

# Oak Park High School

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMON APPLICATION PACKET AND GUIDELINES

There are three sections to the Common Scholarship Application Packet and Guidelines:

1. Instructions and Guidelines Page page 1
2. List of Scholarship Opportunities and common application for all scholarships pages 2-3
3. Supplemental Requirements for each individual scholarship pages 4-8

Attached is a list of the Oak Park High School scholarship opportunities available from local organizations/clubs and individuals. With this single application, you can apply to any of the scholarships included within this packet.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Read carefully the description of each scholarship and indicate with a checkmark the scholarship(s) for which you wish to apply. Keep this list of scholarships for your records.
- Complete **the Scholarship Common Application**. *Do this only once*. You will only fill it out once but you must copy this Scholarship Common Application for each of the scholarships to which you apply. Be advised, scholarship committees are looking to see that you can follow directions correctly.
- Fulfill the requirements of the additional supplemental information on pages 4-8 (i.e. additional essays, letters of recommendation) for each scholarship you are applying for.
- **YOU** must make a copy of each application page (i.e. transcripts, application, personal statement) so that **each scholarship committee has a complete application packet**.
- Please assemble your application and all the components into 9 x 11 envelopes. Put the name of each scholarship to which you are applying on the front of each envelope. (If you are applying for three scholarships, you will turn in three envelopes.)  
Assemble the application in the following order and insert into each envelope:
  1. Common Scholarship Application, copied for each scholarship
  2. Personal Resume for activities participated in during grades 9-12 including school activities, all extracurricular activities, volunteer, work experience and leadership rolls.
  3. Financial need explanation on a separate page, if applicable, copied for each scholarship
  4. Personal Statement, found on page 3 of the application, copied for each scholarship
  5. Current copy of unofficial transcript, (get only one and copy it for each scholarship you apply for)
  6. Additional Supplemental requirements requested by individual scholarships
  7. Letters of recommendation, if requested
- DO NOT use a cover letter or staples (paper clips may be used).
- Applications and completed packets must be received in the College & Career Center by 12:30 pm April 18, 2012. No exceptions will be made.
- If you have any questions regarding the scholarships or the Scholarship Common Application come to the College & Career Center for assistance. Scholarships will be awarded at the Senior Awards Night on May 31, 2012.
- **A Complete packet must to be assembled for EACH Scholarship that you are applying for!!**

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**  
**Wednesday, APRIL 18, 2012**  
**12:30 pm SHARP in the College & Career Center**

**OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL  
2012 SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP COMMON APPLICATION**

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

OPHS Student ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this application only once.  
Make a copy for EACH scholarship you are applying for.  
**DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 12:30 pm, to the College & Career Center**

**SCHOLARSHIPS** (Check those for which you would like to apply and then refer to the supplemental requirements for each individual scholarship on pages 4-8):

**OPHS Scholarships**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park Classified Association
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park High School Athletic Booster Club
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park High School Choir Boosters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park High School Instrumental Music Senior Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park High School Parent Faculty Club (PFC)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park High School PFC Senior Art Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park Performing Arts Alliance, *In Memory of Rick Rhodes*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park Teachers Association
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Park High School Memorial Scholarships
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brian M. Wolverton Scholarship

**Local/Community Scholarships**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Agoura Youth Basketball Association (AYBA)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baha'is of Oak Park
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of Realtors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Democratic Women's Council of the Conejo Valley
- \_\_\_\_\_ Westlake Village Rotary Club
- \_\_\_\_\_ Westlake Women's Club

Please type or print. Add additional pages if necessary for your answers:

GPA, grades 9-12: unweighted \_\_\_\_\_ weighted \_\_\_\_\_

Test Scores: SAT \_\_\_\_\_ ACT \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate school choices for continued education:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major or Field of Study in College: \_\_\_\_\_

List the classes you are currently taking:

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Do you have financial need? Do you have any circumstances that may affect the affordability of a post secondary education? If so, please attach a brief explanation.

What contributions have you made to your school or community?

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**Personal Statement:** Tell us about you and what distinguishes you from others applying for these awards. Why do you want to be considered for this award? (maximum 250 words)



### **ASSEMBLING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP PACKETS**

When assembling a scholarship packet for each scholarship you are applying for, please include in your large clasp envelope:

1. Common Scholarship Application
2. Complete Personal Resume (for activities participated in during grades 9-12)
  - Schools attended
  - All extra curricular activities and offices held (very important)
  - All organizations, sports teams/clubs, not affiliated with Oak Park High
  - Volunteer and community service work (very important)
  - Work experience
  - Leadership roles
  - Honors, Awards from both Oak Park High and with organizations not affiliated with Oak Park High
3. Financial need explanation on a separate page, if applicable
4. Personal Statement, (found on page 3 of the application) on a separate page
5. Current copy of unofficial transcript (7<sup>th</sup> semester grades included)

*From Supplemental Requirement Section for each scholarship (pages 4-8)*

6. Additional Supplemental Requirements requested by individual scholarships
7. Letters of Recommendation, if requested in supplemental section

**NOTE: Incomplete or late applications will NOT be accepted.**

**Oak Park High School**  
**2012 Scholarship Common Opportunities**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP**

**To the Student:** Complete the supplemental requirements for **EACH** scholarship that you wish to apply for (i.e. additional essay) in addition to the Scholarship Common Application. See instruction page for information on how to assemble each scholarship packet.

*Turn in the completed scholarship packets to the **College & Career Center, C-6, by 12:30 pm on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.** Keep this list of scholarships for your files, do not include it in your packet.*

**OPHS Scholarships**

**Oak Park Classified Association Scholarship**

***Student Profile:***

Graduating senior planning on attending a 2, 4 year college or university or trade school who has been involved in school activities and extra curricular activities outside OPHS. Minimum 2.0 GPA

***Supplemental Requirement:***

- Submit 100-200 word statement describing education and career goals. Describe an achievement you are especially proud of involving school or community and explain why you want to be considered for this scholarship.
- Two letters of recommendation required.

***Award:*** The number of scholarships and the amount of each award changes yearly.

**Oak Park High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship**

***Student Profile:***

Graduating senior who plans to attend a community college, technical school or four year college or university either on a full time or part time basis. Minimum 2.5 GPA

***Supplemental Requirement:***

- On a separate piece of paper please submit information on:
  - All sports you participated in at OPHS and awards/recognition received (include all grade levels)
  - Sports clubs/teams not affiliated with OPHS and awards/recognition received (include all grade levels)
- Submit a typed, double-spaced, personal essay (no longer than 2 pages) which includes the information below. This essay is an important part of the selection process and will be kept in **strict confidence**.
  - Your goals for the future: This is an opportunity for you to share your hopes and goals with the Scholarship Committee.
  - How has your athletic experience at Oak Park High School prepared you for future endeavors?
  - Include any information you believe the Scholarship Committee should have. For example, family income, estimated expenses and/or circumstances that may affect the affordability of a post secondary education should be included.

***Award:*** The number of scholarships and the amount of each award changes yearly.

**Oak Park High School Choir Booster Scholarship**

***Student Profile:***

College bound senior who has participated with the OPHS choir sometime during their high school years. Applicants must have plans to continue studying in the area of Performing Arts, with special attention to students majoring in voice, choral general and/or musical theatre.

***Supplemental Requirement:***

- Submit an essay (double spaced essay, approx. 2 pages) based on the following questions:
  - What has being a member of the choir program at Oak Park H.S. meant to you and how long have you been a member?
  - What are your future plans for college and career?
  - Describe your most meaningful/favorite experiences while being a member of the OPHS Choir?
  - Explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.
  - Explain why you feel that you are deserving of this scholarship.
  - Explain how you feel that you have shown leadership while being in choir, especially as a senior.
  - List as an appendix: all awards/solos/officer positions that you have received as a member of this OPHS choir.

***Award:*** Will be allotted at the discretion of the choir scholarship committee, which will consist of the choir director and at least three non-senior choir parents.

## **Oak Park High School Instrumental Music Senior Scholarship Award**

### ***Student Profile:***

Must be a college bound graduating senior who has been involved in the OPHS instrumental music program sometime during their years at OPHS. In good standing with a 2.0 GPA or higher and must have plans to continue studying in the area of Performing Arts with special attention to students majoring in music.

### ***Supplemental Requirement:***

- Applicants must submit an essay (double spaced, approx. 2 pages) based on the following questions:
  - What has being a member of the Instrumental Music program at Oak Park H. S. meant to you and how long have you been a member?
  - What are your future plans for college and career?
  - Describe your most meaningful/favorite experiences while being a member of the OPHS Instrumental Music program.
  - Explain why receiving this scholarship would be important to you.
  - Explain why you feel that you are deserving of this scholarship.
  - Explain how you feel that you have shown leadership while being in the Instrumental Music program, especially as a senior.
  - List as an appendix: all awards / solos / officer positions that you have received as a member of the OPHS Instrumental Music program.

**Award:** The number of scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the Instrumental Music Director and at least three non-senior music class parents.

## **Oak Park High School Parent Faculty Club Scholarship**

### ***Student Profile:***

Graduating senior with 2.5 GPA and above and must be planning to attend a community college, technical school, or four year college

### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- Personal essay or short constructed responses to six questions:  
An **essay in response to one of the following four topics** (no more than 2 pages – typed, double spaced total, with Student ID# and no name in top right corner of each page).
  - a. A defining moment, person or event in your life.
  - b. Where will you be in 10 years?
  - c. What have you learned from your extra curricular experiences?
  - d. Explain why receiving this scholarship would be important or beneficial to you.

**OR**

**Submit short, constructed responses to six of the following questions** (no more than two pages typed, double spaced total, with Student ID# and no name in top right corner of each page):

- A. Describe your best traits and strengths
- B. Describe your weaknesses and what you have done to overcome them.
- C. In what way are you different from the person you were when you started high school?
- D. Describe a mistake you made and what you learned from it.
- E. How are you different from your family?
- F. Who is your role model and why?
- G. If you could change one thing at OPHS, what would it be and why?
- H. What would you like to do with your life?

**Award:** Letter of Recognition and \$500.

## **Oak Park High School PFC Senior Art Award**

### ***Student Profile:***

Open to all senior students in three categories: Digital Art, Fine Art and 3-D. Current enrollment in an OPHS art class is not required. The work of the overall winner will be framed or mounted and placed on permanent display in the Oak Park Library. PFC members, parents, and teachers will vote and decide on the winner in each category. The overall winner will then be selected by an outside panel. (Parents or family members of the artist may not vote. If this policy is broken then the artist will be disqualified.) **ORIGINALS ARE A MUST!**

### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- Seniors may submit up to three (3) original works of unframed art. If the winning piece is submitted to the College Board in May, the student is responsible for delivering the original piece to Oak Park High School in the summer.
- Art must be presented to Ms. Pawloski by the **EXTENDED** deadline – April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 PM (due to Westlake Art Show)
- Works of Art may be entered in three (3) categories: Digital, Fine Art and/or 3-D
- Please include a typed written sheet including the following information:
  - A description of the art work including the medium, size and anything you would like to tell the judges about the technique and why you entered this particular piece.

**Award:** \$250 will be given to the first place winner in each category. An additional \$250 will be awarded to an overall first place winner chosen from the three first place winners in each category and this art work will be displayed in the OPHS library.

### **Oak Park Performing Arts Alliance, *In memory of Rick Rhodes***

The Oak Park Performing Arts Alliance awards annual scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated in the Theatre Arts Program at Oak Park High School. These awards are given in memory of Rick Rhodes, a talented and accomplished musician and songwriter who was the creative force behind the performing arts program at Oak Park High School. He helped create the theatre arts program here and provided a level of professionalism that has influenced many students in the arts program.

#### ***Student Profile:***

The applicant must have participated in the theatre arts program at OPHS (on stage or crew) and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

#### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- The applicant must include a list of any OPHS productions as well as outside OPHS productions participated in, as well as any performing arts awards received.
- The applicant must complete the application's record of extra-curricular activities.
- The applicant must attach a typed, double spaced, personal essay no longer than 2 pages which includes information from 3 of the 4 areas below. This essay will be an important part of the selection process. This essay should paint a clear picture of who you are. Essays will be read by a panel of OPPAA members as well as outside community members. Any information you provide will be kept strictly confidential.
  - a. Your goals for the future: This is an opportunity for you to share your hopes and goals with the Scholarship Committee.
  - b. How has your theatre experience at Oak Park High School prepared you for future endeavors?
  - c. What has being a part of the Performing Arts program meant to you?
  - d. Describe your most meaningful performance/project in theatre at OPHS.

**Award:** The number of scholarships and the amount of each award changes yearly.

### **Oak Park Teachers Association Scholarship**

#### ***Student Profile:***

Graduating senior who is planning to attend a 2, 4 year college/university or trade school. Student must have a 2.5 minimum GPA at OPHS or OVHS and be involved in school and/or community activities.

#### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- Submit 100-200 word statement describing education and career goals. Describe an achievement you are especially proud of involving school or community and explain why you want to be considered for this award.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members and one letter of recommendation from an adult.

**Award:** \$1000

## **Oak Park High School Memorial Scholarships**

### **Brian M. Wolverton Award for Good Citizenship *In memory of Brian M. Wolverton***

#### ***Student Profile:***

Must be a graduating senior at OPHS, Oak View or OPIS that possesses exemplary citizenship and character. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.

#### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- Two Letters of Recommendation that attests to your character and citizenship from a coach, teacher, counselor or employer.
- A 250 word essay on "What does good citizenship mean to you?"

**Award:** To be determined

## **Local/Community Scholarships**

### **Agoura Youth Basketball Association (AYBA)**

#### ***Student Profile:***

Graduating senior must have played, coached, worked, or volunteered in some other capacity with AYBA programs for at least 2 seasons. Minimum 3.0 GPA

#### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- One (1) Reference letter
- Personal Statement – include "How participation in AYBA has helped you".

**Award:** \$500

### **Baha'is of Oak Park Scholarship**

#### ***Student Profile:***

College bound senior who has a minimum 3.0 GPA and is headed to a 2 or 4 year college or technical school. Senior needs extensive community, religious and /or school extra curricular activity. There will be a strong emphasis on community service, scholastic achievements, goals and moral values.

#### ***Supplemental Requirement:***

- Essay – one page, should describe in detail your activities regarding voluntary service and what you have learned from these experiences.

**Award:** \$250

### **Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of Realtors**

#### ***Student Profile:***

Graduating Senior must have applied to an accredited educational institution (college, university, trade or technical school) and plan to attend as a full-time student in any major field of study as an undergraduate for the school year following the scholarship application date. Applicant must have been a permanent resident of the Conejo Simi Moorpark Association of Realtors Service Area for at least the past semester. Scholarship recipients are selected on their merits including grades, ability to communicate (student essay), community service, extracurricular activities, goals and significant improvement in some facet of the student's life (e.g. scholastic, personal, career development with less emphasis on recommendations). Consideration will be given to other factors besides just GPA and academic accomplishments when making the award selection. Some of the other "non-academic" criteria that will be taken into consideration when evaluating the applications and picking the recipient will be such things as financial need, community service, family issues, volunteer work and future potential.

#### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- Additional essay – Answer the following questions:
  - Why are you applying for this scholarship?
  - Have you received or expect to receive any other scholarships?
  - Explain three of your primary life goals

**Award:** \$750

### **Democratic Women's Council of the Conejo Valley**

#### ***Student Profile:***

Graduating senior woman who has a 3.0 or above GPA and is involved in the school or community.

#### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- Essay – drawing on your own experience, please submit a 500 word essay responding to this quote from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, "What we must do... is to find a way to celebrate our diversity and debate our differences without fracturing our communities".
- One Letter of Recommendation from counselor, teacher, administrator or adult who knows of your community and/or work experience.

**Award:** \$500

### **Westlake Village Rotary Club**

#### ***Student Profile:***

College bound senior. Students will be evaluated based upon scholastic records, school activities, financial need, community service and employment experience.

#### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- On the top of your supplemental essay, please include the following information:
  - Name, complete address and zip, and phone number
  - Birth date and social security number
  - Father and Mother's occupation or previous occupations
  - Brothers and sisters, please list names and ages
  - Approximate Family Income: under \$50,000    \$50-75,000    \$75 -100,000    over \$100,000
  - List any awards or scholarships you have received.
  - List hobbies or interests.
  - List all work experience, length of employment and job description
  - List your personal goals
- Essay – Attach an autobiography of not more than 500 words. Be sure to indicate your personal goals and why you feel you should receive this scholarship.

**Award:** To be determined

## **Westlake Women's Club**

### ***Student Profile:***

Financial need based scholarship for male or female graduating senior with a 3.5 GPA or above. Participation in school and/or community activities required.

### ***Supplemental Requirements:***

- Signed essay defining your goals – no more than 200 words
- Financial Statements of parents or guardians and a copy of their current U.S. Tax return may be required.
- Two (2) signed letters of recommendation: one from a high school teacher and one from your counselor with name and phone number of the counselor

***Award:*** \$2,000