



One Community Outreach United Scholarship Fund 2026

Purpose: The purpose of the One Community Outreach Scholarship Fund is to empower high school seniors by providing financial support for their post-high school education at accredited colleges or universities, encourage academic achievement and promote community engagement for a brighter future.

Application Guidelines

1. DEADLINE to submit the scholarship application is **May 8th, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (no exceptions)**.
2. If any question/statement does not apply to you in this application, please put "N/A" in the space.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. **(no exceptions)**.
4. Submit application via email contact@onecommunityoutreach.org.
5. This application will be used to determine eligibility for all scholarships.
6. Applicants will be contacted by The Scholarship Committee, **May 15, 2026 6:00pm CST** to schedule an interview with the Scholarship Interviewing Team.
7. If you have any questions about the application process, submit all questions to onecommunityoutreach.org.

Eligibility Required Criteria:

1. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
2. Applicants must have a minimum unweighted G.P.A. of 2.5 **(on a 4.0 scale)**.
3. Applicants must be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. **(Verification must be presented before any funds are disbursed)**

Application Process - Incomplete applications will not be considered (no exceptions):

Applicants must submit the following items:

1. Completed, typed application form **(if handwritten, please print legibly in blue or black ink)** and a Resumé.
2. Photo (black/white or color) – can be either a head shot or full body.
3. An official and current high school transcript, in a sealed envelope, showing G.P.A.
4. Essay. In 350 - 500 words essay format, describe why this scholarship is important to you by answering the following questions:
 - a) Explain your academic and career goals, highlighting how your chosen field of study aligns with One Community Outreach United's mission of educating, inspiring, fostering positive change and contributing to the betterment of society.
 - b) Describe your commitment to community service and how it has shaped your understanding of social responsibility. Share specific examples of your involvement and the impact you've made on others.
 - c) How has your high school experience shaped your personal and academic growth, and how do you envision applying these lessons to your future endeavors in college and beyond?
5. Provide three (3) SIGNED letters of recommendation from the following: (1) Academic: a high school teacher or counselor on school letterhead **[may be waived]**; **and** (2) Community: an employer, community member, club sponsor, coach, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's character, experience and involvement. Letters of Recommendation may NOT come from family members.
6. Acceptance Letter from post-secondary educational institution. **(Due before funds are dispersed)**.

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Deadline to submit the application is **May 8th, 2026 (5:00p.m.)**
Applications received after this date will not be considered (no exceptions).

NOTE: Once eligibility is established, Scholarship funds will be awarded at the beginning of each Fall and each Spring semester of enrollment/attendance at an accredited college/university, technical school, or other post-secondary educational institution. **(Verification must be presented before any funds are disbursed)**

Awards Available (Only one Award per applicant per scholarship period):

1. *One Community Outreach United Award of \$750.00 to one student, and an award of \$500.00 to one student during the period of post-secondary education.*

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*******ATTENTION STUDENTS*******

Please provide copies of this page to individuals who will write your letters of recommendation.

Dear: School Official/Community Representative:

This Student, _____ has applied for a One Community Outreach United, Inc. Scholarship for the school year 2026.

To fairly consider and evaluate this applicant, please submit a letter of recommendation. Your comments must be detailed and specifically address, but need not be limited to, the following items:

1. Does the applicant perform up to his/her academic ability? Provide your observations of the applicant's actions in the academic environment.
2. What leadership qualities does the applicant demonstrate? Please give specific examples.
3. Comment on the applicant's involvement in extracurricular school activities, including any offices held.
4. Comment on the applicant's involvement in community and/or church activities.
5. Comment on the applicant's plans to achieve his/her career goals.

Please address all five areas listed above, to the best of your ability, based on your personal experience with the student. For employers, please comment on the student's work ethic, dependability, spiritual development, and anything else that you believe would be beneficial to accurately paint a positive portrait of the applicant.

Please write your recommendation on official letterhead (**school and/or elected official & community representative**), place in an envelope, then seal and SIGN sealed portion of envelope, and return to the applicant who will submit it with his/her application.

All letters of recommendation must accompany the applicant's application packet.

Very truly yours,
Scholarship Program
One Community Outreach United, Inc.



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Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	
Mailing Address: Street: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Daytime Telephone Number: () _____		Date of Birth: _____
E-mail Address: _____		
Name of Current High School: _____		Number of years attended: _____
List of Colleges/Institutions to which you have already applied (you may submit your list on a separate sheet): _____		
I have been accepted by the following schools in the <u>Fall of 2026</u> : _____		
I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2026</u> : _____		
Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to disbursement of ALL funds.		
Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript is required.		
Mother's /Guardian's Name: _____		
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
Cell/Work/Home Phone: _____		
Father's /Guardian's Name: _____		
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
Cell/Work/Home Phone: _____		
What area/specialty do you plan to major in as you continue your education? _____		

**STATEMENT OF
ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my photo may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the One Community Outreach United, Inc. Scholarship Programs.

I hereby understand that (1) if chosen as a scholarship recipient and (2) to remain eligible, I must provide evidence outlined/articulated in the eligibility requirements and the application process connected to my enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds will be disbursed.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Before You SUBMIT Your Application, Remember to Check **Every Box and Submit Every Item on the Checklist**



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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST
(You must submit every item on this Checklist)

- Application
- Resume
- Photo
- High School Transcript (Official)
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendation from High School Teacher or Counselor [may be waived]
- Letter of Recommendation from Community Member/Employer/Coach/ Club Sponsor
- Acceptance Letter* from post-secondary institution (If not yet accepted, then please provide an official copy of submitted application confirmation from a college/university)

**If Acceptance Letter is not available at the time application is submitted, it MUST be submitted prior to receiving funds. Applicant will have until June 30th to provide Acceptance Letter.*

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Email, mail or deliver application in person to:

One Community Outreach United, Inc.

143 N Memorial Dr #247.

Prattville, AL. 36067 **or**

contact@onecommunityoutreach.org

Each qualifying applicant will be scheduled to meet with the Scholarship Interviewing Panel for a personal [virtual] interview. **Failure to appear for the scheduled interview will result in disqualification of the applicant.**