

2019-2020 Oakland Baptist Church Caroline Krueger Service Scholarship

(for the high school graduating class of 2019)

The **purpose** of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student who can demonstrate financial need, maintain high academic performance, and will volunteer his/her time in service to their local community. The scholarship is intended for a current senior (class of 2019) who is a member of Oakland Baptist Church and/or a student attending Rock Hill School District schools. The student must be planning to pursue a Baccalaureate degree or higher in an accredited four year college or university.

Amount of Scholarship: The OBC Volunteer Scholarship is an Annual (2 semester) \$2500 award that is renewable up to a total of 8 semesters or a maximum of \$10,000. The scholarship will be presented to a minimum of one deserving student for the 2019-20 school year and is renewable based on the availability of funds and eligibility of the student per the stated requirements to renew. These funds are intended to be used for the payment of tuition and fees at the college or university of their choice and will be paid directly to the institution.

Award Criteria: Any successful applicant must either have completed or be in process of completing the following requirements upon their application submission for the scholarship. * Volunteer hours at the Ministry Center must be completed by 4/30/19.

- High School graduate (Class of 2019)
- Proof of acceptance as a member of the freshman class of 2019-20 at an accredited 4 year college or university.
- ***Complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service to the Oakland Baptist Church Ministry Center during the 2018-19 school year.**
- Volunteer for additional service hours to civic/community/school and church based organizations (i.e. clubs, part time employment, nonprofit organizations, church and school involvement)
- Provide a (prompted) writing sample
- Provide 3 personal references (all non-related, 1 teacher/coach, and 1 employer-if employed)
- Provide evidence of financial need: FAFSA form (Federal Student Aid at fafsa.ed.gov) required and/or Federal Income Tax Returns
- Transcript and grade reports of high school academic performance (records that are available at scholarship application deadline)

Scholarship Selection Criteria

The selection committee will award the scholarship based on the following criteria:

- 25% financial need
- 25% academic performance
- 25% volunteerism at the Oakland Baptist Ministry Center (a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service is required during the application period October 1, 2018 until April 30, 2019)
- 25% civic/community/school based involvement (unpaid, extra-curricular activities, leadership, etc.)

Procedures

Interested students should submit their application with all supporting documentation to the OBC Educational Financial Aid Committee at Oakland Baptist Church, 1067 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC, 29732 on or before 12:00pm on April 30, 2019. Any applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed by the selection committee. Any applications that lack all of the required attachments, documents, and information will not be eligible for consideration by the selection committee.

Scholarship Requirements for renewal (next school year/semester/quarter)

- A minimum grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 scale)
- Completion of the equivalent of 12 semester hours or more per semester (based on the college/university system or awarding academic credits)
- The scholarship recipient will be responsible for submission of all required documentation prior to the deadline set by the selection committee.