



***Orange County Association of School Administrators
Future Educators Scholarship 2026 Application***

The **OCASA Future Educators Scholarship** aims to support high school seniors in Orange County Public Schools who are passionate about pursuing careers in education. This scholarship seeks to empower future teachers, administrators, counselors, and education specialists who will shape the next generation of learners. Through this scholarship, we hope to encourage talented OCPS students to pursue the training and education they need to make a positive impact on students, schools, and communities.

The OCASA Future Educators Scholarship Committee looks forward to learning more about each applicant's journey and aspirations in the field of education. We believe in the power of dedicated, passionate educators and are excited to support your dream of making a difference in schools and communities.

Scholarship Details:

- **Award Amount:** \$1000
 - **Eligibility:** High school seniors graduating in 2026 who intend to pursue a degree in education or a related field. Applicants must be enrolled in an OCPS school.
 - **Application Deadline:** May 4, 2026
 - **Award Notification Date:** May 8, 2026
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Application Requirements:

Please complete the following information and return with your application.

1. Personal Information

- Name:
- Date of Birth:
- High School:
- High School Weighted GPA:
- Home Address:
- Phone Number:
- Email Address:

2. Academic Information

- Intended College/University:
- Planned Major:
- Extracurricular Activities:
- Leadership Roles:
- Honors and Awards:

3. Essay

- **Prompt:** In 500-700 words, explain how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve your goal of pursuing a career in education. Discuss your inspirations, experiences, and any specific areas within education you are passionate about. Explain how this scholarship will help you overcome obstacles, enhance your learning journey, or open opportunities that may not have been accessible otherwise.

4. Letters of Recommendation

- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, coaches, or mentors who can speak to your dedication to education and leadership potential.

5. Transcript

- An official copy of your high school transcript, showing your GPA and course history.

6. Resume (Optional)

- A brief resume listing any relevant experiences, including internships, volunteer work, or part-time jobs related to education.

7. OCASA Affiliation

- If your parent is a current member of OCASA please include their name, school location and position held.
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Submission Instructions

- **Application Submission:** Please submit all six components of the application in one file to OCASA Executive Director Dr. Anna D. Diaz by email at: [**drdiaz@myocasa.net**](mailto:drdiaz@myocasa.net)
 - **Deadline: May 4, 2026**
 - **Questions:** For questions about the scholarship, please contact Doug Loftus at dloftus800@gmail.com
 - Completed applications must be submitted to the Executive Director Dr. Anna D. Diaz.
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Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on:

- **Enrollment in an OCPS high school**
- **Graduate of the class of 2025**
- **Academic Achievement**
- **Essay Quality and Insight**
- **Extracurricular Involvement**
- **Letters of Recommendation**