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## Purpose of Scholarship

The Ohio Association scholarship program was established to reward members who continue their career-technical studies at a two- or four-year college or university.

## Eligibility

Members of Business Professionals of America, Ohio Association who have a 2.5 or higher GPA may apply. Scholarships will be awarded to selected applicants pursuing a two-or four-year program in business, administrative services, management, finance, information technology, marketing, or entrepreneurship.

## Requirements

An application packet must be submitted by the published deadline. The packet must include:

1. The [Application Form](#)
2. 1-2 page **Resume** (include academic achievements, related work- or laboratory-based experience, school and community involvement, and leadership experience).
3. A 300-500 word **Essay**. The essay will be reviewed for the following components:
  - a. A statement of applicant's long-term career goals. Applicant should describe how he or she plans to achieve career goal. Graphs, diagrams, or other depictions that clarify the career plan can be included.
  - b. A description of the **Career-Tech** program or college **program of study** in which the applicant is currently enrolled.
  - c. A description of how the applicant's program of study has prepared the member to become a leader in his or her planned career.
  - d. A statement of the applicant's **BPA** involvement, contributions, and accomplishments.
  - e. A description of **leadership** activities other than those related to BPA. Illustrate how these experiences have contributed to the applicant's career plans.
  - f. A description of **service and volunteer** assistance to school and community.
  - g. Paid and/or unpaid workforce experience.

## Judging

Application packets will be reviewed by a screening committee. The screening committee will be comprised of Ohio Department of Education, Office of Career-Technical Education staff, post-secondary business educators, and/or secondary guidance counselors.

Applicants must register for the State Leadership Conference to advance to the final round of selection. The **top 10** applicants will be notified by e-mail and will be invited to an interview at the Ohio Association State Leadership Conference. The 10- to 15-minute interview will focus on topics pertaining to:

- Applicant's educational plans,
- Role his or her career-technical program has played in arriving at a career goal, and
- Impact of BPA membership on the applicant's achievements.

## Awards

Scholarships will be awarded at the State Leadership Conference Grand Awards Ceremony. Checks will be payable to the post-secondary institution where the winner enrolls. Scholarships must be used within one year of the recipient's high school graduation.

Scholarship questions should be directed to Ohio Association State Advisor.