

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania

2025 Scholarship Award Rules

- 1. Six \$4,000.00 awards have been brought into existence to benefit present and hopefully, future members of the Order. The objective is to assist any deserving applicant in securing a Degree above the high school level. The Scholarship is based on financial need, scholarship, and leadership.**
- 2. Applicant or a living family relative must be a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania and attending full-time an accredited college/university or technical/trade school.**
- 3. Applicant must complete all information requested on the application and**
 - a) Present three (3) written recommendations.....**
 - i. High school faculty member(s), and/or**
 - ii. College/University or Technical/Trade school faculty member(s), and/or**
 - iii. Representative(s) of a community service organization**

Note: When contacting the individuals from whom you are requesting recommendation letters, please inform them that they may be contacted by a Scholarship Committee member for verification.
 - b) Provide a transcript(s) (Official preferred) from the previous year(s) of college/university or technical/trade school attendance.**
 - c) Submit copies of IRS W-2 forms of family and applicant and other financial aid, grants, scholarships, and awards which applicant has received. (You do not have to submit supporting schedules of tax returns.)**
 - d) Attach any unusual family and/or personal circumstances that applicant feels may warrant attention in demonstrating the need for financial assistance to continue school.**
- 4. Applicant must be considered a full-time student having completed at least one year of college/university or technical/trade school; and provide the name and address of that which they are presently attending.**

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5. Applicant agrees that the Award is to be applied toward tuition, the purchase of books/supplies, and/or room and board. Depending on the circumstances, an Awards check will be sent directly to the recipient's school of enrollment or directly to the student.
6. Applicant has earned an overall academic record of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
7. Applicant should be an active participant in his/her community and church related functions.
8. Applicant shall present a typed/printed essay of at least 500 words on "Why I may consider becoming a member of the Odd Fellows and/or Rebekahs Association(s)."
9. Applicant must be willing to appear before the Association's Board of Directors and/or the Scholarship Award Committee, if requested.
10. Applicant shall consent to have photographs taken of the award presentation with the committee and/or representatives of the IOOF.
11. Reapplication can be made the next school year if applicant is not successful in receiving the 2024 Scholarship Award.
12. Applications must be postmarked on or before Saturday, June 28, 2025. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Scholarship Award Committee shall have the sole responsibility in selecting the Award recipients based on the above guidelines. Award recipients will be notified shortly after the Association's Summer Board meeting (Date TBD) and the results of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be submitted for publication in the September or October issue of the "*Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine.*"

Please mail completed application and enclosures to:

**Mr. Robert Grant
OF & RA of W PA Scholarship
40 Cypress Way
Charleroi, PA 15022-3331**