

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania

Undergraduate & Graduate Scholarship Awards Offering Multiple - \$4,000 Undergraduate & \$4,000 Graduate Scholarship Awards

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania offers two different Scholarship Awards during the year.

The scholarship awards have been established to support current and, hopefully, future members of the Order. Each award provides up to \$4,000 and is granted based on academic achievement, financial need, and leadership. Our goal is to help you pursue your dreams and earn a degree beyond high school.

These scholarships have been brought into existence to benefit present and hopefully, future members of the Order. The objective of each is to assist any deserving applicant in securing a Degree.

PLEASE NOTE: These Undergraduate & Graduate Scholarship Awards are for Western Lodges only. These scholarships are NOT to be confused with the "Pennsylvania Odd Fellow-Rebekah Scholarship Program" which is chaired by Thomas J. McHugh, PGM.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Scholarship is presented to six (6) recipients (up to \$4,000 each) attending full-time an accredited college/university or technical/trade school to aid them financially in attaining an undergraduate degree or an associates degree. The applicant must have completed at least one year of full-time enrollment and the applicant, or a living family relative, must be a member of the IOOF or Rebekahs of W. PA. All areas of concentration will be considered. An "Application" and "Rules" for the Award are sent to all the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in W. PA around the beginning of April of each year. Notification of this Award is also submitted to our monthly magazine, the *Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine*. The application window usually runs from April thru June with a deadline for submission of the application usually around late June of the same year. The recipients are then notified before the beginning of the fall semester.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania "Graduate Scholarship" is presented to three (3) recipients (up to \$4,000 each) attending (full/part-time) a graduate program in an accredited college/university to assist them financially in securing a degree requiring more than the usual four (4) years of undergraduate studies to complete (i.e. Physician Assistant (PA), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD, Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), etc.) or continuing their education beyond the undergraduate (4 yrs.) college level toward an advanced degree (i.e. Masters in Education (M.Ed), Masters in Music (MM), etc.). All areas of concentration will be considered. Again, the applicant, or a living family member, must be a member of the IOOF or Rebekahs of W. PA. Notification of this Award is submitted for publication in the Sept.-Nov. issues of the *Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine*. An "Application" and "Rules" for this Award can be found online or requested by mail at the addresses which will be given in the magazine. The deadline for submission of the application will be around mid-to-late November. The recipients are then notified around the end of December.

Undergraduate Scholarship - 2026

- The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of W/PA scholarship committee will begin accepting applications from April 1, 2026, through June 27, 2026.
- One of the requirements for these Scholarships is that the applicant or a living family member must be a member of the I.O.O.F. or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania.
- Applications must be postmarked on or before Saturday, June 27, 2026.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please mail completed application and enclosures to:

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

***Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association
of Western Pennsylvania***

2026 Scholarship Award Rules

1. Six scholarship awards have been established to support current and, hopefully, future members of the Order. Each award provides up to \$4,000 and is granted based on academic achievement, financial need, and leadership. Our goal is to help you pursue your dreams and earn a degree beyond high school.
2. To be eligible, the 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 2 or 4-year college/university or technical/trade school, for at least one full year.
3. Applicant must complete all information requested on the application and
 - a) Present two (2) 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 that the applicant has received. (You do not have to submit supporting schedules of tax returns.)
 - d) Attach any unusual family and/or personal circumstances that the applicant feels may warrant attention in demonstrating the need for financial assistance to continue school.
4. Applicant must be considered a full-time college student who has completed at least one year at an accredited college or university, or a full-time student who has completed at least one year at an accredited technical or trade school, and provide the name and address of the institution they are presently attending.

(Note: CIHS and/or online credits will NOT be considered in determining the requirement for "at least one year" at a college/university or technical/trade school.)

5. Applicant agrees that the Award is to be applied toward tuition, the purchase of books/supplies, and/or room and board. An Awards check will be sent directly to the recipient's school of enrollment or, depending on circumstances, 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 their community and church-related functions.
8. Applicant shall present a typed/printed essay of at least 500 words on:
"What specific area of study or field are you most passionate about and why? Describe a defining moment or experience that solidified this passion. How will receiving this scholarship award enable you to delve deeper into your chosen field, and how do you envision using your knowledge and skills to make a positive impact in the future?"
(Please, no AI-generated response.)
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 the applicant is/is not successful in receiving the 2026 Scholarship Award.
12. Applications must be postmarked on or before Saturday, June 27, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Scholarship Award Committee shall have the sole responsibility for selecting the Award recipients based on the above guidelines. Award recipients will be notified shortly after the Association's Annual Meeting (July 18, 2026), 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 the completed application and enclosures to:

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

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2026 Scholarship Award Application

Please print/type all requested information)

I. Personal Information

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Social Security Number (last 4 digits) _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

IOOF or Rebekah Member: Yes No

If Yes: Lodge Name: _____ Lodge #: _____

Address: _____

Family Relative IOOF or Rebekah Member: Yes No

If Yes: Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Lodge Name _____ Lodge #: _____

II. Family Information:

Father' Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

High School: Name _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Address: _____

Principal's Name: _____

List: A. Community Service(s): _____

B. Church Related Participation: _____

College/University/Trade School Attending: Name _____

Location _____

Address _____

Student ID #: _____

Major or Area of Concentration: _____

Student Accounts/ Bursar's Office Address

Telephone #: _____

Class Year Recently Completed (Circle): Fr. Soph. Junior

List (2) recommendations (not relatives) with their address and phone number included. (Don't forget to enclose each.)

Name/Phone Number

Address

To the best of knowledge, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

(Note: Remember to enclose with this application the items requested in Rule #3 along with a separate sheet containing your 500 word Essay. The application's postmark deadline is June 27, 2026. If possible, please submit an inexpensive recent photograph of yourself. Your photograph may be reproduced in the *Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine*. To prevent getting involved with copyright laws, please do not use a professional photograph.)

Please mail application and enclosures to:

Mr. Robert Grant
2026 Scholarship Award
40 Cypress Way
Charleroi, PA 15022-3331

(Picture)