

Thank you for your interest in OCCC Foundation scholarships. The online application will be available beginning January 29, 2018 and closes on March 11, 2018. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,500 and can be used to pay for tuition, fees and books at OCCC for the 2018-19 academic year.

In addition to demographic and eligibility information, we ask you to answer the following questions. You are strongly encouraged to prepare your answers ahead of time and have them reviewed by family, friends, and fellow students so you can correct any spelling or grammar errors and polish your work prior to submitting. Once you are satisfied that your answers represent your best work, you can copy and paste them into the online application.

### **Community Involvement and Awards**

*Please be as specific as possible in answering the following questions. The Scholarship Committee will rate your application based on the information provided.*

In what ways have you served your community through volunteer activities? Include organization names where appropriate.

What groups and organizations are you affiliated with? Include officer roles.

What honors, awards and recognition have you received from educational institutions, employers, and/or community organizations?

What other scholarships have you received? Include the name of the scholarship or organization that provided funding, amount awarded, and year received.

### **Essay Questions**

*Please be detailed yet concise in your response to the following questions. The scholarship committee will evaluate the content and quality of your answers as well as how well you express yourself. Your answers should be well-written, organized, and show good writing skills, including proper grammar and accurate spelling. Please read each question carefully and double-check your work. Applicants frequently lose points because they have not answered all questions completely.*

What are your career goals and what is your plan for achieving these goals? Please discuss skills and personal values that will help you accomplish your goals.

What led you to choose your field of study? Why are you passionate about pursuing this particular career field?

How will a scholarship help you achieve your goals? Please be specific. "It will help me pay for college," is not a valid response.

How do you plan to contribute to the larger community and how will your education help you accomplish this?

What's your inspirational story? Almost all our students make sacrifices and overcome obstacles in pursuit of their education. Please include a brief summary of your most difficult hurdles and the challenges you've faced to get where you are today.

What are your dreams for the future? Is there anything else you would like to share with the committee to help them evaluate your application?