



2024 Educational Scholarship Announcement

Scholarship Opportunities for Success (SOS) will award a scholarship of up to **\$7,500** to selected qualifying individuals. Our scholarships are available to women in need of financial assistance to complete their education and achieve goals of better employment and increased financial self-sufficiency.

Individuals Eligible to Apply

1. Adult female residents of Central Ohio (Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, Pickaway, Madison, and Union counties) who are citizens of the United States, and who are eligible for in-state (resident) tuition rates.
2. Women whose financial resources are near or below poverty level.
3. Students who have and maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher.
4. Students enrolled in a not-for-profit, accredited postsecondary institution or program, or an [Ohio career and technical training center](#) recognized by the [Ohio Department of Higher Education](#).

The Scholarship

Individual award amounts vary but will not exceed **\$7,500**.

1. SOS makes payments directly to the organization, not the scholarship recipient. Payments will go directly to an organization providing a service or product, such as an educational institution/program or bookstore. Payment is made only after all other grants and scholarships have been applied.
2. Funds can be used for payment of educational tuition and fees or specific education-related expenses such as required books, supplies, equipment, and transportation to/from classes. Tuition is the first item that will be paid. SOS does not pay for expenses incurred prior to the scholarship grant year.
3. Funds **cannot** be used for rent, groceries, bill payments or other living expenses.
4. Official course enrollment and student account statements must be provided to SOS before payment is made.
5. The scholarship award **must be used between June 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025**.

Application Process

1. Complete the SOS application form. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**
2. Submit reference letters from two organizational representatives who know you and support this application. For example, a professor/instructor, counselor, spiritual advisor, supervisor, mentor, career counselor, or job trainer may write a reference, but **a reference from family member or friend will not be accepted.**
3. Provide two separate typed essays:
 - a. Tell us about your **career/educational goals** and one or more **CURRENT obstacles** that you must overcome to obtain your educational goals. (Limit 2 pages)
 - b. Separately, tell us about one major **PAST life challenge** that you have faced and describe how you resolved it. (Limit 1 page)
4. If employed, include copies of your most recent **six weeks'** pay stubs.
5. Provide your most recent official grade transcript/s.
6. Provide SOS' Financial Aid Certification Form that is completed and signed by your financial aid office.

Return completed information as requested in PDF or Word format (no photos or screen shots). **Application must be emailed or postmarked on or before May 31, 2024. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 1, 2024.**

Email: apply@sosgrants.org / US Mail: Scholarship Opportunities for Success, P.O. Box 340622, Columbus, OH 43234

SOS is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, founded in 2001, to raise money that provides support for the education of women with financial need.