

O'BERRY CENTER FOUNDATION
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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.

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.

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
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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

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