

# Occupational Therapy Scholarships

## The American Occupational Therapy Foundation

- **Amount:** Varies
- **Description:** Over 50 scholarships are available from the American Occupational Therapy Foundation and state occupational therapy associations. Applicants complete only one online form to apply for all qualifying scholarships.
- **Points of Interest:** Three levels of awards are available to Ohio occupational therapy practitioner students including scholarships for: 1. Occupational therapist students enrolled in accredited occupational therapy education programs within the state of Ohio. 2. Occupational therapy assistant students enrolled in accredited occupational therapy education programs within the state of Ohio. 3. Post-professional students: The Rosa Hartsook Memorial Scholarship is available to occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants enrolled in a post-professional occupational therapy program or doing graduate study in a field related to occupational therapy in an Ohio university. Students must be residents of Ohio and current members of the [Ohio Occupational Therapy Association](#).
- **Timeline:** AOTF Scholarship Cycle will open August 31

[Learn more about The American Occupational Therapy Foundation>>](#)

## AOTA E.K. Wise Scholarship

- **Amount:** \$2,500
- **Description:** The fund for the E. K. Wise scholarship was established in the 1960s through the generous bequest of Elizabeth K. Wise and supports students pursuing an entry-level occupational therapy (OT) or occupational therapy assistant (OTA) degree from diverse backgrounds. Yearly, three awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500. Students may apply for a second year.
- **Eligibility/Requirements:**
  - Be enrolled (or accepted) in an ACOTE® entry-level OT or OTA program on a full-time basis
  - Be enrolled in the program for the full 2024-2025 academic year
  - Be in good academic standing
  - Demonstrate leadership and community service
  - Be a current member of AOTA at the time of the application and presentation of award
  - Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- **Timeline:** Application opens in February 2024.

[Learn more about AOTA E.K. Wise Scholarship>>](#)

## Advanced Travel Therapy Scholarship

- **Amount:** \$5,000
- **Description:** Advanced Travel Therapy is a travel therapy company that offers two **\$5,000** scholarships annually to OT students (and PT and SLP students). Applicants and scholarship recipients do not have to work for the company or become travel therapists to get this scholarship. Applications open in January of each year.
- **Eligibility/Requirements:** All eligible entries will be judged based on the following criteria "Evidence of Academic Excellence and Perceived Potential for Success" to select 150 finalists.
- **Timeline:** Deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>.

[Learn more about Advanced Travel Therapy Scholarship>>](#)

## AMBUCS Scholarship Program

- **Amount:** \$600-\$1,500
- **Description:** Since 1955, National AMBUCS, Inc. has awarded scholarships to students pursuing degrees in **physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology and hearing audiology**. To date, more than \$9.8 million in scholarships have been awarded to over 16,500 students.
- **Eligibility/Requirements:** Students must be US citizens accepted in a graduate-level program that is accredited by the appropriate therapy profession authority in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, or hearing audiology. Assistant or undergraduate programs are not eligible. Awards are based on financial need, commitment to local community, character for compassion and integrity, and career objectives.
- **Timeline:** National AMBUCS, Inc. accepts applications for its scholarship program from **February 1 at 5:00 pm ET until May 1 at 11:59 pm ET**, annually.

[Learn more about AMBUCS Scholarship Program>>](#)

## HIE Help Center Scholarship

- **Amount:** \$1,000
- **Description:** The HIE Help Center offers one annual scholarship of **\$1,000** to an undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a degree in occupational therapy (or physical therapy/speech therapy).
- **Eligibility/Requirements:** Applicants need a GPA of at least 3.0, need to be applying to OT school, and will need to submit transcripts and an essay or creative project stating why you're pursuing a career in OT. Applications are reviewed once a year with a July 31st deadline.
- **Timeline:** July 31<sup>st</sup>

[Learn more about HIE Help Center Scholarship>>](#)

## Chicago Occupational Therapy Scholarship

- **Amount:** TBD
- **Description:** The Chicago Occupational Therapy scholarship is administered through the Chicago Occupational Therapy pediatric clinic (the amount is TBD).
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible, you either need to attend an OT school in or be from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, or Wisconsin.
- **Timeline:** TBD

[Learn more about Chicago Occupational Therapy Scholarship>>](#)

## Pilot International Scholarships

- **Amount:** Up to \$1,500
- **Description:** The Pilot International Founders Fund offers five scholarship programs for graduate and undergraduate students going into careers of service, which include “Supporting those who care for others” and “Encouraging brain safety and health.” (both very applicable to occupational therapy).
- **Eligibility/Requirements:** Depends on specific scholarship.
- **Timeline:** The application deadline is March 15th for each scholarship.

[Learn more about Pilot International Scholarship>>](#)

## Truman Scholarship

- **Amount:** This scholarship offers **\$30,000**
- **Description:** The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation offers 55-65 annual scholarships to graduate students who have an extensive record of community/public service and a commitment to a career in the nonprofit and advocacy sectors after graduating.
- **Eligibility:** To be eligible, you must first be nominated by a Faculty Rep at your school, and you’ll need to provide three letters of recommendation and transcripts. Financial need is not a consideration for this scholarship.
- **Timeline:** Applications are due February 1st.

[Learn more about the Truman Scholarship>>](#)

## Good Samaritan Foundation

- **Amount:** Varies, awards \$30,000 annually with varies scholarships
- **Description:** Good Samaritan Foundation is honored to award an average of \$30,000 annually in financial support to local scholars. With eight scholarship funds available, the Foundation can provide much needed assistance to support graduating seniors, undergraduate or graduate students, medical students, and Good Samaritan employees as they work to attain their educational goals. Applicants should be pursuing degrees in various fields of health care.
- **Eligibility/Requirement:** Specific criteria will differ by each individual scholarship. To be eligible for any of the awards, applicants must reside or originally be from the 11 counties that Good Samaritan serves. For applicants attending an accredited college or university, a scholarship requirement is to maintain a 3.0 GPA. Besides the application, applicants must also submit: three reference letters (an academic reference and two additional letters of recommendation from their pastor, colleagues, professional peers, etc.); a copy of acceptance into a degree program or conference information; official transcripts; and an essay (250-word minimum) explaining why they are choosing their specified degree and their career plans. Scholarships applications will be reviewed biyearly.
- **Timeline:** Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>

[Learn more about the Good Samaritan Foundation>>](#)

## IHS Scholarships

- **Amount:** Unspecified
- **Description:** The Indian Health Service (IHS) offers three scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native students in order to educate and train health professionals to staff Indian health programs. We strive to develop our next generation of leaders, as well as help make the pursuit of a meaningful career in Indian health attainable for American Indian and Alaska Native students.
- **Eligibility/Requirements:** reparatory and Pre-Graduate Scholarships: Recipients must be a member or descendant of a federally recognized, state-recognized or terminated American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native village. Health Professions Scholarship: Recipients must be a member of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native village only.
- **Timeline:** Deadline is February 2024.

[Learn more about the IHS Scholarships>>](#)

## Sallie Mae Scholarship

- **Amount: \$2,000**
- **Eligibility/Requirements: The \$2,000 Sallie Mae Scholarship Sweepstakes** (the "Sweepstakes") begins at 12:00:01 AM Eastern Time ("ET") Sunday, January 01, 2023 and ends at 11:59:59 PM ET on Sunday, December 31, 2023 (the "Sweepstakes Period"). Sponsor's computer is the official clock for this Sweepstakes. The \$2,000 Sallie Mae Scholarship Sweepstakes is only open to legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and any US Territory age 17 or older at the time of entry, and who meet one (1) of the four (4) following eligibility requirements at the time of entry:
  - a parent who currently has a child enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;
  - a student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States;
  - a parent who currently has a child enrolled as a high school senior located within the United States;
  - a student who is currently enrolled as a high school junior or senior who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university located within the United States, within a year of graduating high school ("Entrant").
- **Timeline:** Deadline is December 31st

[Learn more about the Sallie Mae Scholarship>>](#)

## “Be Bold” No-Essay Scholarship

- **Amount: \$25,000**
- **Description:** At [Bold.org](#), we believe that the world will be shaped by the bold—the fighters, the risk-takers, the earnest overachievers who won't take no for an answer—the ones who know that a mountain is climbed a step at a time. Bold.org is built for students, like you, who are determined to make the climb. As you join the Bold.org platform, you get the opportunity to showcase your goals, achievements, and drive to [scholarship](#) panels via your student profile.
- **Eligibility:** The \$25,000 “Be Bold” Scholarship is a [no-essay scholarship](#) that will be awarded to the applicant with the **boldest** profile. To us, boldest does not mean “best”, or “most accomplished”. Being bold means being:
  - Earnest
  - Determined
  - Moving

The scholarship will be awarded to the student whose profile is most bold, according to these characteristics. Furthermore, this scholarship will be similar to the many [easy scholarships](#) available on Bold.org in that it will favor students who apply earlier—who are bold and seize the day without procrastinating. Students at any [education level](#), [state](#), [field of study](#), and [GPA](#) will be considered.

- **Timeline:** Next Deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

[Learn more about "Be Bold" No-Essay Scholarship>>](#)

## The Legacy Lab Scholarship

- **Amount:** \$15,000
- **Description:** The scholarship will go to a student who represents the next generation of legacy makers. With growing interest in the scholarship, this year's recipient will receive \$15,000 to put toward school-related expenses. The scholarship will continue to honor Black and African American students to help achieve their long-term ambitions as future leaders and entrepreneurs. Applications open near the end of September.
- **Eligibility/Requirements:** To qualify, you must be a Black or African American student with a strong sense of personal purpose—who is studying with the intent of creating positive, enduring change. Specifically, we are asking applicants to reveal something meaningful about their *ikigai* ("reason for being") by responding to questions.
- **Timeline:** Applications open September 18 and are due by October 23.

[Learn more about The Legacy Lab Scholarship>>](#)

## Education Matters Scholarship

- **Amount:** \$5,000
- **Description:** While continuing your education takes time, and money, there's a certain value that everyone is hoping to achieve. Our Education Matters Scholarship is giving you the chance to state why education matters. Why does education matter to you? What is the value you hope to receive from college? What would you do to convince the college cynics?
- **Eligibility/Requirements:** Requires current or pending enrollment in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education.
- **Timeline:** Deadline: November 30<sup>th</sup>.

[Learn more about the Education Matters Scholarship](#)