



Educational Scholarship Announcement

Scholarship Opportunities for Success (SOS) will award a scholarship of up to **\$5,000** 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.

Individuals Eligible to Apply

1. **Adult female residents of Central Ohio (Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Pickaway, Madison, and Union counties) who are citizens of the United States.**
2. Women whose financial resources are near or below poverty level.
3. Students who have and maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher.
4. Students enrolled in a **not-for-profit, accredited** postsecondary institution or program.

The Scholarship

Individual award amounts will vary but not exceed **\$5,000**.

1. SOS payments will be made directly to an organization providing a service or product, such as a college, university or bookstore. Payment is made only after all other grants and scholarships have been applied.
2. Funds can be used for payment of educational tuition and fees or select education-related expenses such as books, supplies, equipment, and transportation to/from classes. Tuition is the first item which will be paid.
3. Funds **cannot** be used for rent, groceries, car repairs, bill payments or other living expenses.
4. Official course enrollment and student account statements must be provided to SOS before payment is made.
5. The scholarship award **must be used by July 1, 2022**.

Application Process

1. Complete the *SOS* application form. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**
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 could be from this organization.
3. Provide 2 separate typed essays:
 - a. Tell us about your **career/educational goals** and **current obstacles** that you must overcome to obtain your educational goals. (Limit 2 pages)
 - b. Separately, tell us about one major **past life challenge** that you have faced and describe how you resolved it. (Limit 1 page)
4. If employed, include copies of the last **2 MONTHS'** pay stubs.
5. 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, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be notified in July 2021.

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