Oportunidad Scholarship Fund Application

Application Deadline: Friday, May 31, 2019 by 5pm

For questions, please call (801) 626-7006

The Oportunidad Scholarship Fund is established to promote college opportunities for students. The scholarship fund is intended to remove financial barriers for students who demonstrate the dreams, goals, and aspirations of attending Weber State University and becoming first-generation college graduates. Thank you to The Sonora Grill and our private donors for making this possible.

Qualifications:
Preferential consideration will be provided to students who meet the following criteria:

- First-generation college student, low-income, and not FAFSA eligible.
- Ogden, Weber, or Davis school district high school graduate who attended high school in Utah for three or more years.
- Incoming freshman or undergraduate student at Weber State University.
- Enrolled/plans to be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester.
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Scholarship Application Packets must contain:
All of the following components must be completed in order to be considered.

1. A completed and signed Oportunidad Scholarship Application.
2. A copy of student’s high school or college transcript. (High school students: go to counselor/advisor.)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation. Please see attached form. (Counselor, teacher or employer recommended.)
4. Income verification current document: (Note: You must include total household Income for all people living in the home)
   - IRS Forms/W-2’s.
   - If they did not file then submit (2) most recent pay stubs for everyone in the household.
5. Write a brief personal history that includes:
   Please type and limit your response to a total of two pages maximum.
   - Academic, professional, and personal goals.
   - Personal barriers/challenges you have had to overcome.
   - Why you feel the Oportunidad Scholarship will help you achieve your goal(s).
   - An explanation of financial need. (To support #4)
6. Provide Resume:
   - LIST accomplishments: (awards, recognitions or certificates you have received).
   - LIST home, school, community, church, and/or work involvement: (include family responsibilities, clubs, volunteer service, and/or other activities).
   - LIST all specialized training: (include sports/position, musical instruments, hobbies, or classes).
   - Be specific.
   - LIST other scholarships you’re receiving.
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(All sections of application must be filled out)

Full Name (Please print): ____________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

                                Last    First    Middle
                                                                                           Street    City    State    Zip
Phone Number: (___)___________                    E-mail Address: ______________________________

Area Code

Birth Date: _______/_____/_______                    Ethnic Origin: (optional) __________________________

Month /       Day /    Year

Intended Major or Program: ______________________          Current School: ___________________________

Year in School: ____________________________          Cumulative GPA: __________________________

Intended Enrollment Credits for Fall 2019 Semester: __________________________

Household Income (Please check one):           Please include total household income for all people living in the home.

□ $1 to $30,000  □ $30,001 to $40,000  □ $40,001 to $50,000 □ $50,001 or more

How many are living in your household? (Include all adults and children) __________________________

I am a first-generation college student: □Yes □No
(Neither parent has received a college degree from a U.S. university)

I am a U.S. citizen/Permanent Resident: □Yes □No
(Being a citizen/resident is not required in order to be eligible for this scholarship)

I am eligible to receive federal aid-FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): □Yes □No

I attended high school in Utah for three or more years: □Yes □No

I graduated from Ogden, Weber, or Davis school district □Yes □No

OR

I am a returning Weber State undergraduate student □Yes □No

Please list other scholarships you are receiving:________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Certification:

I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of applying for and receiving this scholarship. The responses given on this application are true and complete. I hereby authorize information regarding my scholarship application, academic record and financial aid to be released to the Oportunidad Scholarship Committee. The Committee may require additional documentation to verify the completion or accuracy of this application. I understand that submitting a completed packet does not guarantee me a scholarship award. I certify that the information given on this application is complete and to the best of my knowledge.

__________________________________________

Date
Oportunidad Scholarship Application Checklist

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_____ Copy of student’s high school or college transcript

_____ Two (2) letters of recommendation

_____ Income verification for all household members. IRS forms/W-2’s; if they did not file then submit the two (2) most recent pay stubs

_____ Personal history

_____ Resume

_____ Mail or Deliver Application to:

*Access and Diversity, Weber State University*
*Suite 150, Student Services Building*
*3885 West Campus Dr. MC 1123*
*Ogden, UT 84408*
Oportunidad Scholarship Recommendation Letter

Dear Potential Recommender,

This student applicant to Weber State University, _____________________________, has chosen you to write a letter of recommendation for them as part of their application process for the Oportunidad Scholarship Fund. *The Oportunidad Scholarship Fund is established to promote college opportunities for students. The scholarship fund is intended to remove financial barriers for students who demonstrate the dreams, goals, and aspirations of attending Weber State University and becoming first-generation college graduates.*

This candidate requests a letter of recommendation to inform the Oportunidad Scholarship Selection Committee regarding the candidate’s potential success at Weber State University. Please address the following areas:

- Ultimate academic and career goals.
- Grade Point Average
- Duration of your acquaintance
- Your relationship
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Important Accomplishments
- Personal barriers and if/how candidate deals with them

-Why this candidate should receive the scholarship

Thank you for your advocacy of this candidate.

The Oportunidad Scholarship Fund Committee