



O'Brate Foundation

Dual-Credit Scholarship

« Eligibility Criteria: »

- » Financial Need
- » Age 17 to 25
- » 2.5 GPA or Higher
- » Kansas High School Student or Equivalent
- » Enrolled in courses at an accredited institution of higher education for dual and/or concurrent credit
- » Work Experience & Continued Commitment to Work
- » Drive & Determination to Succeed

To Get Started Go To:

<https://obrate.smapply.org/>

1

Personal Information Form: Enter name & address information and complete answers to a few short demographic questions.

2

Dual-Credit Scholarship Application: Answer questions, enter high school information, provide parent's Adjusted Gross Income (**Tax Return: IRS Form 1040—Line 11**). Write a 200-1000 word essay, share work history, list community/school involvement & activities.

3

Recommendation Form: Choose ONE adult reference (**teacher, school counselor, employer, pastor, family friend, etc.**). Enter the name, e-mail and association of the individual from whom you are requesting a recommendation. An e-mail request will be sent to the specified individual. *See Page 2 for Details*

4

High School Transcript: Enter the name & e-mail address of the official (i.e. principal, counselor, registrar, etc.) who is responsible for transcripts. An e-mail with a link to upload the transcript will be sent to the individual. *See Page 2 for Details*

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Dual-Credit Bill or Statement: Attach a PDF version of your current semester Dual-Credit Bill/Statement. If you are applying for the Fall semester AND asking for assistance with both the Fall & Spring semesters, you may send the Spring semester bill at a later date once enrollment is complete.

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Financial Need Verification: Please attach a PDF version of Free/Reduced Meal Program participation, parent's/guardian's most recent Tax Return, or the FAFSA Submissions Summary.

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SUBMIT: Click the **SUBMIT** button once the Transcript & Recommendation Form, along with all other task-lines, show as **COMPLETE**. *Applicants will receive a request for an interview or notification of denial within one month of the deadline.*



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Helpful Hints

Application Access:

The O'Brate Foundation Dual-Credit Scholarship Application does NOT Require Special Access.

Get Started:

- » Go to <https://obrate.smapply.org/>
- » Click Log In or Register (*new users*)
- » Click Programs (*upper-right corner*)
- » Select Dual-Credit Application > More
- » Click Apply
- » Start

Transcript & Recommendation

Please inform **both** your **Recommender & School Official** that they will each receive an email with a link for their respective **upload**. *The link will redirect to the SM Apply homepage and require login information.*

» **Existing User:** Individuals who have previously helped students should use the same **E-mail Login & Password**. *LOGIN ISSUES arise when the current student uses a different e-mail than the e-mail associated with the original account.*

» **New User:** Individuals who are new to the site should **create a password AND make a note of it for future use**.

PLEASE NOTE: The Recommendation Form responses are hidden from the applicant.

E-mail Issues

- » **No Upload Link Email:** If the Recommender and/or School Official have not received an e-mail, then they should check their SPAM folder.
- » **Still No Upload Link Email:** If 24 hours have passed and the Recommender and/or School Official have still not received an e-mail, then the student should try resending the request and/or change the

The **APPLICANT** will need to **"MARK AS COMPLETE"** the **Recommendation Form & Transcript Task-Lines** once the **Recommender & School Official** have **Completed** their respective tasks.

Contact Us

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Awards & Deadlines

Scholarship Awards

Dual Credit Applications are good for only **ONE Academic Year**. This means that students will have to complete a **NEW APPLICATION** each Academic Year that they plan to take courses while in high school.

Also, students are given the opportunity to choose if they are applying for **ONE (Fall OR Spring)** or **TWO (Fall AND Spring) Semesters**. Therefore, those applying for two semesters should have an **accurate cost estimation** for both semesters.

If a student applies for just the **FALL semester**, then later decides to take classes in the **SPRING semester**, that student will need to complete a **NEW APPLICATION**.

FALL

Opens: August 5th
Closes: November 1st

SPRING

Opens: January 5th
Closes: April 1st

PDF Tips

Turn Paper into PDF's w/ your Phone!

- » Notes App (*iPhone*)
- » Google Drive (*Android*)

Turn Website Doc's into PDF's w/ a PC!

- » Ctrl+P
- » Select "Microsoft Print to PDF" or "Save as PDF"
- » Print