

ONGEA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association (ONGEA) will award a maximum of 10 scholarships valued at \$1,000 each for the 2024-25 academic year. In addition, the ONGEA Leadership Scholarship will be awarded, with two \$3,000 scholarships available - reserved for one Air and one Army member serving in the Ohio National Guard.

The Scholarship Committee will award scholarship grants as approved by the ONGEA Executive Board. Applicants must be enrolled at a college, university, trade or business school in order to receive funds. Alternates will also be designated to cover the possibility that the primary recipient does not actually enroll and matriculate for the school term. Graduate students are only eligible for the ONGEA Leadership Scholarship, and must meet all eligibility requirements. Leadership applicants who are not selected will become eligible for the traditional scholarship, if availability exists.

There shall be no consideration whatsoever given because of rank or grade of applicant or applicant's parents. Grants will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and need.

ONGEA Scholarships are a one-time award. Previous winners are not eligible to apply. If the school term is not completed due to causes other than illness or physical injury, the student will refund the scholarship award. Please read the scholarship material and complete the application in full.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the annual ONGEA Awards Banquet, and winners are strongly encouraged to attend.

These scholarships are made possible by generous donations from the First Cleveland Cavalry-Norton Memorial Fund, United States Automobile Association (USAA), as well as an annual budgetary commitment from the ONGEA Executive Board.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ▶ Children of enlisted ONGEA members.
- ▶ Unmarried dependent sons and daughters of deceased enlisted ONGEA members who were in good standing at the time of their death.
- ▶ Enlisted ONGEA members who are currently serving or retired from the Ohio National Guard.

APPLICATION PACKETS:

- ▶ Completed application form.
- ▶ Letter from applicant which states his/her desire to continue their education, outlines their individual future goals and objectives, and comments as to the value that this financial aid will afford.

- ▶ Three letters of recommendation verifying the application and giving general personal traits (high school principal, counselor, professor, minister, employer, etc.).
- ▶ Transcript of high school credits (and/or college credits, as applicable).
- ▶ Photo suitable for publication (2½x3½ photo preferred, can be larger; request return if needed).
- ▶ Copy of Sponsor's ONGEA membership card.

PLEASE NOTE: *Former recipients of an ONGEA scholarship are not eligible to apply. Those persons who have applied for a scholarship and were not awarded a scholarship may reapply. This scholarship can be applied to the 2023-24 school year only.*

ONGEA LEADERSHIP GRANT

Eligibility/application process for the ONGEA Leadership Grant will be the same as stated above, with the following exceptions:

- ▶ Applicant must be currently serving in the Ohio National Guard, with a minimum of two years service (dependents not eligible).
- ▶ Three letters of recommendation need to be received from the following: two recommendations must be from the applicant's military chain of command within the last two years (senior NCO or officer) and one civilian character reference.
- ▶ Additional Requirement: Compose a 1-2 page essay, "What Leadership Means to Me" (minimum 600 words).

Selection will be made by a special committee to be appointed by the ONGEA president. Eligible runners-up will default to traditional scholarship competition.

Applications Due: May 1, 2024

Applications must include all required information to be considered. Additional application forms may be obtained by going on-line at www.ongea.org. Applications can be sent by email to scholarship@ongea.org, or accepted by mail at the address below if postmarked by the deadline.

ONGEA Scholarship
Beightler Armory, Suite C119
2825 W. Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association

APPLYING FOR:

ONGEA Traditional Scholarship ONGEA Leadership Scholarship (current ONG only)

NAME _____ DATE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ MARITAL STATUS (S/M) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ BIRTHDATE _____ SEX _____

SPONSOR (Parent or Self - Must be an ONGEA member) _____

Rank Full Name

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Home Address / City / State / Zip

Phone Number

Unit / Location

ONGEA Expiration Date

APPLICANT'S STATUS (Check one) High School () Business / Trade School () College ()

Current School / Grade / Term _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Applicant's Occupation _____

Spouse's Occupation _____

Family Income: Under \$50,000 () \$50-\$74,999 () \$75-\$99,999 () Over \$100,000 ()

Have you received any other scholarships? (If so, specify) _____

List activities (School, Community, Church) _____

List offices which you have held in any organization _____

List honors which you have been awarded (School, Athletic, Citizenship, etc.) _____

List College / Trade / Business School you plan to attend (Include address) _____

What career are you planning to pursue and why? _____

Do you plan to work while attending college? (part-time or summer?) _____

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE TO THIS FORM.

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief. If I am awarded a scholarship, I will make every effort to accept this honor in person at the ONGEA Awards Banquet on July 20, 2024.

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school term for reasons other than illness and injury, I agree to return any scholarship money to the ONGEA.

Signature of Sponsor / Date

Signature of Applicant / Date

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

- ▶ Completed application form
- ▶ Letter from applicant
- ▶ Three letters of recommendation*
- ▶ Transcript of high school (or college) credits
- ▶ Photo suitable for publication (or email digital photo to ongeavoice@hotmail.com)
- ▶ Copy of Sponsor's ONGEA membership card
- ▶ Leadership essay (Leadership Scholarship only)

** **Leadership Scholarship Criteria:** Three letters of recommendation need to be received from: two recommendations from military leader within last two years (senior NCO or officer); and one civilian character reference.*

MAIL OR EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET BY MAY 1, 2024