

The American Dream Scholarship is available to first time college students who enroll at Oakton College after their high school graduation or GED completion. Students who have attended another college prior to Oakton are not eligible for the scholarship.

Return this completed form to the Student Government Association (SGA) at financialaid@oakton.edu

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant has a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, International Student Visa, or undocumented status
2. Enroll and maintain at least half-time enrollment. A minimum of six credits in the fall and spring semesters, and a minimum of three credits in the summer semesters. (*Students should be aware that periodic checks will be made to ensure that the student is actively enrolled in classes*).
3. Demonstrate progress in completing an academic plan.
4. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all coursework completed at Oakton or be a new student to Oakton.

Application Deadline

September 1, 2023 (fall), February 1, 2024 (spring).

Award

\$500-\$1,500 annually, not to exceed tuition and fees (registration, activity, construction, lab/course, and digital access). Due to limited funding, every request may not be approved. In order to be eligible for funding for a subsequent semester, students must maintain all eligibility requirements.

Procedures

Students interested in this funding must submit a complete application in person to the Enrollment Center. To be considered, all submissions must include the following:

- Primary Requirements
 - Completed application
 - Personal essay
- Optional Documents
 - Copy of DACA authorization or International Student Visa
 - Academic plan created with academic advisor for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024
 - Official high school transcript or GED certificate

Each application is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Strength of academic program, educational goals, grade point average, application content and quality, essay quality, financial need, and/or special circumstances may all be considered for awarding scholarships. Students are notified regarding the decision within three weeks from application deadline and the decision will be communicated via postal mail. All decisions are final; not all applications will be funded.

Student Information *(Please type or print information)*

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Oakton Student ID Number _____

Address City State/Zip Code _____

Daytime/Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Major/Intended Degree _____

Intended Graduation Date _____

Application for: Fall Spring **Are you a high school graduate?** Yes No

Personal Essay—Answer each of the following questions on a separate one page or more, double-spaced, typed sheet and attach to form.

- The essay should address all questions to help the committee better understand your situation and needs.
- Essays should be 250-500 words.
- Describe your academic goals at Oakton and beyond. Include your educational goals and career interests and your plans to meet these goals.
- Explain how this scholarship will help you to achieve your academic and personal goals.
- Describe any other information that may believe should be included in the essay.

Certification

All information on this application is correct, accurate, and truthful.

I certify that any information found to be purposely false or misleading will result in the cancellation of any Student Government Association (SGA) American Dream Scholarship, and the student will immediately need to repay any funding received.

I hereby authorize Oakton College permission to release information about my academic and financial status, and any other scholarship eligibility criteria including my personal statement, if applicable, to those involved in the scholarship selection process and/or the donor.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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