

OSU Black Faculty & Staff Association SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The Black Faculty and Staff Association at Oklahoma State University has been awarding scholarships to continuing students for nearly 30 years. The awards are based on academic efforts, campus and community activity, financial need, and other outstanding characteristics exhibited by students. Award monies are dispersed evenly during the Fall and Spring semesters. Funding for these awards comes from the generous contributions of OSU Black faculty and staff.

Qualifications: Recipients of awards must meet the following criteria:

READ CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS.

1. An applicant must be a continuing undergraduate student who is at least a freshman (with a minimum of 12 hours completed at OSU) at time of application.
2. Applicants must have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA at Oklahoma State University.
3. Applicant must be enrolled full-time at OSU for Fall 2021 prior to the release of funds.
4. Previous recipients of this award may be ranked lower than new applicants (non-recipients).
5. Submit two reference letters; it is preferred that one be from an OSU faculty member who can address the applicant's academic qualifications, sense of responsibility and leadership potential. Those letters should be emailed directly from the faculty member to bfsa@okstate.edu.
6. All information should be in this form. Use correct grammar, punctuation and spelling.
7. Successful applicants are expected to attend the spring Honor awards ceremony upon request.
8. Email bfsa@okstate.edu with any questions.
9. **Email your completed application packet to BFSA@OKSTATE.EDU.**

Application Packet Checklist

Your email should have **only** four attachments:

1. This form filled out in its entirety
2. Your personal narrative
3. Updated resume
4. Your current unofficial transcript (**pdf only**) from OSU

When you email your application, put "BFSA scholarship application" in the subject line and send it from your official OSU campus email account. The name of each attached file should begin with your last name. Do NOT send multiple emails with your information. (Your recommendation letters should come directly from your references.)

Applications must be received no later than: **Friday, April 22, 2022**

OSU Black Faculty & Staff Association – Attachment #1 2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all portions of this form. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ CWID # _____

Cellphone _____ Home Phone _____

Permanent Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Local Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Alternate Phone _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Major Field of Study _____

College Enrolled In _____

Cumulative Grad/Ret GPA: _____ OSU GPA: _____

OSU Academic Advisor _____

Campus Telephone _____

Current classification (Check one)

_____ FRESHMAN: (fewer than 28 semester credit hours passed)

_____ SOPHOMORE: (28 to 59 semester credit hours passed)

_____ JUNIOR: (60 to 93 semester credit hours passed)

_____ SENIOR: (94 or more semester credit hours passed)

Expected Date of Graduation _____

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PERSONAL NARRATIVE – ATTACHMENT #2

DIRECTIONS: Provide a brief narrative about: (1) your academic and career goals; (2) plans, if any, for graduate and/or professional study; and (3) how you have contributed to the African American community here on campus and/or in your local community. The Narrative must be at least 350 words, double spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman or Arial font, 1 inch margins. You may include financial need as a basis for consideration. **Include your name on each page of the narrative.**

RESUME – ATTACHMENT #3

DIRECTIONS: Make sure your resume includes the following information (1) your work history (feel free to include volunteer positions); (2) your honors and awards; and (3) extracurricular activities that are relevant to your professional and/or academic development.

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT – ATTACHMENT #4

DIRECTIONS: Attach an unofficial copy of your transcript to your application email. In the event that you win the scholarship, you will be asked to sign the following statement. You will be notified if this is needed:

Federal law requires OSU to obtain written permission from applicant for release of scholarship information to the news media. By signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information, understand that any false or misleading statements may invalidate my application, and agree that relevant information may be released. Also, I allow a Black Faculty and Staff Association representative to check my Fall grades before the Spring portion of the scholarship is awarded.

Signature_____ Date_____

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Each applicant must have two reference letters submitted on their behalf to the committee. It is preferred that one be from an OSU faculty member who can address the applicant's academic qualifications, sense of responsibility and leadership potential.

Your letters of recommendation **MUST** come directly to us from the recommender. Your participation in this process requires that you waive your rights to view his/her letter of recommendation.

Please put the names of your reviewers in the spaces provided.

Name of Recommender #1 _____

Name of Recommender #2 _____