

OSSO Scholarship Program

The students must meet the qualifications and requirements set forth by the Scholarship Committee to be eligible. This year OSSO will provide up to ten (10) scholarship awards. The scholarship winners will receive a percentage of five thousand dollars as follows: 1st place 25%, 2nd place 20%, 3rd place 15%, 4th place 10%, and 5th - 10th place 5%. In the event that there are fewer than ten qualified applicants, the remaining scholarship funds will be disbursed equally to scholarship recipients.

Scholarships will be awarded based on information provided in the application form, financial need, the student's ability to complete the application as instructed, and the applicant's essay. Once the applicant has been notified by the Committee Chairperson that he/she has been selected as a scholarship recipient, the applicant must complete a signed OSSO Scholarship Commitment Letter.

Applications for scholarships can be emailed to OSSOHOUSTON@GMAIL.COM and cc: gtgarcia1007@yahoo.com, gillov29@yahoo.com, jdelacruz9351@yahoo.com

Attention: Scholarship Committee

June 30, 2025 @ 11:59 pm (central) time. Applications

and transcripts that are mailed by U.S. mail must be received by June 30, 2025.

Applications for scholarship submitted by U.S. Mail should be submitted to HPD OSSO Scholarship Committee 2025 Chair, Attention: Scholarship Committee at 901 North Loop Houston, Texas 77022.

Criteria:

☐ Must attend or plan to attend an associate or bachelor's degree program within one year of notification of selection for scholarship. Previous students are eligible and may reapply. Dual Credit/Early Admission program participants are also eligible.

☐ GPA must be 2.5 or higher

☐ Packets should include the following and be postmarked no later than June 30, 2025 if mailed by United States Mail. If you choose to email your scholarship application it must be in by the scholarship deadline, June 30, 2025 @ 11:59 pm (central time). Transcripts should be received no later than the deadline:

☐ A completed and signed 2025 HPD OSSO Scholarship Application Form.

☐ An Official High School or College Transcript.

☐ Minimum 3 page essay on the selected topic.

Essay Instructions and Questions

☐ All references must be cited on a separate sheet of paper included with the essay.

☐ The essay must be double spaced, no more than a 12 pt. font, and 3-5 pages. In addition to the essay, a PowerPoint presentation is optional.

☐ You must attach a cover sheet with the title of your essay, name, cell phone number, and home address.

☐ Winners will receive a call or email from OSSO to receive their scholarship.

2025 Essay Topic

What can police departments do to counter misinformation and negative bias in the media (social media) to increase trust with the community?

For additional questions contact:

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