



Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission Agriculture Scholarship

Scholarship applicants must be involved in some aspect of agriculture. Two or more separate awards may be available. Each applicant will be eligible to receive only one award per year. The task of determining award recipients will be assigned to the Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission Scholarship Committee (OPVCSC).

Student finalists will be selected by the OPVCSC prior to April 1, 2026; interviews for scholarships will be at the OPVCSC's discretion.

Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission Scholarship Selection Criteria:

1. Selection preference will be given to applicants who:
 - a. are enrolled in an accredited Oregon institution,
 - b. are interested in the vegetable industry,
 - c. are a permanent resident of Oregon, and
 - d. are current students in at least their senior year of high school, or having at least one year remaining towards a degree at the time the scholarship is received.
2. Applicants must be legal residents of the United States.
3. Essay of less than 500 words describing what the student would bring to the vegetable industry.
4. Two letters of reference.
5. High school / GED or college transcripts.
4. Prior years' scholarship recipients are eligible to receive an award. Application from a prior winner must include information on progress toward degree.

Application Selection:

The selection of the scholarship recipients will be the responsibility of the OPVCSC. The committee will consider only applicants who meet the above criteria and who have submitted a completed application by January 14, 2027. The OPVCSC will determine if applications meet the required criteria and will set the time and location for interviews as necessary. OPVCSC will score applications using a subjective scoring matrix and reserves the right to limit the awards based on scored applications.

Scholarship Amount:

The scholarship awards will be determined by the OPVCSC, not to exceed a total of \$10,000.00. Awards will be made provided deserving candidate(s) are identified by the committee. In the event no suitable candidates are identified in a given year, no award will be made. The scholarship(s) shall be presented to the recipient's college financial aid office, as directed by the OPVCSC, by June 30 by check after the OPVCSC has made a final determination.

Progress Report Requirement:

Scholarship recipients are required to submit an end of the year progress report by July 30 of the academic year in which the award was received. This update should include a brief update of the recipient's work towards their degree, including any pertinent work experience or internships. If the recipient will be graduating, include post-graduate plans, if known.

Previous recipients applying for scholarship renewal for the next academic year must submit a mid-year Progress Report with the new application.

Scholarship Eligibility Restrictions:

Family members of Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission Scholarship Committee members are not eligible to receive an award. Commission members' families are encouraged to apply, but will not be eligible for an award if the committee member remains on the committee for the selection process.

Family members are defined as spouses, children or step-children, grandchildren or step-grandchildren, siblings or step-siblings.

Please type or print legibly in dark ink. Illegible applications will not be considered. A copy of your current transcript must be attached.

Application deadline January 14, 2027. Use this application form or go to the following website to complete a scholarship application form:

<http://www.opvc.com/scholarship>

Applicants must submit two letters of reference. These letters may be included in the application or sent by the writer directly to the OPVCSC.

Mail applications and reference letters to:
Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 55401
Portland, OR 97238

Email application to:
opveresearch@gmail.com
Subject: 2027 Scholarship Request [Your Last Name]