

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Student & Teacher Scholarships

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS & DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION

All applications are available online at <https://oagc.com/resources/scholarships/>

- December 15: Sally Roberts Teacher Scholarship Award (up to \$5000)
- February 15: Student Scholarship Awards for Summer Programs (will vary, up to \$500)
- April 15: Ann Sheldon College Scholarship Award (\$1000)
- June 1: Distinguished Student Scholarship Award (\$1000)
- November 15: Susan Faulkner Memorial Art Scholarship (grade-level groups: K-4 \$150, 5-8 \$250, 9-12 \$350)

TIMELINE

- Applicants will be notified within 45 days of the scholarship deadline whether or not they were selected to receive a scholarship with exception to applicants of the Distinguished Student Scholarship which will be made in August.
- School districts will be notified within 45 days of the scholarship application deadline with exception to the Distinguished Student Scholarship which will be made in August.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Scholarship Committee decisions are final.
- Not all applicants for OAGC scholarship awards will be selected.
- Uncashed scholarship checks will be considered null and void 180 days after the date of issue.

Sally Roberts Teacher Scholarship (December 15)

- Recipients receive a \$5,000 reimbursement scholarship for gifted endorsement/licensure coursework.
- Recipients may reapply one additional time for another scholarship.
- Scholarship funds are paid directly to the student after submission of both the semester/year transcript and invoice.
- Recipients may be reimbursed up to \$5,000 per school year.
- Submit transcripts and invoices to scholarships@oagc.com, including the preferred mailing address for the reimbursement check.
- Recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Funds must be used within one year of award notification.

About the Sally Roberts Scholarship:

Sally Roberts served on the OAGC Board for more than 20 years, beginning in 2002 as a Regional Representative. Over the years, she held numerous leadership roles, including Secretary, President-elect, President, Past President, Scholarship Chair, Historian/Parliamentarian, and member of the Finance, Conference, Policy and Procedure, and Gifted Rule committees. She also presented at both the OAGC Conference and the National Association for Gifted Children.

A passionate advocate for gifted students, Sally provided testimony to the Ohio State Board of Education and the Ohio Legislature in support of appropriate services and funding. She was unwavering in her belief that educators working with gifted learners must be properly trained.

This scholarship designed to support educators as they work toward gifted credentials, will honor Sally's years of service and further support gifted learners.

Student Scholarship (February 15) and Susan Faulkner Memorial Art Scholarship (November 15)

- Award checks will be made out directly to the program or activity, not to the student or their family.
- Checks issued to one program are non-transferrable (to a different program).
- Notification of awards may fall AFTER a deadline for registration and/or payment required by a particular program or activity. OAGC will not adjust award notification to meet individual submission deadlines. It is our recommendation that you contact those in charge of registration ahead of their deadline to get further instructions. Most programs will reimburse you for the amount of the awarded scholarship but you will typically have to submit the required payment first to guarantee placement in the program your child wishes to attend.
- OAGC is not responsible for any registration fees submitted and does not guarantee that your child will receive a

scholarship.

- Scholarship awards may not be used to provide ongoing lessons.

About the Susan Faulkner Memorial Art Scholarship:

Susan Faulkner was a passionate advocate for both the Arts and gifted education—especially where they intersected. A lifelong artist and teacher, she served as the Gifted Coordinator for Shelby County Schools for more than fifteen years before retiring in 2002 to work as a consultant for gifted identification in the Arts.

That same year, Susan championed the inclusion of Fine Arts at the Fall OAGC Conference by soliciting student artwork from across the state. What began as a small display grew into a statewide exhibit, silent auction, and student scholarship opportunity. After Susan's passing in 2004, the event was renamed in her honor.

The Susan Faulkner Memorial Art Scholarship continues her legacy by supporting students whose artistic talent and passion reflect the values Susan dedicated her life to advancing.

Ann Sheldon College Scholarship (April 15) & Distinguished Student Award Scholarship (June 1)

- This is a one-time award, so once a student has received the OAGC College Scholarship or Distinguished Student Award Scholarship they are not eligible to apply again for the same scholarship.
- Scholarship awards will be made payable directly to the student.

SUBMISSION

- **Submit materials to: scholarships@oagc.com**
- Applications must include ALL of the required materials at the time of submission-- incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Late applications will not be reviewed.
- Materials submitted electronically will receive a confirmation of receipt sent to the email address that submitted materials. **All application materials must be submitted in one PDF file.**
- Materials mailed will not receive confirmation. If mailing, make a copy of materials to keep for your records. We are not responsible for mail that does not reach the OAGC office.
- Submitted materials will not be returned (including submitted photos, photos of art work, and/or videos of performance pieces).
- Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of OAGC's Scholarship Chair, Family and Community Division Chair, two Governing Board Members, and a current Member of OAGC. One committee member must be the parent of a gifted child.

STUDENT ESSAY

- Essays **must be the original work of the student**. Age-appropriate expectations will be considered during essay review. Those reviewing applications are educators or have extensive experience in working with student writing samples.
- Essays should be typed and edited so they **do not exceed** the maximum word count
- Recommended formatting: single spaced, 12-point font (Calibri, Times New Roman, Arial)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Each applicant must submit **two letters of recommendation**. Specific applications give additional guidance.
- Student Applications: Letters of recommendation should **connect** to the individual student's interests and strengths that have been observed by the person of influence. The student's overall score will reflect whether a common thread, expressing individual passion, curiosity, and/or artistic ability, has been woven throughout their application materials.
- Teacher Applications: Letters of recommendation should **highlight** the applicant's commitment to gifted education, their ability to positively impact students and colleagues, and the strengths you have observed in your role as a colleague, supervisor, or mentor. The overall score will reflect whether their application materials demonstrate a consistent thread of passion, professional growth, dedication to serving gifted learners, and leadership ability.

WHERE DO THE FUNDS FOR OAGC SCHOLARSHIPS COME FROM?

The OAGC scholarships are funded through all proceeds from OAGC raffles, donations, and a designated portion of the organization's annual budget.