

The Dannel J. Petro Scholarships

In Partnership with the West Orange Foundation



Scholarship Application 2019

Submissions will be accepted via email or US Post. Please email completed applications and required supporting documents to Carrie Wilson at cwilson@wochamber.com by 4/5/19.

Or by mail to West Orange Chamber of Commerce: 12184 W. Colonial Dr. Winter Garden, FL 34787.

If mailing, must be postmarked by 4/5/19 to be considered.

Notification will be sent via email once your application has been received.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW:

This scholarship opportunity is provided through the West Orange Foundation, Inc. (WOF) and administrated by the West Orange Chamber of Commerce (WOCC). The scholarship fund was established to make it possible for eligible students from local high schools to further their education at Valencia College (any campus), Orange Technical College, or the University of Central Florida. The West Orange Foundation is able to fund the scholarships through the generous contributions of the Petro Family Foundation.

In order to qualify, recipient must **live** in one of our service area communities (service area communities are defined as follows: Dr. Phillips, Gotha, Horizon West, Lake Avalon, MetroWest, Oakland, Ocoee, Orlo Vista, Pine Hills, Windermere or Winter Garden or the zip codes of 32836, 34734, 32835, 34740, 34760, 34761, 32835, 32811, 32808, 32818, 34786, 34787, 34777, 34778). Additionally, the student must have a current GPA of 2.75 (either weighted or unweighted). Up to several student recipients will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships; the number of recipients will be dependent upon the amount of money available in the scholarship fund at the time of the award. Two student recipients will be awarded \$2,500 scholarships, from the Petro Family Foundation. Any unspent money will be allocated to the following year.

Interested students must complete this application and provide the supporting documents requested to be considered for an available scholarship. Any questions regarding the application or supporting documents may be directed to Carrie Wilson at 407-656-1304 ext. 4 or via email at cwilson@wochamber.com.

All applications with supporting documents must be submitted to the **West Orange Chamber of Commerce at 12184 W. Colonial Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787, or via email at cwilson@wochamber.com**. In order to qualify, the application and all supporting materials must be received via email or postmarked by **April 5, 2019**. The Scholarship Review Committee will determine the applicants who will receive the scholarships based on the applications submitted and available funding. If awarded a scholarship, please note that the funds will be directly deposited into your school's account, once you have officially registered for your classes. Any questions regarding the accessibility of your funds should be directed to your school's Financial Assistance Office.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please type or print in BLACK INK

Applicant: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial Male Female

Parent/Guardian Name (who student lives with): _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: (_____) _____ **Email:** _____

Student Employment History:

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, how many hours per week? _____

Name of employer: _____

What is your approximate income? \$ _____ Daily Weekly Monthly

Do you plan to work during college? Yes No

Have you applied for or been awarded financial assistance or scholarships?

Are there any unusual circumstances you would like to explain or any comments you would like to make concerning your financial situation?

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

These scholarships are based on academic achievement in one or more areas, good citizenship, and financial need. To be eligible for these awards, applicants must meet the following criteria.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact Carrie Wilson at 407-656-1304 ext. 4 or by email at cwilson@wochamber.com.

Please check the boxes and sign below indicating that you are eligible for the scholarship and have completed and submitted the required documents below. If there is an issue, call the number above for clarification.

- Be in your final year of high school.
- Be a student meeting all graduation requirements, who has applied as a full-time student for further education at Valencia College, Orange Technical College, or the University of Central Florida (must include acceptance letter or proof of application).
- Student must live in the service area communities within West Orange County (please reference Scholarship Overview on previous page for specifics; P.O. boxes will not be accepted).
- Indicate specific involvement in school or community activities (or submit OCPS Community Service Plan Forms).
- Complete the personal essay attached to this application.
- Attach one letter of recommendation from a teacher from your high school.
- Submit evidence of financial need (via FAFSA, SAR, Tax Return, Taniff, Medicaid, Snap etc.).
- Submit an up-to-date transcript showing a minimum GPA of 2.75 (weighted or unweighted).
- Submit one of the following test scores: SAT, ACT, TABE or PERT.
- Submit completed application and all supporting materials; must be postmarked by **April 5, 2019**.

My signature below indicates that all information contained in the application is complete, factually correct, and honestly presented.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND/OR RECOGNITION

List your activities, leadership positions, and honors. Please enter the appropriate grade level(s). Limit your responses to the space provided – one entry per line. You may also include a resume. You may attach additional pages, if necessary.

Please list specific Student Activities in which you have participated.

1. _____ Grade _____
2. _____ Grade _____
3. _____ Grade _____
4. _____ Grade _____
5. _____ Grade _____
6. _____ Grade _____
7. _____ Grade _____
8. _____ Grade _____
9. _____ Grade _____
10. _____ Grade _____

Please list specific Community Involvement below, including the name of the organization and number of hours per week you volunteered. You may also attach your OCPS Community Service Plan Forms.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Please list specific Special Recognition Awards and Honors.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Personal Essay
(Between 300-500 words)
(Please type or write in black ink)

Please use this essay to describe yourself and include the following information:

- hobbies and interests;
- your most significant accomplishments;
- plans for your future education, including your major or interest;
- how you plan on achieving your goal; and
- how being awarded this scholarship would impact your future.

If you need more space, please attach an additional page.

IN CONCLUSION

The West Orange Foundation Scholarships are based on academic achievement in one or more areas, good citizenship, and financial need. To be eligible for these awards, applicants must meet all of the eligibility criteria listed on page 4. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact Carrie Wilson at 407-656-1304 ext. 4 or by email at cwilson@wochamber.com.

My signature below indicates that I have met all of the eligibility criteria listed on page 4 and that the information contained in my application is complete, factually correct, and honestly presented.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

