

# The Omaha Home for Boys Scholarship Overview & Application



## Overview

OHB is here to help its clients reach their academic potential. There are a number of scholarships available through the Home. Scholarships are created through partnerships with donors. The scholarship program is managed and reviewed by a scholarship committee. Your age and circumstances could impact your scholarship award.

All those who apply to receive scholarship funding from OHB will sign a Scholarship Agreement Form and complete the Application, which includes a detailed essay. A detailed, quality essay is essential.

Check eligibility requirements carefully to be sure you meet the guidelines before you complete an application. Information may change periodically without advance notice.

Payments will be made through direct billing between the institution and OHB.

## A scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Participation in one of OHB's programs:
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent (G.E.D.) or be enrolled in dual credit courses.
- Cannot be a relative of a current OHB employee or Board Member.

## Required for Scholarship Consideration:

- Complete the attached application, and include your typed essay.
- Signed copy of the Scholarship Agreement.
- Submit one letter of reference from an OHB staff member. Please include their contact information (phone number, address).
- Provide proof of FAFSA application, confirmation or denial, if eligible.
- If you did not successfully graduate from one of OHB's programs, you are eligible to apply with the additional requirement: complete an additional essay as noted in section IV of the application.

## Required After Approval and Prior to Disbursement:

- Provide evidence of college/program/dual credit enrollment and acceptance.
- Provide copies of financial aid (scholarships/grants) if applicable. OHB scholarship dollars will be applied to school costs after grants and/or additional scholarship awards have been applied to your account.
- The amount of the scholarship award is set in each individual case by the OHB Scholarship Committee
- Assistance will vary based on scholarship availability, financial need and/or estimated cost of program.
- The age of the person applying for scholarship will also be considered.

## Maintaining Scholarships / Probationary Period / Loss of Scholarship

1. Maintaining Scholarship

- a. Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA in order to remain eligible for scholarship support.
  - b. A GPA of 2.0 must be validated by furnishing an official transcript submitted to the committee chair.
2. Probationary Period
- a. If a student earns below the minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA, s/he will be considered to be on a probationary period for the next term.
  - b. If the scholarship recipient is able to earn a 2.0 GPA or above in the next term the recipient will be able to continue receiving scholarship support. A recipient placed on a probationary period must also:
    - 1) Write a letter to the OHB Scholarship Committee within 30 days of the start of the term stating what were their biggest challenges and obstacles faced that caused them to not maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
    - 2) Create and share a plan to overcome these obstacles in future terms.
3. Loss of Scholarship
- a. Two consecutive terms with a GPA below 2.0 will result in the loss of your OHB scholarship. You may re-apply to the OHB Scholarship Program.
  - b. Dropping out will cause immediate loss of further scholarship funds. Student will need to reapply for approval of additional scholarship funds

## Contact

All completed applications shall be emailed to the Education Manager or appropriate Program Manager or delivered or mailed to:

Scholarship Committee  
OHB  
4343 N. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68104

**Application** Please check one:  Initial Request  Renewal Request

**I. Background Information**

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Preferred Pronouns:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years at OHB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Currently employed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Where & Starting date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jobs since leaving / graduating the OHB program:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Address (if different from yours):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last School Attended:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cumulative High School GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Did you graduate from High School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **If yes, what month / year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you did not graduate, do you have your G.E.D?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If yes, date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List Scores of Tests you have taken:** ACT \_\_\_\_\_, SAT \_\_\_\_\_, Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. School and Study Program**

**School you wish to attend:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Accepted or Applied:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other schools you considered or applied:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree / Major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hours required for completion:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition Cost per Credit Hour: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **What is your current GPA?** \_\_\_\_\_

## Outside Scholarship List

Please list all scholarships for which you have applied.

	Scholarship Name	Date Applied	Awarded YES or NO	Scholarship Award Amount
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Essay

**Please type and submit a clear and specific essay at the length you need to describe your responses to the following questions. Single space your document and use 12-point Times New Roman font.**

1. Explain how OHB impacted your life.
2. What are your college plans? What will be your choice of major? Explain your choice of school.
3. What are your career plans?
4. What obstacles will you need to overcome in order to earn a college degree? Will you need to work a job while you attend classes, and if so, what are your plans?
5. Have you been involved in any activities, sports, organizations, or volunteer efforts in the last three years?
6. In conclusion, re-state your timeline for enrolling in school, paying tuition, and how much financial assistance you might need in the next year to reach your goals.

Optional questions to help brainstorm or include if you like:

1. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
2. Have you had any impactful life altering events occur in your life since leaving an OHB program?
3. What is the purpose of you applying for scholarship money?
4. What adults will you lean on for a support system, and how can OHB help you?
5. Describe your plan for giving back to your community and/or OHB.

**IV. Additional Essay required for applicants who did not successfully graduate from an OHB Program.**

**Please type and submit a clear and specific essay at the length you need to describe your responses to the following questions. Single space your document and use 12-point Times New Roman font.**

1. What have been your challenges? Why didn't you successfully graduate from an OHB Program?
2. What have you done since you left OHB's Program?
3. What do you want for your future? What is your plan?