

## **OROS SCHOLARSHIP**

In recognition of the tremendous efforts put forth by Oklahoma's rural schools to provide their students with quality education in an ever-changing environment, it is with pleasure that the Organization of Rural Oklahoma Schools (OROS) announces the implementation of an annual scholarship.

### Scholarship Rules and Regulations:

1. To qualify, participating schools must be current paid members of OROS.
2. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one graduating high school senior from each quadrant (as classified by OROS) in the state of Oklahoma. There will be no discrimination made as to this scholarship based on race, color, religion, national origin or sex, either by OROS or participating member schools.
3. Each recipient will receive a one-time cash scholarship of \$500.00, to be used by the student to help defray the costs of post-secondary education and related expenses.
4. Each school is responsible for distributing to its students information pertaining to the scholarship application, rules and deadlines.
5. Each school must screen and evaluate its own applicants, based upon criteria set forth on the OROS Scholarship Application Form, and then choose a single semi-finalist to be forwarded to OROS for consideration.
6. Each school may submit only one entry for consideration.
7. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 1 of each year in order to be considered.
8. OROS will appoint a scholarship committee consisting of members of its board of directors to determine the winners of the scholarship and one alternate for each quadrant.
9. If a student from an OROS board member's school district is a semi-finalist for the scholarship, that board member will be excluded from any and all aspects of the judging process.
10. The superintendents of the school districts attended by each of the quadrant winners will be notified in writing of the award being made to their students.
11. The scholarship will be awarded on or before the graduation date of each quadrant winner. The scholarship monies will be distributed upon proof of enrollment in a post-secondary institution.
12. Whenever possible, a representative from OROS will attend the school awards ceremony to award the scholarship to each quadrant winner.
13. Area Technology schools may submit one applicant per paid membership.
14. All applications and essays shall be typewritten. If applications and essays are not typewritten they will be disqualified.

**OROS APPLICATION FORM**

School Information:

Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Information:

1. How long has the applicant attended in this school district? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the applicant a graduating high school senior? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the applicant's current grade point average? \_\_\_\_\_

4. SAT Score\*: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note: If applicant is not pursuing a college tract and has not taken the SAT or ACT, this item will not be a factor.*

5. To what post-secondary institutions has the applicant applied? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. To what post-secondary institutions has the applicant been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What field of study does the applicant plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Information (attach a separate sheet if more space is needed):

1. Please list applicant's scholastic honors, activities, and/or leadership positions, and year(s) in which those occurred. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
2. Please list applicant's extracurricular and/or community honors, activities and/or leadership positions, and year(s) in which those occurred. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. On a separate sheet, please give a brief description (not to exceed one page) of the applicant's experiences in a rural educational setting, discussing the benefits as well as detriments of such a setting, as compared to an urban school system. Discuss the applicant's opinion as to whether or not it would be beneficial for rural schools to remain in operation for future generations.

**NOTE: This application must be accompanied by a certified 7-semester transcript (through the first semester of the applicant's senior year in high school) and a certified SAT/ACT score sheet.**

Verification of Information:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, to the best of my knowledge, have accurately and truthfully answered the questions on this application. I understand that if any of the information on this application is found to be intentionally false or if any responses are not my personal work product, I will be removed from consideration for this scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To the best of my knowledge, the information on this application sheet is accurate and truthful.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## OROS SCHOLARSHIP SCORING SHEET

Quadrant: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVALUATOR:** There are 100 possible points which may be awarded. Questions 1 and 2 are objective (no evaluator discretion), with a set number of points assigned to and awarded from the category into which the applicant falls. Questions 3, 4 and 5 are subjective (evaluator has discretion), with a range of possible points within each category. The evaluator should first choose the category most applicable, then award a point value within the range assigned to that category.

<u>CRITERIA:</u>	<u>POINTS AWARDED:</u>
1. Grade Point Average ( <i>Note: all honors courses must be converted to a 4-point scale:</i> )	<i>(Enter Mandatory Points)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ If 4.0, award 25 points</li><li>▪ If 3.5 to 3.99, award 23 points</li><li>▪ If 3.0 to 3.49, award 21 points</li></ul>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
2. SAT/ACT Scores (If both taken, use highest score)*: <i>(Enter Mandatory Points)</i> <i>*Note: If student is not pursuing a college tract and has not taken the SAT or ACT, this item will not be a scoring factor and the point total will be prorated according to a 75-point maximum.</i>	<i>(Enter Mandatory Points)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 1200↑ SAT or 27↑ ACT, award 25 points</li><li>▪ 1000-1199 SAT or 21-26 ACT, award 23 points</li><li>▪ 999↓ SAT or 20↓ ACT, award 21 points</li></ul>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
3. Scholastic Honors, Activities and/or Leadership Positions:	<i>(Enter Discretionary Points)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ If well-rounded/excellent, award 11 to 15 points</li><li>▪ If limited/good, award 6 to 10 points</li><li>▪ If few/fair, award 0 to 5 points</li></ul>	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/>

4. Extracurricular and/or Community Honors,  
Activities and/or Leadership Positions:

*(Enter Discretionary Points)*

- If well-rounded/excellent, award 11 to 15 points
- If limited/good, award 6 to 10 points
- If few/fair, award 0 to 5 points

5. Essay/Opinion Question:

*(Enter Discretionary Points)*

- If excellent reasoning, writing  
and grammatical skills, award 16 to 20 points
- If good reasoning, writing  
and grammatical skills, award 11 to 15 points
- If fair reasoning, writing and grammatical skills,  
award 0 to 10 points

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**TOTAL POINTS AWARDED:**