

Announcing the 2024 Ohio Commodores Scholarship



The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) is pleased to announce the availability of a new scholarship for K-12 students, the **Association of Ohio Commodores Scholarship**. The Commodores have established a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO), which is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that receives contributions from donors and grants educational scholarships to eligible students across Ohio.

Please note, enclosed is an Application Form with a **deadline of May 15, 2024**. All applications can be emailed or mailed to FAO -- **scanned and emailed applications must be received by May 15, 2024, or mailed with a postmark by that date**.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- The **Association of Ohio Commodores Scholarship** was established by the Association of Ohio Commodores to provide scholarships to K-12 students that are attending schools in Ohio.
- All Scholarship awards must be used for tuition and related expenses at the recipient's educational institution. Scholarships will be awarded to students meeting the following criteria:
 - Must be accepted into and attend primary and secondary schools in Ohio; and
 - Priority will be given to low-income primary and secondary school students.

WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATION OF OHIO COMMODORES?

The Association of Ohio Commodores is a group of individuals recognized by the Governor of Ohio with the state's most distinguished honor, The Executive Order of the Ohio Commodore.

The Association is a bipartisan, nonpartisan organization that currently boasts a diverse and dedicated membership of more than 500 men and women, including government officials, distinguished university presidents and administrators, banking and legal professionals, leaders of trade organizations, Chambers of Commerce, economic development organizations, and senior management executives of large, medium, and small companies from across Ohio in a wide variety of industries.

Founded by Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes in 1966 during a ceremony at the Perry Monument at Put-In Bay, the Association of Ohio Commodores has been in existence for over 58 years. Named for Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813, Governor Rhodes established the Executive Order of the Ohio Commodore to honor businessmen who accompanied him on Ohio's first international trade mission.

Today, the men and women appointed to the Executive Order of the Ohio Commodore are recognized for their contributions to economic development in communities across Ohio. Commodores are dedicated to assisting the State of Ohio in its advancement in all areas by contributing to the economic growth and development of the State and the greater prosperity of its citizens.

We greatly appreciate your support in sharing information about this scholarship opportunity with your students and their families. Completed applications should be **emailed by midnight May 15, 2024** to **scholarships@ffao.org** with the subject line of **COMMODORES SCHOLARSHIP** and the student's name, or **postmarked by May 15, 2024 and mailed to the address below**. If you have any questions regarding this or any of FAO's other scholarship opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact FAO at 740.753.1111 or at **scholarships@ffao.org**. Thank you.

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ASSOCIATION OF OHIO COMMODORES SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & APPLICATION 2024-2025 Academic Year

Applications must be emailed/postmarked by May 15, 2024

The Association of Ohio Commodores Scholarship Fund provides support for educational scholarships to students who are accepted into and attend primary and secondary schools in Ohio.

Eligibility Criteria: All Scholarship awards must be used for tuition and related expenses at the recipient's educational institution. Scholarships will be awarded from the Fund to students meeting the following criteria:

1. **Must be accepted into and attend primary and secondary schools in Ohio; and**
2. **Priority will be given to low-income primary and secondary school students.**

Low-income is defined as the student's household income being below 300% of the Federal Poverty Rate or the student or their guardians receive public assistance from the State of Ohio.

Below is a table containing the household sizes and annual incomes that qualify as 300% of the federal poverty level.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$43,740	\$59,160	\$74,580	\$90,000	\$105,420	\$120,840	\$136,260	\$151,680

Directions:

- 1) **Complete and sign the attached application.**
- 2) **If any questions** are not applicable, please provide an explanatory note referring to the questions by section.
- 3) You are responsible for ensuring all supporting documents are submitted. **This application becomes valid only when the following have been received by the Foundation:**
 - Completed, signed application
 - Verification of income status (optional)

Please submit application and supplemental information through either of the following methods:

- **Option 1:** Please scan application into one, single-sided PDF attachment, if possible, and **email to Scholarships@ffao.org**. Please write "**COMMODORES SCHOLARSHIP** and the **STUDENT'S NAME**" in subject line of the email. You do not need to mail originals. **Email applications must be received by May 15, 2024.**
- **Option 2: Mail to FAO, 35 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764. Applications sent by mail must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2024.**

Association of Ohio Commodores Scholarship Application



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STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of parent/guardian(s): _____

Permanent mailing address and telephone number of parent/guardian:

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Names and ages of siblings and any other school-aged dependents in the home:

1. _____

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3. _____

6. _____

SCHOOL DATA

Primary/Secondary School You Attend/Plan to Attend: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

School Year for Which You Are Applying: _____ 2024-2025

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

NEED

Please briefly explain why you are applying for this scholarship and how the award will affect your household:

INCOME VERIFICATION

The State of Ohio requires Scholarship Granting Organizations, including The Ohio Commodores Scholarship Fund, to prioritize low-income families when awarding scholarships. This Income Verification Form is used to establish eligibility for a scholarship award. You may decline to provide proof of your income, but doing so may preclude or reduce any award amount you receive.

Evidence of potential sources of income include:

- Current pay stubs
- W-2s for the most recent tax cycle
- Correspondence from the Social Security Administration, Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation, Department of Job and Family Services, and other providers of benefits showing the amount of benefits you are receiving
- 1099
- Current income tax returns
- Print out from child support enforcement

Any misrepresentation of the information provided for eligibility purposes will result in the revocation of the student's scholarship.

Full Name	Employer or Income Source	Gross Amount Before Taxes	How Often Received

Certification: In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. My completed application includes: original, signed application and income verification (optional.)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO BY **MAY 15, 2024**

**EMAIL ALL DOCUMENTS COMBINED INTO ONE SINGLE-SIDED PDF ATTACHMENT TO
SCHOLARSHIPS@FFAO.ORG**

OR BY MAIL TO FAO, 35 PUBLIC SQUARE, NELSONVILLE, OH 45764.