



**OFFICE COMMITTEE
UNION (OCU)
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**

2026 Application Packet

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Scholarships are available to legal dependents of an OCU active, retired, or deceased member.

Applicant must be a graduating senior; college, university, technical or vocational post-secondary school freshmen, sophomore or junior, or high school graduate within the last two years.

Completed application, together with all supporting documents, must be received no later than 3:00PM Monday, March 09, 2026. See application details for more information.

OCU Scholarship Application Details

The Office Committee Union (OCU) is dedicated to supporting its members and their families. In alignment with this commitment, the OCU has established the *OCU Scholarship Program*. This program awards a total of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) annually to six (6) **legal dependents** of active, retired, or deceased OCU members. Scholarship funds are allocated as follows: four (4) general scholarships at two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) each; one (1) technical or vocational scholarship at two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); and one (1) scholarship for a student pursuing a master's or doctorate degree, also in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Eligible dependents include graduating high school seniors, current college freshmen, sophomores, or juniors, or those who have graduated from high school within the past two years. Should any scholarship category lack qualified applicants, the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to reallocate funds to other eligible categories as deemed appropriate.

HOW TO APPLY:

Application packets will be made available on the OCU Website www.officecommitteeunion.org or can be obtained by a member of the OCU Board, Scholarship committee, or Area Representative.

The deadline for complete applications is no later than 3:00 pm Monday, March 09, 2026. Applications received after this date will not be accepted even if postmarked before this date. You can send your application electronically to kz562@cummins.com, or you can either mail or drop it off at the OCU Hall, address below:

Office Committee Union
Scholarship Committee
1933 10th Street
Columbus, IN 47201

Please use the checklist below to guarantee that all required documents are submitted with your application.

You must ensure the following documents are complete, and none may be omitted.

Only complete applications, including all required documentation, will be reviewed:

- Application Form** - with Counselor Verification
 - Counselor Verification** - Your application **must be signed** by your counselor/administrator.
- Student Essay** - **Must be 500 Words, Double-Spaced, 12pt Times New Roman.** See **Below for Essay Topic***
- Current Transcript** of grades and grade point average. Electronic transcript will be accepted at time of application.
Note: Official Transcript must be provided before funds are deposited.
- Resume:** list of your employment, and/or any involvement in extracurricular activities, community involvement and volunteer endeavors.
- Letter of Recommendation** (i.e. employer, teacher, coach, pastor, other professional; non-relative) must be submitted via professional email from individual writing the recommendation and sent to kz562@cummins.com.

***Student Essay Topic: What key items or influences are your motivations for success? What plans and habits have you developed to make your goals a reality? What are your career interests or plans after college?**

The essay is a very important part of the scholarship application.

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HOW THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORKS:

SELECTION

The Scholarship Committee will award scholarship winners by evaluating academic records, a written application, a 500-word essay, applicant recommendation letter, and a GPA score.

AMOUNT

Up to Six (6) scholarships, each valued at \$2,000 per year, will be awarded.

A new application must be submitted for consideration each year.

PAYMENT OF AWARD

Upon admittance, the award is deposited in the student's name at the school of their choice.

2026 APPLICATION TIMETABLE

March 9	Completed applications, including all supporting documents, must be received at the OCU Hall address no later than 3:00pm.
March 11 - March 27	Scholarship Committee will review all application packages.
March 30	All winners will be notified on or before this date.
April 21 from 6 - 8pm	Recognition Dinner for scholarship winners held at OCU Hall, address listed below.
July 31	Scholarship checks mailed directly to schools on or before this date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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