



Educational Scholarship Announcement

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

The Scholarship

1. Individual award amounts will vary but not exceed **\$5000**.
2. SOS payments made from the recipient's award are made directly to an organization providing a service or product, such as a college, university or bookstore, on eligible expenses that remain after all other grants and scholarships have been applied.
3. Funds can be used for payment of educational tuition and fees or select education-related expenses such as transportation, books and equipment.
4. Funds **cannot** be used for rent, groceries, car repairs, bill payments or other living expenses.
5. Official course enrollment and student account statement must be provided to SOS before any payment is made.
6. The scholarship award **must be used by July 1, 2021**.

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. Students who have and maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher.
4. Students 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/instructor, counselor, spiritual advisor, supervisor, mentor, career counselor, or job trainer may write a reference, but **a family member or personal friend may NOT**. 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 **past challenge** that you have faced and a brief description of how it was resolved. (Limit 1 page)
5. If employed, include copies of the last 2 months pay stubs.
6. Provide most recent official College transcript/s

Return completed information as requested in PDF or Word format. Application must be emailed or postmarked on or before May 31, 2020. Scholarship recipients will be notified in July 2020.

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