



Scholarship Application

The Oconee County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that it will award one **\$1,500** scholarship to one deserving graduate of any of the public or private high schools in Oconee County.

Applications will be accepted between January 1, 2026 and April 10, 2026. **All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 10th.**

Criteria:

1. The student must be a 2026 graduate of Athens Academy, North Oconee High School, Oconee County High School, Prince Avenue Christian School, or Westminster Christian Academy.
2. The student must be pursuing post-secondary education at either a two-year or four-year educational institution in the summer or fall of 2026.

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The student must be pursuing post-secondary education at a technical and/or vocational institution in the summer or fall of 2026.

Selection Process:

1. Applications will be reviewed and a decision will be made no later than May 1, 2026.
2. Students will be selected based on the following:
 - the response to the essay question below;
 - participation and leadership in school and community activities and work experience;
 - academic achievement
 - personal circumstances relating to need

Notification:

1. Students selected to receive the scholarship will be notified via an invitation to attend Honors Night.

Please fill out the following information and submit back with the information requested below.

Name: _____ **School:** _____

Address:

City: _____ **Phone:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

ESSAY QUESTION: (Response must be typed and be no more than 350 words in length, attached to this application along with an unofficial copy of your student transcript. Your name should not be mentioned in your essay. If it is, your name will be blacked out and this will affect the presentation of your essay).

“Why is it important for you to receive scholarship funds to help further your education? What would these dollars mean to you, and how would they aide in attaining your educational goals?”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED (IN RESUME FORMAT)

Please provide a brief description (in resume format) of:

- your involvement in school activities;
- any volunteer and work experience;
- career and educational goals

All application materials will be held in confidence and destroyed upon conclusion of the scholarship selection process.

Once compiled, please send your application to:

Courtney Bernardi at cbernardi@oconeechamber.org with the subject heading CHAMBER
SCHOLARSHIP

or

drop off application at the Chamber office at 55 Nancy Dr., Watkinsville.

APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. on FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026.