

2009 – 2010 ORHS Scholarship Information

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD APPLICATIONS

Eligibility for financial assistance may be based on one or more of the following criteria:

- Overall grade point average and test scores
- Activities in school and in the community
- Religious affiliation
- Athletic involvement and ability
- Ethnic background
- Personal characteristics i.e. height
- Membership and leadership in various organizations
- Financial need
- Motivation and personal qualities
- Related experiences or volunteer work
- Essay competition
- Parent affiliation and/or employment
- Dependent of veteran
- Artwork or student portfolio
- Next years attendance at a particular college or school
- Miscellaneous

The application process begins with fully completing an application form and required attachments, (letters of recommendation, essays, current transcripts, etc.) and meeting the due date for the application.

- **Word process, type** the application or write in **black ink** (neatly)
- Attach all required documents; use a **cover letter** to make your package more professional
- Submit the completed application **before or by the deadline**. (Postmark Deadline or Received Deadline)
- Obtain letters of recommendation early from employers, teachers, counselors, or professionals you know
- Give careful thought and check your essay for accuracy (use spell-check)
- Make copies of applications and award information (may use the Career Center copier)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - GET THEM NOW

What does a prospective employer, a college admission committee, and a scholarship screening committee have in common? They all want to make the best decision possible. They want to select the one individual (or individuals) who will be the best employee or college student. From the high school transcript each of these groups can determine an individual's academic abilities and SAT scores. Before the selection is made it is important for those making the decision to be provided with specific information about each applicant. Letters of recommendation tell those making the selections why one student would be better suited for recognition, admission, or for the job. The letters of recommendation more clearly define individual differences.

Personal Data Form (download from www.orhscareercenter.com)

When seniors are requesting letters of recommendation, it is helpful if they provide significant personal information to allow the writer to compose a letter that will include details about the accomplishments of the student. Before requesting a letter the student should complete a personal data form to provide the writer with his/her pertinent information. A sample personal data form can be located in the green scholarship book distributed by the school counselors and career specialists.

Who Should Your Ask to Write a Letter? Students should ask teachers **whom know them best**. Other good sources for letters of recommendations include **coaches, counselors, pastors, and employers** who can evaluate the student's best qualities.

Timeline

Students are encouraged to request the letters in a timely fashion. Teachers, counselors, etc. are busy people. When they write a letter of recommendation it is good to remember that they do so as a favor. It is in the student's best interest to give the writer ample time (2

weeks – 1 month) in which to complete the task as it is convenient. It is appropriate to mention the deadline date when the request for the letter is placed. It is helpful to the writer to know how to prioritize the requests. It is unfortunate when a student misses a deadline because thorough planning did not allow sufficient time for letters of recommendation. All students will eventually need such a letter. To insure that letters are prepared on time, why not request them today?

You may make copies

You may make copies of your original letter of recommendation, unless otherwise stated in the scholarship instructions. Most writers are happy to provide you with duplicate copies and will grant permission to copy. Good quality copies are the only acceptable copies. Even if it is necessary to pay a little more for copies, it is worth the extra cost. Keep in mind that some letters must be written to the specific situation and every letter will not serve the same purpose. Students will want to have **three or four different letters** on file. Letters from several different sources are required with most applications.

Adequate planning and attention to detail will enhance letters of recommendation. Yes! The letters are read. Yes! The letters do make a difference

Thank the Letter Writer

Teachers and counselors are busy people. Formally thank your letter writers for taking time out of their busy schedules to write you a letter of recommendation. Send a note or drop off a tray of cookies to show your appreciation.

FALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Look for these scholarships to become available during the months of September, October, November and December

AIA / AAF MINORITY / DISADVANTAGED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Students pursuing a degree in architecture, essay required. Online: <http://www.archfoundation.org/aaf/aaf/Programs.Fellowships.htm>

ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY INC.

African American senior males, community involvements, career goals, and desire to contribute to your community.
Online:

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Original computer generated artwork, \$1,000 -\$3,500 award. Request an official entry packet by calling (800) 773-9880 X 14.

COMCAST LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Seniors with a 2.8 GPA or higher, strong commitment to community service, \$1,000 award. Oak Ridge can nominate one student.
Online: www.comcast.com/scholarships

DISCOVER CARD - TRIBUTE AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Juniors eligible, 2.75 GPA, demonstrate accomplishments in 4 of 5 areas: special talents, leadership, obstacles that have been overcome, community service and unique endeavors. Online: www.discoverfinancial.com/community/scholarship.shtml

EL DORADO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP (www.edc-scholarships.org)

Direct descendant of an El Dorado High School Alumni, 4-year student at school, strong GPA, participant in school and community activities, demonstrate financial need, enrollment in accredited school (college or trade school)

METRO PCS COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Seniors only, \$1,000 awards, community involvement. Online: www.metropcs.com/scholarship

NFIB (YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR FOUNDATION)

Seniors who demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, 1000 word typed essay, \$1,000 scholarships.
Online: www.NFIB.com/YEF

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE ARTS

Recognizes young artists with exceptional ability in the following areas: music, dance, visual arts, theater/Film and writing.

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

3.0 GPA, major in following areas: computer science, electrical or computer engineering, languages, mathematics. Employment opportunities at NSA. Stokes Educational Scholarship Program. Online:

www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities_4_u/students/undergraduate/stokes.shtml

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Variety of scholarships for academic excellence & financial need; applicants must have application endorsed by local DAR Chapter. Timed essay contest . Additional scholarships: www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

Grades 10-12 are eligible, 500-word essay, \$ 2,000 -\$5,000 awards.

Online: <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships4.cfm>

ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) (Best to apply in your Junior Year)

The US Army, Navy/Marines, and Air Force offer ROTC scholarships. These scholarships pay for 4 years of college, provided the college has a ROTC program. Recipients will attend college first, and then serve 4 years as a commissioned officer in the Armed Service of their choice. Local military representatives can initiate the process or call one of the toll free numbers listed below: Army (800) USA-ROTC Navy/Marines (800) USA-NAVY Air Force (800) 522-0033

SAE INTERNATIONAL (SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS)

10th and 11th grade students eligible, 3.5 GPA, engineering majors, essay. Online: <http://www.sae.org/students/app-undesigned.pdf>

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL “YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS”

Based on citizenship, commitment to family life and community activities. Specific application to be delivered to the Career Center.

UC ALUMNI Scholarships (Due January – February)

Apply to the University of California campuses by Nov. 30th. Online:

http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/scholarships.html

US BANK

Seniors, online drawing, enter multiple times. Online: www.usbank.com/studentbanking

WINTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Look for these scholarships to become available during the months of January, February, and March

AAUW “DORTHEA ENGSTROM”

Must enroll in at least 12 units in college, good character, personality and leadership ability, 3.5 GPA.

ACTIVE 20/30 CLUB OF PLACERVILLE (edc-scholarships.org)

Applicant must have history of community service, plan on attending vocational school or a two or four-year college.

AFL-CIO LABOR FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

Knowledge and understanding of labor, business, industry, and government problems dealing with economic and political conditions affecting labor and management. Labor relations test required.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

Seniors only, who will be pursuing a four year degree program related to aerospace studies such as engineering, mathematics, science, and technology. 3.0 GPA, SAT score 1800 or 22 ACT score.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Various scholarships available, must be a dependent or grandchild of a Veteran and a resident of California for 5 years; selection based on character, need and merit. (www.calegionaux.org/scholarships)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GOLD COUNTRY EDUCATIONAL GIFT

Child, grandchild, great-grandchild of a veteran; useable at colleges, universities, or vocational/business schools. Applications may be obtained via website.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #119 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP (www.edc-scholarships.org)

Interest in school and civic affairs, leadership and high moral character, 2.0 GPA, enrollment in community or 4 year college.

BKS BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Seniors, who have worked an average of 15 hours per week, have community service, and have demonstrated financial need. \$1,000 award. Online: www.bk.com/scholars

BUCKEYE TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION

A senior who is dependent of a teacher who is a member of the Buckeye Teachers’ Association.

CABRILLO CIVIC CLUB

Student of Portuguese descent, 3.5 GPA, 3 extra-curricular activities, scholastic promise; award available to use at any post-secondary institution

CAC EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Seniors, essay contest, first prize is \$2,000. Essay prompt, “the importance of establishing and maintaining good credit during your college years.”

CA MASONIC FOUNDATION

Masonic relationship or membership is not required, based on financial need. Award amount \$10,000 (maximum). Apply online.

<http://www.freemason.org/scholarshipCenter/index.htm>

CALIFORNIA RETIRED TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION

Descendent of active/retired/deceased member; 3.0 GPA, academic and vocational potential, involvement in human, social and civic issues. Entering the education field. Required: official transcript, and 2 letters of recommendation;

CARLENE BAKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Female seniors who have a passion for playing soccer and has plans to play soccer beyond high school.

CHRISTINE CRAFT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to female seniors, who have played at least 2 years of varsity volleyball. Required: 2 letters of recommendation, one from a varsity coach, essay, and application.

CIF SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

3.70 GPA, and 2 years varsity sports, superior athlete, outstanding citizenship and character; two nominations from each school, one female and one male; four year college-bound students

DARRELL AND CHRIS JONES ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

2.5 GPA, 2 or 4 year college, community service and activities; \$1,000 award

DE PARLIER SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Senior who is planning to pursue a degree in design (architecture, graphic, interior, or fashion). Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA and 2 letters of recommendation.

DEVRY INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP (Computer/Electronics)

Tuition for DeVry Institute; finalists will be selected based on SAT or ACT performance and academic achievement.

EI DORADO CENTER FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE PATRON'S CLUB (edc-scholarships.org)

Seniors who will be attending Folsom Lake College or El Dorado Center.

EL DORADO COUNTY TOP ACHIEVERS CLUB / ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Seniors planning to major in Real Estate, business or related fields, essay, 2.75 minimum GPA

EL DORADO DEPUTY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION (edc-scholarships.org)

2.5 GPA, student in good standing, interview may be required; preference will be given to dependents of law enforcement officers

EL DORADO HILLS ART ASSOCIATION (edc-scholarships.org)

Seniors only, who will be attending an art program at an accredited institution.

EL DORADO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (edc-scholarships.org)

One year on El Dorado Youth Soccer League, 2.5 minimum GPA, essay

ELKS CLUB OF FOLSOM "MOST VALUABLE" STUDENT

Selection based on academic standing, leadership, and SAT/ACT scores; for students pursuing a four-year degree. Local, state, and national awards available to ORHS student

FALLEN WARRIOR SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org) Seniors only, essay contest in honor of our Oak Ridge Fallen Warriors, Brad Shuder and Kyle Dayton. A student panel is selected to read and evaluate essays.

GOLD BUG QUILTERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Senior, who will be pursuing a career in textiles, fiber art or art fields, 3.0 GPA, 500 word essay.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Seniors, who are Roman Catholic and of Italian descent. Based on scholastic, financial need, leadership and character. Award in 2009 was \$400.

JACK & JILL OF AMERICA INC.

African American heritage, essay required, community service

KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLAR

Seniors, who have a minimum 2.75 GPA, plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, demonstrate financial need; will be attending school within their legal state of residence. Online: www.kfcscholars.org

MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Senior, who will be pursuing a medical career, 2 letters of recommendation, personal statement, 2.5 GPA

MCKELVEY FOUNDATION

Seniors, who will be attending a 4-year college, must have operated a business for at least one year (non-profits are OK) and have at least one employee. Online: www.mckelveyfoundation.org

MERCY HOSPITAL OF FOLSOM AUXILIARY

Pursuing education in health care or related medical field; available to students entering a university, college, or vocational school.

"MOLLIE HURD" PLACERVILLE SHAKESPEARE CLUB

3.0 GPA, female senior, good moral character, interest in school and community; \$ 750 awarded at a special scholarship luncheon in May .

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (Nomination)

Senior with strong academics and definite financial need, interview required, award \$28,000, selection committee at ORHS. The school will nominate one senior to be considered for this scholarship.

OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (edc-scholarships.org)

Seniors who have participated in extracurricular activities and can provide evidence of community service.

PLACERVILLE EMBLEM CLUB #287

Seniors only, general scholarship, good citizenship.

PLACERVILLE NEWCOMERS' CLUB

Seniors only, \$1,000 award, general.

RESCUE VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION (edc-scholarships.org)

Must live reside in Rescue Fire District, \$300 award.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Seniors, who are Asian, African American, Hispanic

SACRAMENTO HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Hispanic heritage, financial information needed, and personal statement.

SAM WALTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Seniors with proven academic achievement and interest, character, leadership, school involvement and community service are considered. Financial need is important.

SCHAWB-ROSENHOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards of \$1,000 - \$5,000 may be applied to colleges or vocational schools within 100 miles of the Sacramento Area; Residency requirement, SAT or ACT, letter of recommendation

SCOTT RUSSELL MEMORIAL (edc-scholarships.org)

Seniors, who pay golf on a high school team and have 2.0 GPA.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

“Merit based” for qualified freshmen women; several categories.

SONS OF ITALY - GOLD COUNTRY LODGE #2705

Outstanding Italian student at Oak Ridge High School.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CAMERON PARK (edc-scholarships.org)

Good citizenship, women, \$500 award.

TEAM 2000 PLUS JACK DOWNEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Senior, who is interested in pursuing a career in business and has participated in athletics.

TRACY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (Typically 30 awards to Oak Ridge seniors)

2 year residency requirement as a student in the EDUHSD, 3.0 min. GPA, financial need, community and school activities, academics, renewable (approx. 30 scholarships are awarded to Oak Ridge seniors each year. This scholarship is renewable.)

VIRGINIA BRIGGS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Senior only who is majoring in journalism, English, or a related subject in college.

SPRING SCHOLARSHIPS

Look for these scholarships to become available the months of April, May and June

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER

Provide an example of drawings, short essay, letter of recommendation; \$1,000 award.

DR. VICKI BARBER (edc-scholarships.org)

Students who will be attending community college in the Los Rios District, one letter of recommendation, \$100 award.

BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP Senior men, who will be attending Sacramento State. The California Theta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is offering up to 5 Balance Man Scholarships up to \$1,000 each to outstanding freshman males entering California State University, Sacramento. The aim of the scholarship is to recognize men who strive to achieve both balance and all-around excellence.

BOODSOURCE

Seniors who have worked on school blood drive involving BloodSource.

CALTRANS DISTRICT 3 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Seniors, who are planning a career in transportation. Participation in extracurricular and community related activities will be considered.

CHRISTINE CRAFT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Available to an ORHS female student, who played two years of varsity volleyball, 2.5 GPA, letter from a varsity coach.

EL DORADO COUNTY BUILDERS' EXCHANGE (edc-scholarships.org)

Seniors who will be going into a building, architecture or construction field.

EL DORADO COUNTY MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY

Seniors who will be pursuing a degree and/or career in earth science or lapidary arts at an accredited college or institution.

EL DORADO COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN, FEDERATED ESSAY (ESSAY CONTEST)

senior males or females, 500 word essay contest, awards range from \$25 to \$300

EL DORADO HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (edc-scholarships.org)

Seniors, who live in El Dorado Hills. Academic and vocational scholarships.

EL DORADO HILLS FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Student must live within EDH Fire Department jurisdiction, available to PHS and ORHS, college or vocational/technical school programs

EL DORADO HILLS SOCCER CLUB (edc-scholarships.org)

Seniors, who played 5 or more years for the El Dorado Hills Soccer Club, 3.0 GPA, 2 letter of recommendation, and goal statement.

EL DORADO LODGE #26

Special consideration to students who have been members of Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters, or DeMolay, 3.0 GPA, 2 or 4 year college.

EL DORADO WEST REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED

Available to all students who are residents of El Dorado County, male and female students are eligible.

EL DORADO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (edc-scholarships.org)

Senior, who has played for the EDYSL for at least one year and has played varsity soccer on their high school team, 2.7 GPA.

FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING (FIDM)

Competition, 5 projects to choose from, full tuition to FIDM.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

Dependent of federal employee with 3 years service, 3.0 GPA, community service, extra curricular activities.

FRONTLINE FELLOWSHIP

Seniors, who are members of the Frontline Fellowship Club. Check with club to see if offering.

INTERACT SCHOLARSHIP

Seniors, who are members of the Interact Club are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Pick up an application from the Interact Advisor.

JAMES R. FRAYSIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Seniors, who have a 3.5 GPA and going into education, studying in California and with financial need.

JOHN P. HEALY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Seniors, who have a passion for drama.

MARSHALL HOSPITAL SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarships.org)

Applicants must be intend to pursue study in the health care field; selection is based on: personal qualities, scholastic achievement, and 2.5 GPA; award will be either (1) \$500 or (2) \$250 awards.

OAK RIDGE GIRLS' LACROSSE (edc-scholarship.org)

Female senior, who has played on the Oak Ridge Lacrosse team.

PINK RIBBON SCHOLARSHIP (edc-scholarship.org)

Candidate must have had a personal diagnosis of cancer or had a family member have a personal diagnosis of cancer. Essay contest, \$500 award.

PLACERVILLE ARTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Art student, letters of recommendation and portfolio presentation; award amounts vary.

PLACERVILLE EMBLEM CLUB

Available to students in the following categories: Nursing & Allied Health, business field, special education student, or related to a member. Financial need, 2.5 GPA, and interview required, available to use at any post-secondary institution.

PORTUGUESE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SOCIETY

Seniors of Portuguese descent. Also based on GPA, extracurricular activities, leadership, Portuguese community involvement, and an essay.

ROBERT C. BYRD SCHOLARS PROGRAM (Nomination)

Two nominations from each school, based solely on high GPA and SAT standings; \$1,500 per year for 4 years.

ROTARY CLUB OF EI DORADO HILLS (edc-scholarships.org)

Scholarships were awarded to ORHS students based on community participation – based on community service.

SACRAMENTO PC USER'S GROUP

Essay describing what you have accomplished with your computer; \$250 award.

SACRAMENTO TALL CLUB

Minimum height requirement is 6'2" for male and 5'10" for female; based on academics, school activities, community service.

TERESA HENRY MEMORIAL

Female senior, must have participated in two or more sports, 3.2 GPA, interview, perpetual plaque at ORHS; award amount \$300.