

O'BERRY CENTER FOUNDATION
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UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS (Please circle the scholarship you are applying for):

- 1) Employees of O'Berry Center or immediate family members of employees
- 2) Individuals living in North Carolina who have a desire to work with children or adults with intellectual disabilities.

The O'Berry Center Foundation offers up to a \$1,000 academic scholarship with the possibility of being renewed up to four years to an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in one of the following fields:

Four Year Degree or Graduate Degree (Examples of Degree Fields Honored):

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Recreational Therapy, Psychology, Special Education, Nursing, Speech/Language Pathology, or Public Health Administration who has an interest in and the intent of serving persons with developmental disabilities.

Two Year Degree (Examples of Degree Fields Honored):

Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant, Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant, LPN, Recreational Therapist Assistant, who has the interest in and the intent of serving persons with developmental disabilities.

Applicant must have already been accepted into the degree program in order to be accepted. Applications will not be accepted for prerequisite work for a degree program. You may be called for an interview.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

An undergraduate or graduate student must meet the following eligibility criteria to apply for the scholarship:

- Be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.
- Have a high school cumulative grade point average of 2.8; Have an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher; Have a graduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Continue to major in one of the degree programs cited above with the intent to work with persons with developmental disabilities.
- Demonstrate evidence of volunteer (or paid) experience working with persons with developmental disabilities or evidence of involvement in research related to persons with developmental disabilities.
- Have a financial hardship

Criteria for Scholarship Renewal (up to four years):

- Scholarship recipient must reapply each year. Renewable scholarships up to four years are subject to committee evaluation each year and are not guaranteed.
- Continue to meet criteria listed above
- Continue to display the intent of working with persons with developmental disabilities either through work or volunteer experiences.

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS: All applications must include the following:

1) Scholarship Application Form (Page 3 of this application):

2) Essay: To allow the scholarship committee to know you better, please provide an attachment responding to the following questions:

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- What inspired your interest in working with persons with developmental disabilities and what current and prior experience have you had with persons with developmental disabilities?
 - In what activities are you involved in school, community, and church?
 - What are your plans upon graduation? Please include how you intend to serve persons with developmental disabilities and how your degree will better your skills in working with this population.
 - Do you have any financial hardships pertaining to funding your education? Are you receiving or have you applied for any other financial aid or scholarships? If so, please explain.

3) A minimum of three letters of recommendation which must include:

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- An immediate supervisor if currently employed.
 - Academic (teacher or professor)
 - Someone who can discuss your experience or interest in working with the developmentally disabled population.

4) Most current transcript from your already completed semester hours. If entering freshman, please provide high school transcript.

5) Verification that you have been accepted into a degree program.

Please return the completed application along with attachments to:

**O'Berry Center Foundation
P.O. Box 1157
Goldsboro, NC 27533
919-581-4009 (fax)
michelle.tucker@oberrycenterfoundation.org**

If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Michelle Tucker at 919-581-4187 or michelle.tucker@oberrycenterfoundation.org

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED NO LATER THAN March 31st of each calendar for consideration.

**O’Berry Center Foundation
Scholarship Application Form**

Name _____

Address _____

County of Residence _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Email Address _____

If Entering Freshman, please provide name of High School, Address and Phone Number:

College/University currently attending or planning to attend _____

Address and contact information for college/university where scholarship check would be mailed if awarded:

Please circle one: Undergraduate Degree Graduate Degree

Please circle one: Two Year Degree Four Year Degree

Major field(s) of Study _____ Grade Point Average _____

Semester Hours Complete _____

How many hours did you take last semester? _____ How many hours do you plan to take next semester? _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ (month/year)

Family Income: \$ _____

Total Estimated Tuition Cost Per Semester including Books (do not include room and board): \$ _____

I hereby certify that all of the information that I have provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the O’Berry Center Foundation immediately if I am no longer enrolled in the above mentioned college/university or if any other critical information changes.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____