



## Educational Scholarship Announcement

*Scholarship Opportunities for Success (SOS)* will award a scholarship of up to **\$5000** to selected individuals. This scholarship will be available to individuals who require educational assistance in order to achieve goals of better employment and increased financial self-sufficiency. **SOS** is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 2001, to raise money for the educational needs of low income women.

### The Scholarship

1. Awards will vary but not to exceed **\$5000**.
2. Payments on the recipient's award are made directly to an organization providing a service or product, such as a college, university or bookstore, after all other grants and scholarships have been applied.
3. Funds may be used for payment of educational tuition and fees or select education-related expenses such as transportation, books and equipment.
4. Funds **may not** be used for rent, groceries, car repairs, bill payments or other living expenses.
5. Official course enrollment statement must be shown before any payment is made.
6. The scholarship award **must be used by July 1, 2020**.

### Individuals Eligible to Apply

1. Adult female residents of **Central Ohio who are citizens of the United States**
2. Women whose financial resources are at, near, or below poverty level.
3. Must have and maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher.
4. Must be enrolled in a not-for-profit, accredited institution or program.

### Application Process

1. Complete the *SOS* application form. **All information must be provided as requested.**
2. Submit reference letters from two organizational representatives who know you and support this application. For example, a professor, counselor, spiritual advisor, supervisor, or a mentor. If applicable, a career counselor or job trainer but **NOT a family member or personal friend**. If you recently have participated in programs at a non-profit organization, one letter must be from this organization.
3. Provide a type written description of your career goals and current challenges or obstacles that you must overcome to obtain your educational goals for which this financial aid is requested. (Limit 2 pages)
4. Provide 1 example of a challenge that you have faced in the past with a brief type written description of how it was resolved. (1 page)
5. If employed, include copies of the last 2 months pay stubs.
6. Provide most recent College transcript/s

**Return completed information as requested in PDF or Word format. Application must be postmarked on or before May 31, 2019.**

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***Scholarship recipients will be notified in July 2019***

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