



**Oak Park  
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## **2026 Resident High School Graduate Scholarship Program**

### **APPLICATION**

#### **What is the Oak Park Residence Corporation Resident High School Graduate Scholarship Program?**

The Oak Park Residence Corporation (OPRC) plans to award up to two \$2,000 scholarships, renewable for up to an additional three years for a potential total of \$8,000. The scholarship may be applied to tuition, room and board, or any school related expenses. Students are eligible for renewal of the scholarship after the first year provided the student is enrolled in an educational institution, or training program. These awards will be given to chosen seniors who are planning to continue their education or training beyond high school.

#### **Who may apply?**

Any current high school senior residing in an apartment building managed by OPRC may apply provided they are planning to continue their education in the fall following graduation at an accredited training, licensing or certification program or an accredited institution of higher learning. OPRC reserves the right to verify this information.

#### **How can the award be applied?**

Recipients may use the award for tuition, room or board, or any school related expense at an accredited post high school training, licensing, or certification program or at an accredited two- or four-year institutions of higher learning. All scholarships will be paid directly to the learning institution designated on the student's final college or program acceptance paperwork.

#### **What are the criteria for selecting winners?**

The OPRC scholarship is a merit-based award seeking to recognize diverse and unique abilities, talents, interests, and career goals. It is not an academic or athletic award. Multiple criteria will be considered in selecting recipients including special talents, unique endeavors, character and maturity, community service, school academic, athletic, and social involvement, work history, unusual challenges, and extreme financial hardship. Semi-finalists will also be required to complete an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

#### **How do I apply?**

- Fill out the application neatly and completely. Type or print in permanent blue or black ink only.
- Complete the essay questions as defined in the application and submit with completed application form.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation. This may be from a faculty or staff member of your school, or from a member of the community who knows you well.
- Submit high school transcripts, from current and any previous high school attended.



Your application, transcript and the letter of recommendation must be received by OPRC by 5:00 p.m. on: **JANUARY 20, 2026.**

- Please note, some questions may not be applicable to you and you may indicate this by putting "N/A".
- If called for an interview, interviews will take place during the first two weeks of February 2026.
- All scholarship recipients will be notified at the beginning of March 2026.
- Please type directly onto this form or print legibly.
- Use additional paper to answer questions if necessary.
- Please, if possible and where applicable, fill this application out in its entirety. Thank you.

STUDENT INFORMATION
Name:
Home Address:
Phone Number:
Birth date:
Email Address:

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION
Parent/Guardian (1) Name:
Phone:
Email Address:
Parent/Guardian (2) Name:
Phone:
Email Address:





Student's Name:

4. List your employment experience: for example, cashier, receptionist, baby-sitting, camp counselor, lawn mowing/shoveling, etc. Please note or describe anything of particular interest to you.

5. List any school honors or awards.

6. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school.



Student's Name:

7. Is there any additional information you would like us to know about you?

**ESSAY TOPICS**

Essays should be limited to one page. Please attach your response to your completed application form. When writing an essay, please write, in permanent blue or black ink, or type responses to the following two essay questions:

1. How do you see your education or training program assisting you in your goals?
2. Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development.

List College(s) or Program(s) applied to:

COLLEGE(S) or PROGRAM(S)				
College/Program Name	Area of Study or Interest	Accepted		
		YES	NO	PENDING

Please answer the following and attach a copy of your high school transcripts to the paper application or transcripts can be emailed, mailed, faxed, or submitted online (please see below).

Cumulative Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Application, letter of recommendation and transcript must be submitted or postmarked by: **January 20, 2026.**

**You may submit your application, letter of recommendation or transcript by mail, fax, or email**

**Applications, letters or recommendation and transcripts can be:**

**Faxed to:** (708) 386-9362 **Attn:** Ciara Jones

**Scanned and emailed to:** Ciara Jones - cjones@oakparkrc.com

**Mailed to:** Ciara Jones, Director of HR and Administration, 21 South Boulevard, Oak Park, IL 60302.  
Please call Ciara Jones at (708) 386-6061, ext. 120 with any questions.

***On behalf of the Oak Park Residence Corporation Thank you for taking the time to complete this scholarship application. We wish you the best with all your future endeavors.***