

SUMMER ENRICHMENT Scholarship Guidelines & Application

For students currently enrolled in Grades 5 – 11

And who have been identified as Gifted

(as defined by the Ohio Department of Education)



2022

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO ESC

ESC Applications due March 11, 2022

(OAGC Applications due February 15, 2022)

Please be aware that the Covid-19 pandemic could affect this program

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers and School Administrators:

In an effort to be as fair and consistent as possible in disbursing funding for Summer Enrichment Scholarships, we have instituted the following policies.

Please read this information carefully before you fill out the applications.

The amounts awarded will fluctuate from year to year according to the amount of money available from sponsors and the number of students applying. At the current time you should not consider funding from the ESC that exceeds \$500 for an elementary student (grades 5 & 6), \$1,000 for a Jr. High student (grades 7 & 8), or \$1,500 for a high school student. According to previous years, these amounts are in line with funding and available summer enrichment opportunities within the above age ranges. **However, you may request the entire amount that is needed and if there is funding available we may grant a larger amount.**

We expect that any student who applies for our scholarships will have also applied for an OAGC Scholarship Award. Students should refer to the page we've added to the end of this letter for information about the OAGC application. The OAGC District Contact must nominate the student for the OAGC scholarship, but classroom teachers (**who see the student on a regular basis**) and/or community members may write the letters of recommendation.

In order to be eligible for the ESC Scholarship, students must be identified as Gifted (as specified by the Ohio Dept. of Education). They should be nominated by a teacher, guidance counselor or building principal and must submit the following forms to the ESC by the due date: the **NOMINATION FORM**, the **PARENT RELEASE FORM**, and the **STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**. Students should also submit a copy of their OAGC application, a brochure or web address for the summer program they wish to attend, and a typed thank you note with a signature for the sponsors.

It will be the responsibility of the parent to notify Sharee Price at the Gifted Services Office regarding other funding sources immediately upon notification by another sponsor. If a parent receives notification of other funding after our decision has been made, he or she should contact Sharee Price (354-0229) immediately, so we can work to make the appropriate adjustments to our scholarship amount. If a student (or parent) fails to notify us of other funding (before or after funding from the ESC has been approved), the student will be disqualified from future funding.

If a student fails to report to the college or university after the scholarship has been paid, the student will not be eligible to receive funds from the ESC for future summer enrichment opportunities, **UNLESS** there were extenuating circumstances. In the event that this occurs, the student (or parent) must submit an explanation of the circumstances in writing to the Gifted Services Office within two weeks of the starting date of the program.

The ESC will pay the university or college where the summer enrichment takes place and the parent or student is responsible for providing us the **address to which the check should be mailed and an invoice from the college or university**. If the parent is required to pay a registration fee in advance of scholarships being awarded, he/she may contact the Gifted Services Office to discuss being reimbursed out of the total scholarship award (with proper paperwork).

To Apply for the ESC Summer Enrichment Scholarships:

Before you make application for any Summer Enrichment Scholarships you need to spend some time searching the internet for information about summer programs that are available and determine which program you are interested in attending. (You will also need to print out a brochure for the program you are interested in, so you may want to do that before you begin the application process.) Visit our website <http://www.scoesc.k12.oh.us/ESCSummerEnrichmentScholarships.aspx> for a list of websites you may want to look at, but keep in mind that many of the programs do not post the information for 2022 Summer Programs on their websites until **January of 2022**.

*Please do not apply for a scholarship unless you are **certain** you will be attending the Summer Program you have chosen. Once you apply for a scholarship, decisions are being made about how to disburse the funds available for that year so if you are awarded a scholarship, then decide not to attend, you have potentially kept someone else from being able to participate.*

The OAGC Scholarship Application (YOU need to mail this in to OAGC or fill it out electronically and submit it.):

In order to apply for an ESC Scholarship, students are expected to also apply for the OAGC Scholarship.

1. Fill out an OAGC Scholarship Application (which can be found on our website OR you can go to www.oagc.com). BE SURE TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS AND GET SIGNATURES AS REQUESTED ON THE FORMS!
2. You will need to ask the gifted contact from your district (who is already a member of OAGC) to fill out a portion of your application. If you don't know who that person is, you can call Sharee Price (740) 354-0229 to get the name of the contact person for your district or refer to the list at the end of this letter. You will also be required to get **two** letters of recommendation.
3. Write your essay carefully; your essays are read by a committee of people who are trying to choose the best candidates for their scholarships from the entire state of Ohio, so they do look at them closely!
4. Make a copy of your completed OAGC application for your own records and one to submit with your ESC application materials.
5. Mail in (or complete the online version of) the COMPLETED OAGC Scholarship Application **before their deadline date of February 15, 2022!** (Generally speaking, applications postmarked or submitted later than their set deadline will NOT be considered by OAGC.)
6. **The OAGC does NOT want or need a copy of your ESC application!**

The ESC Scholarship Application (you need to deliver, email, fax, or mail):

Follow the Guidelines included in this packet and be sure to turn in all requested items by **March 11, 2022 at 4:00 PM**. Applications received after this time will not be considered. If you fax your application in, please be sure to call our office to confirm that we have received it. The NOMINATION form must be filled out by a gifted teacher, guidance counselor, or building principal.

The ESC will notify all applicants by the end of April to let them know if they have received a Scholarship Award from the ESC. A letter with instructions about what is needed for the ESC to pay the scholarship will be sent at that time.

Upon notification of receipt of a scholarship from the ESC, students will need to submit an invoice from the college or university in order for us to be able to pay them. **If there is a specific person at the college or university to whom the payment should be sent, please be sure to indicate that when you submit your invoice.** If the student (or parents) have to pay the college or university prior to the date of our notifying them of their award, the ESC can reimburse you (if awarded), but we need an invoice and/or proof of payment. **We also ask that all applicants send us a copy of their letter from the OAGC (even if they aren't awarded), so we can confirm any awards that might have been made by them.**

Students who receive scholarships from the ESC should plan to attend the Scholarship Awards Reception. Out of respect and consideration for the sponsors who make the Scholarship Awards possible, it is important that you plan to attend the **Scholarship Awards Reception at the SOMC Friends Center on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 4:00pm.** Representatives from the companies and organizations who have contributed toward making your scholarship possible will be there to recognize and meet you! **Please note: This event could potentially be affected by the pandemic – we will update you as information becomes available.**

Please visit our website <http://www.scoesc.k12.oh.us/ESCSummerEnrichmentScholarships.aspx> for links to some of the programs you may be interested in researching as summer enrichment possibilities. (You are not restricted to only these programs; they are simply listed to assist you in your search.)

We look forward to working with you to help provide unique opportunities for our gifted students. If I can be of any assistance feel free to email or call me.

Thanks,

Sharee Price

Sharee Price, Gifted Services Coordinator
South Central Ohio Educational Service Center
Phone: 354-0229
Fax: 354-0297

sprice@scoesc.org

Web Address: www.scoesc.org (click on Gifted, then on ESC Summer Enrichment Scholarships)

Information for the OAGC Application:

We are OAGC **Region #7** / Scioto County

The Gifted Contacts (OAGC Nominators) from each district are as follows:

Bloom Vernon – Tim Conley
Clay – Steve Williams
East – Alex Alley
Green – Erika Riffe & Jessica McIlhenny
Manchester – Cheri McClanahan
Minford – Leah Compan
New Boston – Jennifer Scherer
Northwest – Becky McClay & Terri Freeman
Notre Dame – Beth Haney
Oak Hill – Susie Michael
Portsmouth – Liz Mounts
Valley – Lisa Harley
West – Eric Nichols
Wheelersburg – Tim Gilbert

THE OAGC's APPLICATION DEADLINE is

FEBRUARY 15, 2022!

Please remember that **YOU are responsible for mailing in (or completing online) the OAGC application.**

Don't forget to make a copy of your completed application to turn in to Sharee along with your ESC application! It's always a good idea to make a copy for your own records.

***Please note: OAGC does NOT want a copy of your ESC Application.**

SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO ESC SUMMER ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIPS



DUE: MARCH 11, 2022

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Students currently enrolled in grades 5-11 who are identified as gifted or talented according to OAC 3301-52-15 in one or more areas: Cognitive Ability, Specific Academic Ability, Visual/Performing Arts, or Creative Thinking
- Students enrolled in one of the ESC's member districts (Bloom-Vernon, Clay, Green, Manchester, Minford, New Boston, Northwest, Notre Dame, Oak Hill, Portsmouth, Sciotoville Community, Valley, Washington-Nile, or Wheelersburg)

HOW DOES A STUDENT APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

- An application is available online at <http://www.scoesc.k12.oh.us/ESCSummerEnrichmentScholarships.aspx>
- Applications must include ALL of the required materials. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Applicants must have successfully completed and submitted an application to OAGC by their deadline of February 15 (A copy of the OAGC application must be submitted along with the ESC application).

ESC APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 11, 2022

Submit materials electronically to: sprice@scoesc.org OR Fax materials to: 740-354-0297 (Att: Sharee Price)	You will receive confirmation of materials received as a reply to the email address that submitted materials or to email listed on application
Mail or Personally Deliver a paper copy of materials to: Sharee Price, Gifted Services South Central Ohio ESC 522 Glenwood Ave. New Boston, OH 45662	You will NOT receive confirmation of receipt unless you include a self-addressed envelope Please do not send materials via registered or certified mail

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Applications must include ALL of the following

- ESC Nomination Form
- ESC Parent Information & Release Form
- ESC Student Application Form
- Copy of brochure or web address for the summer program you wish to attend
- Copy of completed OAGC Application
- Thank you Letter to Sponsors

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCEDURE

- Applications will be reviewed by a committee of teachers and administrators to determine awards.
- At the current time students should not consider funding from the ESC that exceeds \$500 (for grades 5 & 6), \$1,000 (for grades 7 & 8), or \$1,500 for high school students. However, students may request the entire amount needed and the committee will consider the request in the event of funding being available.
- Applicants will be notified whether or not they were selected to receive a scholarship by the end of April.

QUESTIONS? Contact Sharee Price at sprice@scoesc.org or by calling 740-354-0229 (FAX: 740-354-0297)

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Nomination Form – To be completed by a Guidance Counselor, Gifted Teacher, or Building Principal

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Number of days missed this school year: _____

Approximate grade point average this school year: _____

Student applicants must have been identified as talented and gifted according to the ORC 3301-51-15 in one or more areas to be considered. They must also be currently enrolled in grades 5– 11 and attend an ESC Member District School.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

School District Name: _____

Nominator Name: _____

Guidance Counselor **Gifted Coordinator** **Principal**

Preferred Email: _____ **Preferred Phone:** _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

AREA/S OF GIFTED IDENTIFICATION

The student has been identified as talented and gifted in the following area/s:

COGNITIVE ABILITY
Date of Identification: _____

SOCIAL STUDIES
Date of Identification: _____

MATH
Date of Identification: _____

VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS
Date of Identification: _____

SCIENCE
Date of Identification: _____

CREATIVE THINKING
Date of Identification: _____

READING
Date of Identification: _____

Do you feel this is a student who will follow through and complete the summer program in which he/she is interested?

Yes, absolutely **Most likely** **I'm Uncertain** **It is unlikely**

I hereby certify that the identification information listed above is true and accurate.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Parent/Guardian Information and Release Form

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

School: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Preferred Parent Email: _____

Preferred Parent Phone: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

How many people live in your household? _____

From your latest federal income tax return, indicate the range of taxable income for your household:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$14,999 or less | <input type="checkbox"/> \$45,000 - \$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - \$44,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - 149,999 | |

Is it your intent to apply for any other financial assistance in order for your son/daughter to participate in this program (other than OAGC)? Yes No

If so, where? _____

Did your son/daughter submit a completed application to OAGC by the Feb. 15 deadline?

- Yes No

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of Program/Camp: _____

Name of sponsoring organization (college, camp, etc.): _____

Name and address for payment of scholarship (if there is a contact person, please include their name and phone number):

Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Total Cost of Program: _____ **Total Amount Requested:** _____
(Consider guidelines of \$500 for grades 5 & 6, \$1,000 for grades 7 & 8, and \$1,500 for grades 9-11)

Please give a brief description of the program your son or daughter plans to attend.

If there is a website for the program, please provide the website address and make clear which program your son/daughter is planning to attend and the dates for the program.

(In the event that there is no website, please make sure this application is accompanied by a brochure about the program that includes a synopsis of the program and an official price breakdown for the activity, provided by the sponsoring organization.)

In what ways do you feel this Summer Enrichment opportunity will benefit your son or daughter?

Are there any extenuating circumstances you would like the committee to consider when looking at student financial need? If so, please explain briefly.

PARENT: Please sign below to Affirm

- *I consent to the publication and other use of the following: my child's likeness, name, writing, photographs, video, art, quotes, work samples, honor, awards, etc., without limit, reservation or remuneration by the media and/or the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center for purposes of student scholarship-related publicity.*
- *Upon applying for entry into any of the Summer Enrichment Programs, for myself, my child, or my other representatives, waive and forever release any and all rights and claims against the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center for injuries, damages, losses, and/or expenses which I may suffer as a result of attending, participating in, practicing for, or traveling to or from the Summer Enrichment Program.*
- *I hereby certify that I have reviewed and understand the information in this packet and that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also give my son/daughter permission to participate in the Summer Enrichment experience he/she has chosen.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Relationship to student: _____

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Student Application Form

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

School: _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Preferred Student Email: _____

Name of Program/Camp: _____

Name of sponsoring organization (college, camp, etc.): _____

Total Cost of Program: _____ **Total Amount Requested:** _____

What do you hope to learn in the Summer Enrichment Program you have chosen AND how does this relate to your own personal interests?

Directions for writing your Thank You note to sponsors are given on the next page. Please be sure to submit a Thank You note and a brochure (or website address) for your program to complete your application.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Writing your Thank You note:

It's very important that each student include a Thank You note for their summer enrichment opportunity so the sponsors of the scholarship program can be properly thanked. We're collecting these to ensure each of our sponsors can receive a "packet" of all of the students' notes.

This year we are requesting that all **Thank you notes be typed in the space below OR typed on piece of 8 1/2" x 11" copy paper and scanned or saved for submission**. Please be sure to sign your letter!

Since we do not yet know who all the sponsors will be...

please begin each letter with "Dear Sponsor:"

Consider the following when writing your Thank You note:

- ✓ Write the letter in a polite and grateful manner
- ✓ Tell a little about what this opportunity means to you
- ✓ Let the sponsor know how appreciative you are to receive a scholarship
- ✓ Give the sponsor a little bit of information about your chosen summer program and how it relates to your own personal interests
- ✓ Close the letter with gratefulness
- ✓ Be sure to "sign" your letter with your name

Dear Sponsor,