



Thank you for your interest in our Mary Johnston Scholarship Program.

The OOIDA Scholarship Fund was established in 1998 for the children, grandchildren and legal dependents of OOIDA Members. To be eligible, the applicant must be at least a high school senior and no older than 22 years of age. Five scholarships are given each year: one \$2,000 scholarship and four \$1,000 scholarships.

Each student must submit an application, 500-word essay on the topics indicated on the application, a high school transcript or transcript from an institution of higher learning, proof of enrollment from an institution of Higher Education prior to receiving a scholarship award, and a photo of the applicant in the event that they are selected for an award. The application, essay, transcript, and proof of enrollment (for those individuals who are applicable), are forwarded to the OOIDA Scholarship Committee, which is appointed by the OOIDA Board. The Scholarship Committee reads each essay, reviews all information provided by each student and votes to choose the scholarship winners.

Winners will be notified by letter after our Spring Board Meeting each year. OOIDA will verify enrollment and deposit the funds directly in the student's account at the institute of higher learning of his/her choice. Funds will be available in the first week of August for each year. Each scholarship award is renewable for three additional years. In order to renew the scholarship, the student must complete and return a renewal form that will be mailed to the winners each year.

The Scholarship program is administered by OOIDA Foundation, Inc., which is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide educational materials and conduct in-depth research into issues that affect truckers. Tax deductible donations to the OOIDA Scholarship Fund can be sent to OOIDA Foundation, Inc., PO Box 1000, Grain Valley, MO 64029.

Please find the enclosed scholarship application. All applications must be postmarked by February 1.

I hope this has answered your questions about the program. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew King, at 816-229-5791, ext. 1133, or at Andrew_King@ooida.com.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "K".

Andrew King
Research Analyst
OOIDA Foundation



OOIDA Foundation Inc., Scholarship Program Application

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School Attended: _____

Name of sponsoring OOIDA Member parent, grandparent, or legal guardian: _____

OOIDA Membership #: _____ Relationship to sponsor: _____

College Name: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ College Email: _____

Intended Major: _____ College Student ID#: _____

Required Additional Information:

1. Applicant's Essay - 500 words. Three part topic: *"1. List and discuss three positive aspects of the influence of the trucker in your life. 2. How does your choice of an educational goal utilize the strongest attributes of your personality? 3. What changes do you see down the road, in 5 or 10 years, that would improve the trucking industry"*
2. A certified High School (grades 9-12) or college transcript.
3. Proof of enrollment from an institution of Higher Education (this is required **prior** to receiving an award).
4. A photo of the applicant **if** they are selected to receive a Scholarship Award (will appear in *Land Line Magazine*)

I **certify** that this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I further authorize release of my name in connection with announcements of scholarship awards in the event that I am selected to be an OOIDA Scholar. I understand that in order to be considered for this scholarship award that my Application, Essay and Transcripts must be postmarked by the **FEBRUARY 1st** deadline date in order to be considered.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

“How often do you have the Scholarship Essay Contest?” The essay contest is held yearly. All applications *must be postmarked no later than February 1st.*

“Who is eligible to apply for an OOIDA Scholarship?” The OOIDA Scholarship Program is available to children, grandchildren and legal dependents of OOIDA members, including Canadian members.

“What constitutes being a legal dependent?” In order to be considered a legal dependent of an OOIDA member, the applicant must be considered for tax purposes as a dependent. In other words, if the member can claim the applicant as a deduction for tax purposes, the Committee considers the applicant as a legal dependent.

“If I have a GED equivalent, am I still eligible?” Yes.

“Is there an age limitation on applying for an OOIDA Scholarship?” Yes, the applicant must be under the age of 22 as of the deadline date.

“I’ve sent an application to several colleges, but I’m not enrolled at a college or don’t have a letter of acceptance yet, may I still apply?” Yes. In lieu of proof of enrollment or a letter of acceptance, you may submit a separate statement to the committee which outlines what college you plan on attending and a description of your intended major. At such time that you are accepted at a college, you will need to provide proof of your acceptance/enrollment as soon as practicable to the committee.

“I’m in my first year of college. Am I still eligible?” Yes. As long as the applicant is under the age of 22 as of the deadline date.

“My carrier provides my membership to OOIDA, can my daughter/son still apply?” As long as the member is a full dues paying member (\$45.00 member), dependents are eligible. Most memberships paid for by carriers are considered to be “associate” memberships that do not provide the same level benefits available to the full dues paying member.

“If I choose to mail the application, where do I mail it to?” Please mail the application to: OOIDA Foundation, 1 NW OOIDA Dr., PO Box 1000, Grain Valley, MO 64029 with the Attention to Andrew King.

“If I choose to email the application, where do I email it to?” Please email the application to Andrew.King@ooida.com.

“If I choose to fax the application, where do I fax it to?” Please fax the application to 816-427-4468, with the attention to Andrew King.

“Is there an option to fill out the scholarship online?” Yes, you may apply online here <https://www.ooida.com/scholarship-program/>.