The Ohio Township Association (OTA) began offering scholarships to high school seniors in 2005. Four $1,500 scholarships in two categories are being provided this year.

Scholarship Types
Two Local Government Achievement scholarships will be awarded, and two Academic Achievement scholarships. Students may apply for both scholarships, but a student must complete a separate application for each scholarship, and a student will only be awarded one scholarship, if either.

Local Government Achievement - Student must demonstrate outstanding citizenship through service and participation in community activities.

Academic Achievement - Student must have a B average (cumulative) and at least a 22 ACT or 1000 SAT score.

Eligibility
Student must be a U.S. citizen; reside in an Ohio township; and plan to attend a two- or four-year Ohio college or university in the fall of 2021.

Deadline
The online application form will close at 11:45 p.m. on January 28. Winners will be contacted by May 1.

All questions regarding the program should be directed to the Ohio Township Association at 614-863-0045. The Scholarship Review Panel only selects winners and cannot answer questions regarding the application process.

What are the requirements? What will I be asked to upload as part of my application?

Each student must submit:
1. Completed application form (available at ohiotownships.org).
2. Statement of activities, honors and leadership, including school and community activities, and years in which you participated. Identify leadership positions or awards you received.
3. Copy of high school transcript, including ACT and/or SAT scores.
4. Two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or community leaders.
5. A 500-word maximum essay:
   - Local Government Achievement applicant - Describe a community project or event in which you participated that made an impact on your life.
   - Academic Achievement applicant - Describe the importance of local government.

6. Applicants must also attend at least one official meeting of township officials. Applicants are permitted to attend either a virtual or an in-person meeting taking place in their county or school district (not necessarily their own townships) in order to meet this requirement. This will be verified by the signatures - on the appropriate form, available on the OTA’s website - of at least two officials in attendance at the meeting.

To learn in which township you reside, consult your local County Auditor’s website and input your home address in the property search function; this will provide tax and property information.