

OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE

General Scholarship Application

2025-2026 Academic Year

The Olney Central College Foundation is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the advancement of OCC. It was formed in 1971 to provide OCC students with broader educational opportunities and to offer expanded services to the alumni and citizens of Southeastern Illinois.



General Application Requirements

Please make sure the required boxes are ☒ checked before submitting to OCC Financial Aid.

- ☐ Applied and enrolled in an OCC program
- ☐ Completed and signed scholarship application
- ☐ Most current transcript
- ☐ Personal letter of academic and professional goals
(additional information may include: honors, activities, financial need, why you want/deserve this scholarship, etc.)
- ☐ Letter of support/recommendation (not from a family member)
- ☐ Meet scholarship deadline of February 27, 2026

For questions call Olney Central College Financial Aid (618)395-7777

Please return completed checklist with application and other requirements to OCC Financial Aid Department.

To be signed/initialed by OCC Financial Aid:

_____ Application requirements complete

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY

THIS SECTION IS TO BE SUBMITTED BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL:

This is to certify that at the end of the 7th semester this student ranked _____ in a class of _____ students.

This student has a cumulative grade point average (GPA) is _____ on a _____ scale.

Please provide relevant test data based on student participation.

ACT subject scores:

English: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Composite: _____

SAT scores:

Verbal: _____

Math: _____

COMPASS scores:

Reading: _____

Numerical: _____

Writing: _____

I certify that all information is correct and that if awarded a scholarship, Olney Central College is hereby granted permission to release this information for publication for a period of one year from the date stated below. Also, my signature below gives permission for my high school to provide any academic information requested on this application form. I authorize Olney Central College to provide information pertaining to my enrollment status, hours enrolled, grades, financial assistance, tuition and fees to the director of the Olney Central College Foundation.

☐ Guidance Counselor/Principal signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School _____ Date of Graduation

OCC Program _____ Expected date of Graduation

Intended Major: _____

Are you receiving outside scholarships or additional funding from Olney Central College?

No ☐ Unknown ☐ Yes ☐

If YES, explain:

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE & DATE



Recipients of any scholarships are required to meet and maintain the guidelines set forth in the award description. Award monies are disbursed per semester. If the criteria is not met, student will not receive the additional portion of the award the following semester.

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Olney Central College Foundation Scholarships, Guidelines, and Requirements

A special thank you to the generous gifts of our donors that make these scholarships possible.

Please mark ALL of the scholarships for which you wish to apply (you may apply for more than one).

***Scholarships marked with an * are available to current OCC students, new OCC students, and high school seniors.**

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS- current OCC students only

All nursing awards go to level 1 students to be paid Fall of level 2

- ☐ BRAZITIS SCHOLARSHIP: (2) \$1,250.00 awarded annually to a level 1 nursing student to be used for tuition, fees, other school related expenses and living expenses. Must be under 35 years of age, and a Richland County resident. Submit personal goal statement and record of academic achievement.
- ☐ SUMATHI NATARAJAN MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP: Variable award made to a level 1 nursing student attending OCC. Funds are intended to help with costs to include tuition, fees, insurance, uniforms, and board testing.

- ☐ KATRINA AND MINNIE WEBER SCHOLARSHIP: \$1000 award annually to an OCC level 1 nursing student. The award is to be used for tuition, fees, uniforms, books, insurance and other expenses. Student should show record of merit.
- ☐ NELLIE YELCH SCHOLARSHIP: \$1000 award to OCC level 1 nursing student to be used for tuition, fees, books, equipment. Student should be full time and in good standing academically.

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

- ☐ MARY LOU BROWN SCHOLARSHIP: Student must be a current OCC Art student, maintain 2.5 GPA, and participate in art showcase. The annual award is based on interest earned by the fund and is to be used for tuition, fees, art supplies and books.
- ☐ * RUTH HENRY SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 award given to a first or second year student in the performing arts. Award is based on merit/performance. Student must show record of activities (drama, music, choir, or band), maintain a 2.5 GPA and participate in performing arts programs while attending OCC.
- ☐ JAMES F KELLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS: (2) \$1000 awards annually to one vocal music student and one instrumental music student. Students should be entering their sophomore year at OCC and the money is to be used for tuition, fees, music related expenses. Students should be pursuing music career and actively engage in community service.

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS- current OCC students only

- ☐ JACKIE DAVIS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP: (1) education scholarship for \$2000 given to a 2nd year education major transferring to a 4-year school to pursue a degree in Education. Preferably this should be a non-traditional/older full time student, maintain 3.0 GPA and perform 8 hours/semester community service.
- ☐ FRANCES STENCEL TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS: (2) \$500 awards to graduating sophomores transferring to a 4-year school to major in teaching/education. Student should be an A-B student, be of good character, be of service to OCC or community and desire to be a teacher.

SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ☐ * HOFFMAN SCHOLARSHIP: Botanical Science Book stipend of \$150 and the rest of the award will be based on interest earned by the fund (up to \$500/semester). Student is required to take Comp II class at OCC. Student is to prepare an original research paper on native Illinois wildflowers, grasses or trees. This award can be granted to the same student more than once.
- ☐ JOHN STENCEL BIOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS: (2) \$500 awards to graduating sophomores in Biology. Students should have an A-B average, be involved in school or community service and be of good character.

HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ☐ HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (HIA) SCHOLARSHIP: Net income from interest earned will be awarded annually to one student from Richland County and one student from Clay County. Current OCC students must

be enrolled full or part time in nursing or radiography and committed to practice in Illinois. Award is to go toward tuition and fees.

- ☐ * KENTON PEAK SCHOLARSHIP: \$1000 annually to an OCC or FCC student in para-medical, EM responder, or other healthcare program. Award is to be used for tuition, books, fees and program related expenses. Student should maintain a 2.5 GPA, can be either incoming freshman or sophomore, take an active role in emergency preparedness, and plan to serve as an EMT or healthcare provider after graduation.
- ☐ * DOUG SHEHORN SCHOLARSHIP: Amount of award based on annual interest accrued and given to student majoring in health sciences, pre-med or health related field.

ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP- current OCC students only

- ☐ JACKIE DAVIS ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP: \$2000 scholarship given to a current full time, first year engineering OCC student who will transfer to a 4-year school to pursue a degree in engineering. Student should maintain a 3.25 GPA.

RADIOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIP- current OCC students only

- ☐ JACKIE DAVIS RADIOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship given to a current full-time, first-year radiography OCC student who should maintain a 3.0 GPA.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS- current OCC students only

- ☐ LEOLA BASS SCHOLARSHIP: Variable award for a current OCC student based on fund interest income annually.
- ☐ A.C. BETEBENNER SCHOLARSHIPS: (3) \$500 scholarships to 2nd year students who will be graduating with ASA, or AS degree. Applicants should be successful and committed to a worthy career goal.
- ☐ CLIO CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: \$200 annual character award given to a graduating female demonstrating outstanding character and is conscientious in pursuing her chosen course of study. Prefer student with average or higher grades, good work habits and desire to continue her education.
- ☐ COCHRAN AND KISSEL SCHOLARSHIP: Amount of award is based on annual interest earned from the fund. Criteria to be considered is based on promise of success in field of study for a current OCC student.
- ☐ OCC FOUNDATION AWARDS: (2) \$500 awards – one to a student graduating with AAS degree and one to a student graduating with ASA degree.
- ☐ SHICK & THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP: Amount of award based on annual interest from the fund. The current OCC student should have good academics and extenuating circumstances.
- ☐ BAYLEY AND BRYSON WALKER TRIO SCHOLARSHIP: \$500 award annually given to a student who shall have held a part-time job in the previous year and during time of receiving award, maintain a 3.0 GPA, be a 1st generation college student. OCC student is preferred but if none, then IECC-wide trio student can be awarded.

- ☐ WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: \$100/year to a female student entering 2nd year with a "B" average in the humanities field.
- ☐ YARBROUGH SCHOLARSHIP: Award based on annual interest earned from the fund. Awarded to a current OCC student who demonstrates promise of success in their chosen field.