

The Dannel J. Petro Scholarships

In Partnership with the West Orange Foundation



Scholarship Application 2023

All applications must be received by Friday, April 7th for consideration.

Notification of receipt will be sent to all applicants.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The Danniell J. Petro Scholarship fund was established to make it possible for eligible students from local high schools in Orange County, both public or private, to further their education at one of the following educational institutions: Valencia College, Orange Technical College, or the University of Central Florida.

The West Orange Foundation is able to fund this scholarship program through the generosity of the Petro Family Foundation and Duke Energy. Administration and implementation of the program is provided by the West Orange Chamber of Commerce.

In order to qualify, recipients must live in and attend a high school in one of our service area communities. Service area communities are defined as: Dr. Phillips, Gotha, Horizon West, Lake Avalon, MetroWest, Oakland, Ocoee, Orlo Vista, Pine Hills, Windermere, and Winter Garden. These communities may include zip codes of 32836, 34734, 32835, 34740, 34760, 34761, 32811, 32808, 32818, 34786, 34787, 34777, 34778. However, this list may not be all inclusive of the codes for each area. Students must have a current minimum GPA of 2.75, either weighted or unweighted. Multiple scholarships will be awarded from the Petro Family Foundation. Any unspent funds will be allocated to the following year. Additional requirements are listed within the application.

The Scholarship Review Committee will determine scholarship winners based on the qualified applications received and any available funding. If awarded a scholarship, please note that the funds will be directly deposited into the awardee's school's account, once the awardee has officially registered for classes. Any questions regarding the accessibility of funds should be directed to the school's Financial Assistance Office.

For consideration for an available scholarship, interested students must complete an application and provide all supporting documents. Submissions will be accepted by email or US Mail.

By e-mail: send to Ms. Artena Greene at agreene@wochamber.com

By US Mail:

West Orange Chamber of Commerce
ATTN: DJP Scholarship
12184 West Colonial Drive
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Applications arriving after Friday, April 7, 2023 will not be considered for the 2023 scholarship season.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please type or print in BLACK INK

Applicant: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial Male Female

Applicant High School: _____

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 special or unique circumstances you would like to explain (first generation college student etc.) 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.

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 verifiable proof of application such as screen shot or scanned proof of acceptance).
- 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 with EFC, 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 received by **April 7, 2023**.

Please include as much detail as possible with regard to the above items, for appropriate consideration.

Student Name _____ 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 or blue 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.

Personal Essay Continued

(Between 300-500 words • Please type or write in black or blue ink)

1) How would you describe yourself using one word?

2) If your best friend was asked to describe you using one word, what would he or she say?

3) You are asked to help restore a bridge that was damaged in a storm. It is not that big of a task, but you are allowed to take someone with you to help. Your choices are:

- Your best friend – you know this person really well and besides it would be fun. It might take longer, but hey, it's fun!
- Someone from class that you don't know very well – the person is smart, but you just don't know them that well, but they know how to fix things and the bridge work could get done fast.
- No one – you can just do it yourself as you know how and it would get done right.

What choice do you make? Who do you choose to help with the work, and why?

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** _____

