



## NCOTA Student Scholarship Application

The North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association's stated mission is to promote the continued and competent practice of occupational therapy; to impact health care, legislative, and reimbursement communities as advocates for the consumer and the profession; and to be responsive to the needs of the membership by promoting professional education, communication, and monitoring trends in health care and in the community that affects the practice of occupational therapy. In order to support our ongoing mission to promote continued and competent practice of occupational therapy, the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Student Scholarship was established in 2018 to support local occupational therapy practitioner students and the future of occupational therapy profession. This scholarship will be awarded to one occupational therapy student and one occupational therapy assistant student who has completed a minimum of 2 semesters in a North Carolina occupational therapy program. The students must be a North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association member, be in good academic standing in their occupational therapy coursework, demonstrate leadership and have documented community service.

**Scholarship Award:** \$1,000.00 - Occupational Therapy Student  
\$500.00 - Occupational Therapy Assistant Student

**Award Duration:** One non-renewable award per year per recipient

**Applications can be submitted starting January 15th and must be postmarked no later than March 15th. Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 15th. Recipients will be formally recognized at the following NCOTA Fall Conference.**

Applicants must:

- Provide documentation of being currently enrolled as a full-time student at an entry level North Carolina occupational therapy (OT) or occupational therapy assistant (OTA) program.
- Have completed a minimum of two semesters of occupational therapy program course work.

A completed application packet will consist of:

1. Completed application below.
2. Official documentation of being in good academic standing in their occupational therapy coursework (*i.e. academic transcript and/or via letter of recommendation from department chair*).
3. Student Resume including evidence of the 4 following areas: work experience, volunteer service, leadership experiences, honors and awards.
4. Two Letters of Reference: Please enter the name and email address of two references within the application form below. One should be a current faculty member or faculty advisor who can speak about your academic ability and the other should be someone who can speak to your character, work experience, leadership qualities and community service skills. **\*\*Reference letters should be in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the seal.**
5. Must be a current member of the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association.
6. Must complete a 500-word maximum student essay question. The essay provides an opportunity for the Scholarship Selection Committee to assess an applicant's personal and professional attributes and is an important part of the application -- please complete it carefully and thoughtfully.

**All required supporting documents and application must be submitted together and mailed to: NCOTA Attention: Scholarship Committee PO Box 20432 Raleigh NC 27609.**



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**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

Applying for:  OT Scholarship or  OTA Scholarship

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program (OT or OTA): \_\_\_\_\_ When did you become a member of NCOTA? \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**References**

**Reference 1:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY Question (500 words max):**

*Why did you choose to pursue a degree in OT? What qualities do you possess that would make you an excellent OT practitioner? How do you plan to meaningfully contribute to the profession?*



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### **Document Checklist:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application

\_\_\_\_\_ Resume

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed essay

\_\_\_\_\_ Documentation of good academic standing

\_\_\_\_\_ Proof of current NCOTA membership

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