

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, antoniogracia@gmail.com attention: Scholarship Committee: Nancy Orellana and Sgt. Gracia, no later than May 31, 2024 @ 11:59 pm (central) time. Applications and transcripts that are mailed by U.S. mail must be received by May 31, 2024. Applications for scholarship submitted by U.S. Mail should be submitted to HPD OSSO Scholarship Committee 2024 Chair, Attention: Nancy Orellana & Tony Gracia 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 May 31, 2024 if mailed by United States Mail. If you choose to email your scholarship application it must be in by the scholarship deadline, May 31, 2024 @ 11:59 pm (central time). Transcripts should be received no later than the deadline:
- A completed and signed 2024 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 an invite to the OSSO Scholarship Awards Dinner Banquet on June 15, 2024.

2024 Essay Topic

In this past year, our city has seen a rise in domestic violence. These crimes are affecting families physically, financially and mentally. What are some things that you believe can be done to assist individuals in overcoming such traumatic event?

For additional questions contact:

Officer Nancy Orellana or Sgt. Tony Gracia

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