to new scholarships.
- **WHEN READY TO APPLY, answer any questions listed for certain scholarships and click on the “Apply” button.**
- **Electronic signature is required when you apply/submit your application.**
- **Submitted scholarships are shown on dashboard and you receive email confirmation.**

REMEMBER:

- **All students who apply will receive the OABCIG Scholarship. (Amounts vary.)**
- **“Sell” yourself!** Put forth time and effort. Include all activities, service, work, etc. that have been done, and explain with details when necessary (especially in the Community Service section). **The more information students can give about their work and/or service helps the scorer when determining points to be awarded.**
- **This is a 3-year scholarship.** You will receive the first payment after your first semester of college. If you go to a 1- or 2-year school, you will only receive one or two years of payments.
- Students do not need parental consent if they are at least 16.
- **Official deadline is March 15.**

DFS List of Scholarships

****These are submitted from your profile.**

****Amounts and Number Awarded for each scholarship are subject to change each year.**

To qualify for payment FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, the following criteria must be met:

1. Have a 2.0 GPA for the previous semester.
2. Complete at least 12 graded credits for the previous semester and be registered for 12 credits for the current semester. (Credit hours are hours that are included to calculate GPA.)
3. Turn in your voucher each year by June 15. (First year must also accept online.)

To qualify for payment FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS, the following criteria must be met:

1. Be enrolled in an apprenticeship program full-time.
2. Meet the attendance and progress requirements set forth by the apprenticeship program.

OABCIG Scholarship

Amount: Based on score; can range from **\$500-\$1400/year**; renewable up to 3 years

Number Awarded: All who apply! **MAKE SURE YOU APPLY TO THIS ONE.**

Criteria:

1. To be a senior in the OABCIG School District.
2. Must apply by deadline.
3. The amount awarded depends on the score you receive based on this profile.

Each section is worth a certain number of points, so the more points you get, the more money you get for the OABCIG scholarship.

Work Experience: 40 points

Community Service: 50 points

Dollars for Scholars Service: 50 points

****Hike Bike = 4 points/year of participation (15 letters sent for donations; verified by UBI)**

****Hike Bike volunteer helper (helping with envelopes or sorting letters at UBI or helping younger students at the event**

****Pancake Breakfast**

HS Activities: 75 points

Goals Essay: 50 points

Unusual Circumstances Essay: 25 points

GPA: 75 points

ACT score: 50 points (tentative)

Citizenship (Attendance/Tardies/Suspensions/Good Conduct Violations): 30 points

1. To receive full award, student must have attended OABCIG High School for 8 semesters. Amount will be decrease for each semester that the student did not attend here.
2. To receive full award, student must attend college, trade school, or an accredited apprenticeship for 6 semesters. If student attends college one year, the first year amount is awarded. If student attends 2 years, then first and second year amounts are awarded.
3. Student can defer the scholarship for two years, so if you are unsure if you are going to college or going into the military, apply anyway. Plans change. If you don't apply, we cannot give you an award later.

Gilbert and Berdine Scholarship

Amount: \$1500/year; renewable up to 4 years (up to \$6000 total)

Number Awarded: May vary each year

Criteria:

1. Minimum GPA of 3.25
2. Planning to attend 2 or 4 year post-secondary institution
3. Citizenship and involvement in school and community activities
4. Written essays required and considered for selection

First State Bank Scholarship

Amount: \$1000/year; renewable up to 4 years

Number Awarded: may vary each year

Criteria:

1. Preference shown for students who have a FSB relationship
2. Requires a 2.5 GPA or higher.
3. Planning to attend a 2 or 4 year school.

Ron Petersen Scholarship

Amount: Varies, range from \$500-600/year; renewable for up to 4 years

Number Awarded: usually 3

Criteria:

1. Requires a 2.0 GPA or higher.
2. Involvement in community and school activities with an emphasis in sports.
3. Planning to attend a 4 year school.

Morningside Care Center Auxiliary Healthcare Scholarship

Amount: \$1000

Number Awarded: 2

Criteria:

1. Requires a 2.0 GPA or higher
2. Preference given to applicants entering the field of nursing. Second preference will be given to those entering the medical field if there are no nursing applicants.

Kody Krager Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$1000

Number Awarded: 1

Criteria:

1. Requires students to be enrolled in Diesel Mechanics, Auto Mechanics, Ag Mechanics or a trade school. Preference given to mechanics.

James D. Homan Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$900

Number Awarded: 1

Criteria:

1. Requires a 2.0 GPA or higher.
2. Requires student to major in engineering.
3. Preference given to those attending a 2 year community or technical college.

Pheasants Forever

Amount: Varies, \$750 usually; one time payment

Number Awarded: 2

Criteria:

1. Recipient will be entering a field of wildlife/fisheries/or conservation. Applicants entering agriculture or groundskeeping will be considered.
2. Applicants should have a parent or themselves as a member of Ida County Pheasants Forever.

Kiwanis Scholarship

Amount: Varies, \$500-\$1000 usually; one time payment

Number Awarded: Varies; 1-5 usually

Criteria:

1. Preference given to children of Kiwanis members and those in KEY Club or other helpers.

Kiwanis Golden Nail

Amount: \$250; one time payment

Number Awarded: 1

Criteria: Majoring in carpentry

UBI Scholarship

Amount: \$500; one time payment

Number Awarded: 2

Criteria:

1. Requires a 2.5 GPA or higher.
2. Preference given to students entering Business Administration, Finance, Accounting, Agricultural or related field.
3. Preference is also given to United Bank of Iowa customers. United Bank of Iowa employee's children are not eligible.

Whitey and Elaine Thompson Scholarship

Amount: \$500; one time payment

Number Awarded: 2 (one boy and one girl)

Criteria:

1. High involvement in school and community activities.
2. Excellent school attendance.
3. Preference given to those who participated often in Hike Bike.

GOMACO/Star Scholarship (This is NOT the Harold and Leone Family Scholarship.)

Amount: \$500; one time payment

Number Awarded: Varies, usually 4-5

Criteria:

1. Requires a 2.5 GPA or higher.
2. Involvement in school, community, and work.

Lawrence M. & Lenora Seuntjens Scholarship

Amount: \$200; one time payment

Number Awarded: Varies; to all who meet criteria

Criteria:

1. Must be a confirmed member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ida Grove.
2. Must submit the OABCIG scholarship to qualify.

