



The Ostrander Scholar Society's Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Josh Sain, the 1997 National Order of the Arrow Vice Chief. He was an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member, Founders Award Recipient and was honored by his lodge with the James E. West Fellowship. Prior to Josh's election to National Vice Chief, he served Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge as Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Chief, and was Section Chief of Southern Region 6A. Josh gave much of his life to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Without question, Josh Sain's endless hours of service represent the epitome of the OA: Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service.

Therefore, the person(s) receiving this scholarship should reflect comparable principles, ideals and values. This scholarship was created for Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to Scouting/OA. Be it known that good character shall encompass the entire individual—the moral, mental and spiritual aspects of a person.

Furthermore, a true belief in God, good morals and practices will be solely confirmed by the way you live. This is being stated to advise you that this scholarship is intended to honor those who have chosen to live a life of cheerful service.

"God loveth a cheerful giver"—New Testament, II Corinthians, IX, 7.

Most of the critique will be based upon how you have given back to others. Please fill out the application completely and list your major goals. The candidate(s) we seek will not only have ample academia training to carry out their goals, but will also have ambition and drive to achieve their goals. At least 50% of recipients must be youth.

Any recipient(s) that are between the ages of 21-27 must demonstrate OA involvement since their youthhood.

The Ostrander Scholar Society's Board of Directors will ascertain the monetary amount that shall be given. (We try to award a minimum of \$1000 per scholarship)

The Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship was contrived with the idea being selected is a valiant worthy honor to acquire, rather than just for its monetary value.

Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship Information and Instructions

You must meet the following criteria to apply:

**Must be an Eagle Scout

**Must be a Brotherhood OR Vigil Honor Member

**Must be a high school senior OR a college/trade school student under the age of 28

**Must be currently registered in Scouting. Please provide your scouting registration number found listed on your membership card

**Must have approval from your OA Lodge Adviser or Chapter Adviser

**Scholarship applicants must be enrolled at either:

1. A college/university that is fully accredited and be actively seeking either an associates, bachelors or masters degree

OR

2. A trade/vocational school that is fully accredited

When completing this application, it is paramount that you list everything that you have done!

Make sure you write specific details when completing the section entitled, "Major Goals and Future Service."

You must attach one (1) letter of recommendation with your application. You may include two letters if you desire, but at least one letter is required. The letter needs to be from either a school official or a Scouter. (School officials must be one of the following: teacher, principal, counselor, college professor.) (Scouters must be one of the following: scoutmaster, OA adviser, assistant scoutmaster, merit badge counselor.)

You must attach one letter from your OA Lodge Adviser with your application. The letter should state the following:

"I certify that (fill in name of scholarship nominee here) meets the requirements for the Ostrander Scholar Society's Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship. In addition, I certify that (fill in name of scholarship nominee here) is a registered member of the BSA and a member of an OA lodge in good standing."

The annual deadline for scholarship submissions is May 1st of each year

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions page. If you have any additional questions, you may submit an email to:

OstranderScholarSociety@gmail.com or call us at: 817-350-0199 Good luck!

How to Submit Your Scholarship Application to Ostrander Scholar Society

You May Submit Your Application:

1. Electronically. Your application and required attachments may be scanned and emailed directly to us at: OstranderScholarSociety@gmail.com Applications must be received by 11:59pm PST on May 1st of each year. We are not responsible for any email submissions not received, regardless of reason. You are welcome to request confirmation of application received.

If you're not able to submit via email, please contact us for further assistance. Thank you.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) Q. Do I have to be under the age of 28 at the time the scholarship is awarded (June 15th) or when the funds are submitted (August) to my college/university?
A. You must be under the age of 28 when the scholarship is awarded to you; the Board of Directors selects recipients by June 15th of each year.
- 2) Q. What is the Ostrander Scholar Society and how are they involved with the scholarship? A. The Ostrander Scholar Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that formed for the purposes of providing collegiate scholarships. The organization's founder also founded the original Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship in 1997. In 2007, the Ostrander Scholar Society's Board of Directors agreed to oversee the affairs of the Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship.
- 3) Q. I am unable to obtain a letter from my OA lodge adviser. Can someone else send me a letter?
A. Yes. The OA lodge adviser may ask your chapter adviser to write the letter on their behalf.
- 4) Q. What should I write about in the "Major Goals and Future Service" section? A. The "Major Goals and Future Service" section must be a minimum of 250 words outlining your personal goals (educational, career, etc) as well as how you will give of your time to provide service to Scouting & OA from now and into your adult life.
- 5) Q. Will you accept my application if I send it after the deadline?
A. In order for your application to be considered after the deadline, you must send us a written and signed request for a deadline extension. We must receive your written and signed request before the May 1st deadline. The Board of Directors will review your request and determine if sufficient reasons exist to grant an extension. The Board reserves the right to determine what circumstances constitute reason for granting a deadline extension.
- 6) Q. Am I required to submit a high school and/or college transcript with my application?
A. No. This is a merit-based scholarship. Selection is based on how you have been of service to your community, to Scouting and to the Order of the Arrow.
- 7) Q. Can the scholarship funds be used for graduate studies?
A. Yes. Applicants currently seeking an undergraduate degree (associates or bachelors) are usually given priority, however, candidates for a masters degree will be considered provided all other requirements are met.
- 8) Q. Can the scholarship funds be used for trade/vocational school programs?
A. Yes. Effective 2026, students attending a trade/vocational school are now eligible to apply for our scholarships. Trade/vocational schools must be accredited.

Josh Sain Memorial Scholarship Application

Please type or print legibly

Name _____

Scouting Registration Number _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Mailing Address

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Scouting Leadership and Responsibilities (check or highlight all that apply)

--If you have held any of these positions more than once, please specify how many times by writing the number of times next to the position--

Troop Guide	OA Troop Rep	Lodge Chief
Instructor	Chapter Treasurer	Section Secretary
Scribe	Chapter Secretary	Section Vice Chief
Chaplain's Aide	Chapter Vice Chief	Section Chief
Senior Patrol Leader	Chapter Chief	NOAC Staff
Bugler	Lodge Treasurer	Venture Crew President
Quartermaster	Lodge Secretary	Venture Crew VP
Asst. Scoutmaster	Lodge Vice Chief	Other (List Below)

Other Positions Held:

Date of Birth _____ Years in Scouting _____ Years in OA _____

Date Passed Eagle Board of Review _____

Chapter _____ Lodge _____

Council _____ BSA Unit # _____

Number of Eagle Palms Earned (if applicable) _____

Have you ever worked summer camp staff? YES NO

If yes, how many years? _____ Camp Name _____

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES (Council Camp, NOAC, Jamborees, OA Events, Philmont, etc)

Activity Name **Year(s) of Participation**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND HONORS

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND HONORS

(including religious emblems)

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND HONORS

SCOUTING AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION RECEIVED

HOBBIES

MAJOR GOALS AND FUTURE SERVICE

This section must be a minimum of 250 words outlining your personal goals (educational, career, etc) as well as how you will give of your time to provide service to Scouting & OA from now and into your adult life. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR SCHOLARSHIP?

Please check one option below

Online Google / Internet Search_____

Our Website_____

Facebook_____

LinkedIn_____

Other Social Media_____ Please specify_____

Friend / Word of Mouth_____

Event_____ Please specify_____

REFERENCES (Please provide three references. Include the person's name, address, phone number and email. References cannot be related to you.)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

