

# The West Orange Foundation



## 2026 Scholarship Application

The deadline for submitting an application for consideration for a scholarship is **noon** Friday, March 27, 2026 .

## **The West Orange Foundation Scholarship Program**

The West Orange Foundation scholarship fund was established to make it possible for eligible students from local high schools in West Orange County, both public and private, to further their education at a college, trade/professional school or other educational institution. Preference will be given to students applying to the University of Central Florida, Valencia College, and Orange Technical College.

The West Orange Foundation is able to fund its scholarship program through the generosity of its private and corporate partners such as the Danniell J. Petro Family Foundation, Duke Energy and Orlando Health. Program administration and implantation is done in partnership with the West Orange Chamber of Commerce.

### **The Scholarship**

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. While these two stipulations must be met, additional requirements are listed within the application.

Typically, multiple scholarships are awarded from the West Orange Foundation. The Scholarship Review Board examines and reviews all eligible applications. Selections are made competitively and may be based on academic performance, personal statement, extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendation. Any unspent funds will be allocated to the following year.

### **SAT / ACT Scores**

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Testing Assessment Test (ACT) are an important academic requirement for the review process of the application. Applicants should include the student copy of these tests results with the application. If SAT and ACT test scores are listed on the high school transcript, it is not necessary to provide a student copy of the results.

### **Determination of Scholarship Recipients**

The Scholarship Review Board will determine award recipients from the pool of qualified applicants received and any available funding. Scholarship funds are directly deposited into the award recipient's school account once administrative processes have been completed. Award recipients must be registered for classes. Any questions regarding the accessibility of funds should be directed to the school's Financial Assistance Office.

For scholarship consideration, interested students must complete an application and provide all supporting documents. Submissions will be accepted by email US Mail and email. **Applications arriving after Friday, March 27, 2026 at noon will not be considered for the 2026 scholarship season.**

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

By e-mail: Send to Ms. Artena Greene at [agreene@wochamber.com](mailto:agreene@wochamber.com)

## West Orange Foundation Scholarship Checklist

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

I have applied to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently reside in one of the qualifying communities?  Yes  No

Do you currently attend a high school in one of the qualifying communities?  Yes  No

### INSTRUCTIONS

Read all materials carefully, then with equal care, complete the required forms and provide all requested data by Friday, March 27, 2026. **All required information must be submitted in a single mailing (either electronically or via physical mail).** Your application is considered complete when the application and the following materials are received by the West Orange Foundation.

#### I. In one submission, return the following items (I, II, III, IV, V):

- \_\_\_ Completed Application
- \_\_\_ Student copy of test scores (SAT or ACT) *preferably both*
- \_\_\_ Two (2) signed letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_ Personal Essay (within application)
- \_\_\_ Financial documents (FAFSA, SAR, Tax Return, Taniff, Medicaid, SNAP, etc.)
- \_\_\_ College letter of acceptance; proof of application
- \_\_\_ This checklist returned with your application

#### II. Official High School Transcripts

High School transcripts are used to measure an individual's scholastic achievements, interests and progress. Transcripts must be current and show a GPA minimum of 2.75 (weighted or unweighted).

#### III. Applicant Test Scores

SAT and/or ACT test scores are required as part of the application process. If you have not taken the test before the deadline, your application may be deemed ineligible. A student copy of the results is acceptable. Screen shots are not preferred.

#### IV. Financial Documentations

You must submit evidence of financial need. You may use FAFSA with SAI (preferred), SAR, Tax Returns, TANIFF, Medicaid, or SNAP information.

#### V. College Application Proof

Your application should include proof you have applied to a college, trade/professional school or other educational institution. Preference will be given to students applying to either the University of Central Florida, Valencia College, or Orange Technical College.

Applications received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible. Applications sent via physical mail must arrive at the West Orange Chamber of Commerce office by the posted deadline. Any applications received by physical mail after the posted deadline date will be considered late and ineligible.



# WEST ORANGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print the required information on all pages.

Submit application materials in its entirety only.

## Personal Data

Full Legal Name				Preferred Name	
Street Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email Address	
Date of Birth		Social Security Number (last 4 digits)			

## Parent or Guardian Information (Who resides with applicant)

Name		Daytime Phone		Relationship	
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## Application Academic Details

I have applied to attend *(list schools)*: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to continue my education at *(List 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices)*: \_\_\_\_\_

My current application status is  Accepted  Under Review  Not Accepted

I intend to study \_\_\_\_\_ . My career goal is to become a \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to start college or vocational school *(check semester)*:  Summer 2026  Fall 2026

Enter your school identification number *(if you have already been assigned your ID #)* \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Academic Information

Name of High School		Date of Graduation <i>(mo/yr)</i>	
Principal's Name		School Phone Number	
Academic Advisor		Telephone Number	

Are you taking or enrolled in *(check all that apply)*  Honor Classes  AP Classes  AICE Program  IB Program

I am currently in a Dual Enrollment Program  Yes  No If yes, list school: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Employment History

Are you currently employed?  Yes  No If yes, list number of hours worked per week \_\_\_\_\_

What is your approximate income? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per  Day  Week  Month

Do you plan on working while in college?  Yes  No

Name of Employer *(if currently working)* \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Information

My FAFSA application is complete  Yes  No  Did Not Apply My SAI # is \_\_\_\_\_

I am including my parent's income tax form because I do not have FAFSA information  Yes  No

Are you the first person in your family to attend a college or vocational school? *(No parent, sibling or other family member has attended college or vocational school)*  Yes  No

How many people in your household will be attending a college or vocational school at the same time as you? \_\_\_\_\_

Give the scholarship review committee a brief description of any special or unusual circumstances that would make it challenging for you or your family to fulfill your continuing education goals.





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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Questionnaire

Type or write your response in black or blue ink. Your essay should be no more than 500 words.

What are you passionate about? What drives you to strive for excellence?

What are your future aspirations and objectives?

What sets you apart from other applicants and makes you deserving of a scholarship?

- 1) How would you describe yourself using one word only? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) If your best friend was asked to describe you using one word only, what would he or she say? \_\_\_\_\_



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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

3) You must fix a storm-damaged fence. Although the repair work is not very large, you are permitted to bring someone along to assist. Your choices are:

- Your best friend. This is someone you know pretty well, and furthermore, it would be fun! The repair job might take longer, but hey, it will be a blast!
- One of your classmates that you don't know well. Although you haven't had much chance to talk to them, this person is intelligent and capable of fixing almost everything. The task would be finished quickly.
- No one. Because you think you have the skills, you can simply do the repairs yourself, and they will be done correctly. Sure, it could take some time, but you know the quality of your work.

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

### Acknowledgement

I have read and fully understand the requirements and procedures for obtaining a West Orange Foundation Scholarship and hereby apply for a scholarship. I am also aware that any application that is judged to be incomplete, ineligible, or contains false information may be rejected by the Scholarship Review Board.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## WEST ORANGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### 2025 Scholarship Calendar

- Friday, February 27, 2026** Application process opens.
- Friday, March 27, 2026 (12 pm)** Deadline for submitting an application. Applications received after this date will be considered late, and not eligible for the current nomination cycle.
- April 2026** Scholarship Review Board meets. Results will be released in mid-April.
- April 2026** Notifications of receipt of application begins. All applicants will receive notification of receipt of their application. Applications received prior to the deadline will receive the status of their application. Applications received closer to the deadline may experience a delay with notifications.

*Dates are subject to change*

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### SEND YOUR COMPLETED WEST ORANGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO

West Orange Chamber of Commerce  
ATTN: Scholarship  
12184 West Colonial Drive  
Winter Garden, FL 34797-4146

Telephone: (407) 656-1304

Email: [agreene@wochamber.com](mailto:agreene@wochamber.com)

Website: <https://wochamber.com/west-orange-foundation-2/>



## Helpful Hints for Completing the West Orange Foundation Scholarship Application

*Please read this in its entirety prior to completing your application.*

- ✎ Follow all directions in the application packet carefully to ensure your application is submitted correctly. All applications materials must be submitted at the same time. Applications received without all requested items will be considered incomplete.
- ✎ The application requires a signature from the applicant. While the application is formatted to allow for typing and completing the application, electronic signatures are not encouraged. It is advisable to type your responses and then print, sign and scan the application if you are returning the application via email.
- ✎ Once the West Orange Foundation receives your application materials, processing will take approximately 7 to 14 days. Applications submitted closer to the deadline may take an additional two weeks for processing. Once your application has been processed, notification of receipt and the status of your application will be sent via electronic mail.
- ✎ All applicants must be residents of and attend schools in the eligible locations listed in the application. Applicants who do not meet these criteria will be considered ineligible. Example: A student lives in an eligible location, however the student attends school in an area outside the eligible area. The application status will be Ineligible.
- ✎ Presentation materials are not necessary when assembling your application. All staples, binders, jackets, plastic sleeves, report covers or other materials used to assemble applications are removed and discarded prior to presenting them to review board members.
- ✎ Applicants are encouraged to not send any photographs of themselves, or have them included on any documents submitted. Photographs will be removed prior to the application being reviewed by the Scholarship Review Board.
- ✎ Letters of recommendation should be written on your behalf by non-family members. All letters of recommendation must include the signature of the letter writer. Letters with no signature or an electronic signature may be rejected.
- ✎ Please do not request any additional recommendations be sent to the West Orange Foundation independent of the two required recommendations submitted with your application. Letters in excess of this amount may not be reviewed. You are encouraged to use your two best recommendations. Letters should be from someone who knows you well and can speak about your character, integrity, academics, goals, motivation and your ability to succeed as a scholarship recipient.
- ✎ One recommendation must be from a teacher, principal or academic advisor.
- ✎ Thumb drives or web links to your application are not acceptable.
- ✎ The application checklist is an integral part of the application and must be completed and returned with the rest of the application materials.
- ✎ Applications received without all supporting documents (at the same time) are considered incomplete. When approaching individuals who will provide information for your application, let them know you need the information back in order to submit the application. Let them know your application must be submitted with all supporting documents.

-  SAT, ACT, TABE, or PERT Test Scores. You are advised to submit all tests' scores if you took both tests. Student copies of the results may be submitted in lieu of obtaining them from the testing facility. If these scores are listed on your official High School Transcripts, it is not necessary to submit student copies.
-  The application listed on the West Orange Foundation webpage of the West Orange Chamber of Commerce website is a fill-in form. This means that you may type directly into the application, print and sign it to prepare it for submitting it with any supporting documents. To cut down on errors, you are encouraged to type or neatly print your information onto the application. Use black or blue ink if you are completing the application by hand.
-  All applicants are encouraged to apply early. Extensions beyond the application deadline are not possible. Applications received after this date will not be considered for a scholarship.
-  All submitted applications will be reviewed and evaluated for compliance with the West Orange Foundation criteria for eligibility. Qualified applicant's application materials will be further evaluated by the Scholarship Review Board.
-  Prior to submission, applicants are encouraged to proofread their application for accuracy, mistakes and misspellings. It is advisable to have an independent person also review your application as well. Fresh eyes sometime catch mistakes you may not.