



2021-2022 Scholarship FAQs

This year's *Oakland Promise Scholarship* is available to Oakland public and charter high school students planning to enroll in college for Fall of 2022.

How to Apply:

The web-based application portal is located at scholarships.oaklandpromise.org. This portal hosts a single application for applying to our scholarship. You must create an account with an email address that you can access to start and submit your application. *Please note that you will not be able to create an account with your OUSD email account.*

Email us (scholarships@oaklandpromise.org) or DM us on instagram (@opfuturecenter) if you have any questions about the application.

Important Dates:

- November 1, 2021 - Online Application portal opens (English and Spanish language)
- March 2, 2022- FAFSA / CA Dream Act Application deadline
- March 7, 2022 - Online Applications are due by 11:59pm PST. You must click "SUBMIT" after completing the 3 tasks.
 - Letters of Recommendation, if required, are accepted through March 11, 2022

Helpful tips for completing the application on the scholarships.oaklandpromise.org portal can be found

- [HERE](#)

Preview the application with the link below:

- [Oakland Promise Scholarship Application](#)

Watch a helpful instruction video on completing the application:

- [HERE](#)
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Application Eligibility and Requirements

Oakland Promise Scholarship

The Oakland Promise Scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend a postsecondary institution -- 4 year college, 2 year college or CTE program-- right after high school. Students awarded the Oakland Promise scholarship receive scholarship funds as well as mentoring, peer-advising, networking opportunities, and other persistence support and services to achieve college success. Our Oakland Promise scholarship is open to Oakland public and charter high school seniors who meet our eligibility requirements.

To fill financial gaps and minimize financial barriers for Oakland students, Oakland Promise will provide need-based college scholarships to all qualifying students from low-income backgrounds.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply for the Oakland Promise Scholarship.

- 2.0 GPA
- Attend and graduate from an Oakland public or charter high school in Spring 2022 and start as a full time student at an accredited, not-for-profit college in the U.S. in Fall 2022.
- Demonstrate financial need as calculated by FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application.
- Answer One Short Essays Responses (150-500 words)
 - Why do you want to attend college or attend a CTE program?

If you are applying for the higher scholarship, you will be required to answer two additional essay questions (150-500 words).

- What is a significant challenge you have faced and how can the Oakland Promise scholarship support you in your future plans?
- Please provide the name of the teacher, or community member who has done the most to encourage you to pursue higher education, and include a description of how that teacher has inspired or motivated you.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must complete the following steps for your application to be considered valid.

- Apply to at least one post secondary institution
- Submit the FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application application by March 2nd, 2022.

Deadlines:

- Scholarship applications are due March 7, 2022 by 11:59pm PST.

Other FAQs

Am I eligible to apply for the Oakland Promise scholarship?

Eligibility requirements:

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply for the Oakland Promise Scholarship.

- 2.0 GPA
- Attend and graduate from an Oakland public or charter high school
- Demonstrate financial need as shown by Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below \$10,000 as determined by FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application.
- Plan to enroll as a full-time student at a 2 or 4-year accredited, not-for-profit college or university, or a CTE program in Fall 2022

What is the deadline to apply for the Oakland Promise scholarship?

- Scholarship Application is due March 7, 2022 by 11:59pm PST.

How do I contact you with questions about the Oakland Promise scholarships?

- If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Oakland Promise scholarship, please contact us at scholarships@oaklandpromise.org.

I'm having a hard time logging into scholarships.oaklandpromise.org (OP's SurveyMonkey Apply platform)?

- Try resetting your password by clicking "Forgot Password" near the user and password box then type the email address you used to create your account to receive instructions on how to reset your password. **Remember not to use your OUSD student email or your charter school student email address.**

When will I hear back about the scholarship?

- You should hear back from Oakland Promise via email on April 30, 2022.

When will the scholarship be disbursed?

- Your scholarship will be disbursed after you submit your Scholar Docs in the fall. Be on the lookout for our email reminding you to submit your Scholar Docs before the deadline.

What is required of me after I receive the scholarship?

- After accepting the scholarship you will be transitioned from the college access team to the college completion team who will then communicate what is required moving forward. Please keep in contact with our College Completion team and check in with your advisors to ensure we are able to support you through your academic journey.

How much is the scholarship?

- **CTE (Career Technical Education)** - \$2,000 (\$1000/year) for 2 years payable in installments twice a year
- **4 year Colleges/Universities** - \$4,000 (\$1000/year) for 4 years payable in installments twice a year
 - There are limited larger scholarships valued at \$8k & \$16k for 4 year-bound Scholars.
- **2 year Colleges/Universities** - \$2,000 (\$1000/year) for 2 years payable in installments twice a year