



OREGON-DEMOCRATIC-CLUB

Oregon Democratic Club

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Oregon Democratic Club Scholarship Application: Make sure you complete all of the categories below, checking them off as you complete them or have them assembled. All applications must be completed and returned by **Wednesday, April 17, 2024**. No incomplete applications will be accepted.

All fully completed applications sent to:

Schuyler Beckwith,

1020 Grasser St

Oregon, OH 43616

You can also email completed application packets to Schuyler at sky.beckwith@gmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Telephone number(s) _____

PLEASE ASSEMBLE THE FOLLOWING, checking them off as you assemble them:

_____ Official Transcript (sealed)

_____ 3 Letters of Recommendation (sealed) that must be from:

_____ faculty or counselor (required)

_____ someone from your community (required)

_____ one additional person (NOT a relative)

_____ List with dates of school involved clubs / sports / arts, etc. including offices you held, honors received (this can be a separate attachment with your name.)

_____ List with dates of your community involvement, including offices you held, any awards given. This can include religious, social, political and service activities (this can also be an attachment with your name).

_____ a 750-word maximum essay that is original, NOT a cut and paste effort from other scholarship applications, and one that **SPECIFICALLY** addresses the question ABOVE.

_____ Grade Point Average

YOUR POST GRADUATION PLANS

Name of college, university, or job training facility you plan to attend:

_____ accepted _____ pending acceptance _____ not yet applied

What is your intended area of study or training?

I understand that this scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who resides in Oregon School District and that children and grandchildren of members of the ODC Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible for this award. I understand that I may be asked to meet with the scholarship committee (or called on the phone) to discuss my application. I understand that this scholarship is an outright grant and that the decisions of the scholarship committee are final.

I also understand that the amount of the scholarship, should I be chosen, will be used for the sole purpose of defraying educational expenses and that, if chosen, I will be asked to attend a meeting of the Oregon Democratic Club, along with parent(s) or guardian(s) for presenting the scholarship.

I understand that as the recipient a picture will be taken to be published in the Suburban/Metropress and on the club's social media, with parents or family members in the photo, along with select members of the club. I understand that the winning essay may be published in the Suburban/Metropress and shared on the club's social media.

_____ Your signature

_____ date submitted



The Oregon Democratic Club Scholarship, presented yearly, will be awarded to the most deserving applicant who has demonstrated school and community commitment, who recognizes the importance of the democratic process, and who plans to continue his or her education or job training after graduating from high school.

PURPOSE: This scholarship shall be awarded to defray the cost of tuition, room and board, equipment or tools, and books, while attending a post-secondary institution. The scholarship may be used for no other purpose.

ELIGIBILITY: Any graduating senior residing in the Oregon School District is eligible to apply during the year in which he or she will graduate. Children and grandchildren of members of the ODC Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible to receive this award. **

AMOUNT: One scholarship of \$500 shall be awarded. This scholarship is an outright gift.

ANNOUNCING THE AWARD: The award shall be determined and announced on or about the time of high school graduation, with the winner and family invited to our club meeting in June. We will be announcing the winner in the Suburban/Metro Press with part or all of the winning essay published.

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE WINNER:

- A. Original, personal essay (750 words max) that specifically addresses this question **(60%)**

QUESTION: As a new voter what are some issues you feel are important to you and your peers. What do you see is the importance of your vote at the federal, state and local levels. How would you use your voice to encourage your peer's participation in the voting and democratic process.

- B. Character and personal involvement in school/ community **(20%)**

The applicant's overall character, integrity, and honesty will be considered from the letters of recommendation, along with assessments from high school staff and community members well-acquainted with the applicant, and from the submitted lists of school/community activities and work experiences.

C. Scholarship **(20%)**

Consideration shall be given to grade point average, class rank, and course preparation for college and/or trade school which may not be reflected in academic achievement.

Based upon the above criteria and possible personal interview, the recipient from eligible applicants shall be chosen by the Scholarship Committee Chairperson and such committee members as designated by the Oregon Democratic Club. The decision of the committee will be final.

Time Schedule: Applications will be distributed in **early 2024**. All applications must be completed and returned by **Wednesday, April 17, 2024**. The selection process will be made in April with a presentation **near graduation 2024**, after the selection.

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