

**O'BERRY CENTER FOUNDATION**  
**P. O. Box 1157**  
**Goldsboro, NC 27533-1157**  
**919-581-4187**  
**www.oberrycenterfoundation.org**

**UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS** (Please circle the scholarship you are applying for):

- 1) Employees of O'Berry Center or immediate family members of employees
- 2) Individuals living in North Carolina who have a **desire to work with children or adults with intellectual disabilities.**

The O'Berry Center Foundation offers up to a \$1,000 academic scholarship with the possibility of being renewed up to four years to an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in one of the following fields:

**Four Year Degree or Graduate Degree (Examples of Degree Fields Honored):**

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Recreational Therapy, Psychology, Special Education, Nursing, Speech/Language Pathology, or Public Health Administration who has an interest in and the **intent of serving persons with developmental disabilities.**

**Two Year Degree (Examples of Degree Fields Honored):**

Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant, Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant, LPN, Recreational Therapist Assistant, who has the interest in and the **intent of serving persons with developmental disabilities.**

Applicant must have already been accepted into the degree program to be accepted. Applications will not be accepted for prerequisite work for a degree program. You may be called for an interview.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

**An undergraduate or graduate student must meet the following eligibility criteria to apply for the scholarship:**

- Be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.
- Have a high school cumulative grade point average of 2.8; Have an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher; Have a graduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Continue to major in one of the degree programs cited above with the intent to work with persons with developmental disabilities.
- Demonstrate evidence of volunteer (or paid) experience working with persons with developmental disabilities or evidence of involvement in research related to persons with developmental disabilities.
- Have a financial hardship

**Criteria for Scholarship Renewal (up to four years):**

- Scholarship recipient must reapply each year. Renewable scholarships for up to four years are subject to committee evaluation each year and are not guaranteed.
- Continue to meet criteria listed above
- Continue to display the intent of working with persons with developmental disabilities either through work or volunteer experiences.

**APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS: All applications must include the following:**

**1) Scholarship Application Form (Page 3 of this application):**

**2) Essay: To allow the scholarship committee to know you better, please provide an attachment responding to the following questions:**

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- What inspired your interest in working with persons with developmental disabilities and what current and prior experience have you had with persons with developmental disabilities?
  - In what activities are you involved in school, community, and church?
  - What are your plans upon graduation? Please include how you intend to serve persons with developmental disabilities and how your degree will better your skills in working with this population.
  - Do you have any financial hardships pertaining to funding your education? Are you receiving or have you applied for any other financial aid or scholarships? If so, please explain.
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**3) A minimum of three letters of recommendation which must include:**

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- An immediate supervisor if currently employed.
  - Academic (teacher or professor)
  - Someone who can discuss your experience or interest in working with the developmentally disabled population.
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**4) Most current transcript from your already completed semester hours. If entering as a freshman, please provide high school transcript.**

**5) Verification that you have been accepted into a degree program.**

**Please return the completed application along with attachments to:**

**O'Berry Center Foundation  
P.O. Box 1157  
Goldsboro, NC 27533  
michelle.tucker@oberrycenterfoundation.org**

**If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Michelle Tucker at 919-273-5733 (cell), 919-581-4187 (office) or michelle.tucker@oberrycenterfoundation.org**

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED NO LATER THAN March 31st of each calendar for consideration.**

**O’Berry Center Foundation  
Scholarship Application**

*Name:*

*Date:*

*Address:*

*City:*

*State:*

*County:*

*Zip Code:*

*Cell Phone:*

*Work Phone:*

*Email Address:*

**Scholarship Eligibility:**

*Employee of O’Berry Center*

*NC Resident*

**Entering as a Freshman:**

*High School:*

*Graduation Year:*

*Address:*

*City:*

*State:*

*County:*

*Zip Code:*

**All Applicants (where check is to be sent):**

*College/University Attending:*

*Student ID Number:*

*Address*

*City:*

*State:*

*Zip*

*Point of Contact:*

*Email:*

*Phone:*

*Undergraduate Degree*

*Graduate Degree*

*Two Year Degree*

*Four Year Degree*

*Major/Field of Study:*

*Grade Point Average:*

*Semester Hours Completed:*

*Hours completed this year:*

*Hours planned to complete this year:*

*Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year)*

*Family Income:*

*Total Est. Cost per Semester, including books (Do not include Room & Board):*

**I hereby certify that all the information that I have provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will notify the O’Berry Center Foundation immediately if I am no longer enrolled in the above-mentioned college/university or if any other critical information changes.**

*Signature of Applicant:*

*Date:*

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**Essay Questions (Use space provided or attach additional documents to answer the questions.)**

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