

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY - 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

In the pursuit of determining the qualifications of candidates for our scholarships, the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City will gather the following information:

1. A scholarship application, prepared by the candidate, which contains the following:

- Personal and contact information
- Household employment information
- Financial need or circumstances
- The community and school service completed by the candidate
- A written narrative of education/training and career goals (250 - 500 words).

2. High school transcript(s) covering all years of high school.

3. Two letters of reference.

This version of the application is intended for applicants who do not have access to Microsoft Word or compatible software. It may be prepared using any word processing software by entering only the number and underlined words in the questions below, followed by the requested information. It should then be printed, signed, and scanned in as a PDF file. The transcript and letters of reference are also to be scanned in as a PDF files. All 4 of these documents are to be attached to one email and sent to kiwanisopscholar@gmail.com to be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than April 10.

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2026. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

Questions may be directed to James Maratea, Kiwanis Scholarship Committee Chairman, 856-261-3226 or kiwanisopscholar@gmail.com.

PRIVACY STATEMENT – This information will be collected by the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee and will be used exclusively to determine which candidates will receive scholarship money. Your data will not be shared by any member of the Committee by oral, written or electronic means with any one not on the Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All items should be addressed – if not applicable, enter N/A.

Some of the questions below ask for information covering a specific time period. The time period covered is shown in *italics* in the question. Please do not include information outside of that time period in answering the question.

1) Last name:

2) First name:

3) Email:

4) Address:

5) Phone number:

6) High school you are attending:

7) Guardian's name: (first and last):

8) Is Guardian employed? Enter yes, no, retired, or disabled.

9) Occupation of guardian if they are employed:

10 Do you have another guardian providing support? Enter yes or no.

11) If yes, is other guardian employed? Enter yes, no, retired, or disabled.

12) If other guardian is employed, enter their occupation:

13) Not including yourself, how many other siblings is/are your guardian(s) currently supporting?

14) Are you a technical school student? Enter yes or no.

15) Were you employed last summer and/or this school year? If so, enter the total number of hours you have worked *since the end of the 2024/2025 school year*.

16) Please provide an estimate of your family's annual income, including spousal and child support, selecting from the following ranges: (a) under \$40,000, (b) 40,000-\$74,999, (c) \$75,000-\$99,999, (d) \$100,000-\$150,000, or (e) over \$150,000. Please note that this information will remain strictly confidential and is used only to the extent that it helps prioritize financial need. Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City reserves the right to request additional documentation prior to awarding scholarships.

17) If you care to share extenuating family financial circumstances that impact your future plans to attend college/technical school, please briefly elaborate (fewer than 250 words).

18) Did you submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Enter yes or no and, if no, please explain.

19) *For the current school year* list all your extracurricular activities inside of school, using one line per activity and provide the total hours with each (e.g., Key Club – 20 hours, Student Council – 25 hours, sports, band, etc.)

20) *For all your high school years*, list your documented volunteer unpaid community service activities, using one line per activity, and provide the total hours for each (e.g., Salvation Army – 20 hours, Diakonia – 25 hours, tutoring, coaching, etc.)

21) *For all your high school years*, list your academic honors and leadership positions, using one line per honor or position (e.g., honor societies, awards, officer positions in school organizations).

22) Please share your educational/training and career goals and how this scholarship would help you achieve your goals. Please limit your response to 250-500 words.

23) If needed, please provide any other information (not provided above) you wish the Committee to consider in evaluating your application. Please limit your response to 100 words or less.

24) Please sign this application to certify the information provided above is true to the best of your knowledge.