

Opportunity Scholarship - Advanced Course Track Application Checklist & FAQ

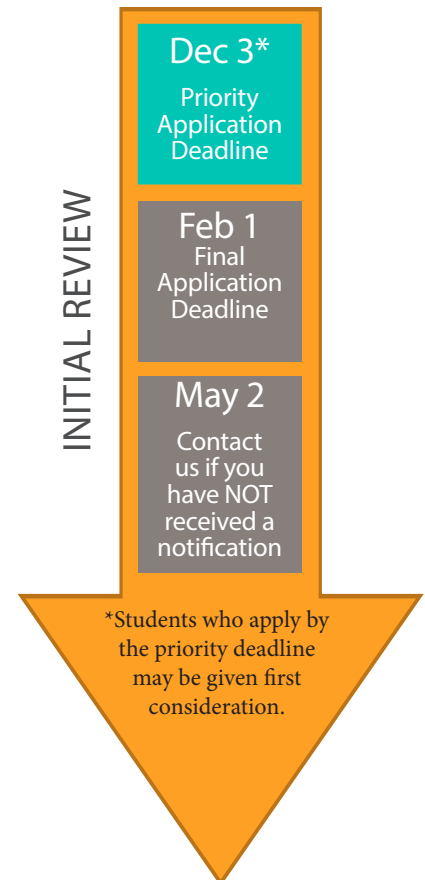
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Students apply for the Opportunity Scholarship during their senior year. To apply by meeting the Advanced Course track requirements, students must submit the online application form. If at any point you need assistance with your application call our office at 801-646-4812 or send an email to our office. DO NOT rely on other sources for information regarding your application.

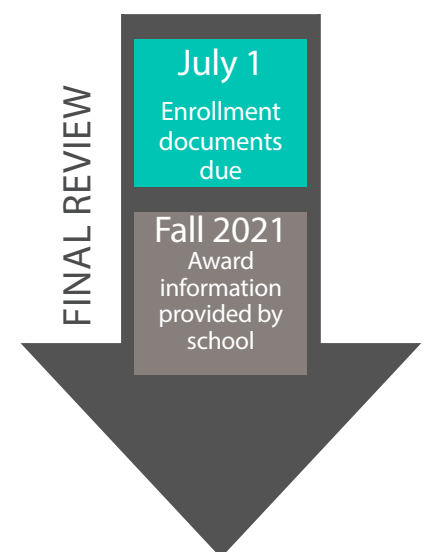
The information provided when completing the form will allow the Scholarship office to retrieve your transcript information automatically. If you see an error when submitting the form, you may need to contact the registrar at your high school for help.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS	
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1. ONLINE APPLICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Submit the application form providing key demographic information.
2. 2022-2023 FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Submit the FAFSA through https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa.Your name, date of birth, and SSN used on the FAFSA must match your scholarship application.The submission date will automatically link into our system if the information provided is correct.

IMPORTANT DATES



Have more questions? See the frequently asked questions on the next page!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION

1. What is the application process like?

First: Students submit an online application. The Scholarship office will use the information provided to automatically gather course and transcript information to verify you meet the academic requirements.

Second: Students are required to complete the 2022/2023 FAFSA. See question 3 below for more information.

Third: Students who are identified as being on-track are required to submit enrollment/deferment documents by July 1, 2022.

Fourth: Recipients will be notified of their individual award amounts from the college they attend..

2. When is the deadline to apply?

The online application and 2022/2023 FAFSA must be submitted by February 1, 2022. You are encouraged to meet the priority deadline by submitting everything by December 3, 2022.

3. I have questions about the FAFSA, are there any resources to help me fill out the FAFSA?

YES! You can watch a tutorial video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsl46YHy6lw>. We also recommend reviewing studentaid.ed.gov or contact a college's financial aid office for assistance.

4. I qualify for the Advanced Course track and the Regents' track, should I apply to both?

Due to the simplified application process, we strongly encourage students who qualify for this scholarship through both tracks to apply via the Advanced Course track. Students should only choose one way to apply, as you can only be awarded the scholarship once.

5. What classes count for the Opportunity Scholarship - advanced course track?

Students must complete 1 advanced (Advanced Placement/AP, Concurrent Enrollment/CE, or International Baccalaureate/IB) course in each of the following areas in grades 9-12: Language Arts, Math, and Science. See www.opportunityscholarship.org for further details about the required courses. Remember, acceptable courses vary between the advanced course track and the Regents' track so please review the information carefully.

6. How will the scholarship office communicate with me regarding my application?

We will send all important information to the email address you provide. We strongly recommend not using your high school email address as you will lose access after you graduate. You can also opt to receive text message notifications. If you opt for text messages, ensure your cell phone settings allow for the delivery of short-code texts. Check your email often and if you have a message from us, take action as soon as possible. Failure to follow up may result in loss of consideration for the scholarship.

7. I earned college credit for a course, do I need to submit a college transcript even though the class is also listed on my high school transcript?

NO! If you are applying through the advanced course track, we will verify your course information for CE (concurrent enrollment) credit through your high school.

8. If I decided to change my class schedule after I submitting my application, will this impact my application?

YES! Changing what classes and/or where you are taking a class is NOT recommended. If you absolutely must change one of your required class, contact us first to make sure it will not impact your eligibility.

9. How is the award amount determined?

The Opportunity Scholarship can be used for up to four semesters towards tuition and fees. A maximum semester award amount will be determined in the spring of each year and will be based on available funding and the number of students participating in the program. Each student's award amount may vary based on the cost of tuition and fees and the state aid they have been granted; however, the award will not exceed the maximum amount. Information from the student's FAFSA will not be used to determine the award amount that they can receive.

All students who qualify for the Opportunity Scholarship (under the Regents' and Advanced Course Tracks) will receive the same award consideration and maximum award amount.

10. Where can I go to learn more about the Opportunity Scholarship?

You can visit our website, www.opportunityscholarship.org or contact our office via email (scholarships@ushe.edu) or via phone (801-646-4812) for more information.