

Talawanda High School Local Scholarship Booklet



2025

Introduction

This booklet has been prepared for the students of Talawanda High School and includes information regarding local scholarship opportunities for post secondary education & training.

Each Scholarship requires a completed Talawanda Application as well as a copy of the student's THS Transcript.

Please email Ms. Wise at wisem@talawanda.org to obtain a copy of your transcript.

Some scholarships require additional information. Criteria may include but are not limited to:

Plans of post-secondary education
Scholastic Achievement
Financial Need
School and/or Community Service
Extracurricular Activities
Recommendations
Transcripts
Leadership Abilities
GPA
ACT/SAT Scores
Interviews
Essay
Motivation/Character

Institutions of higher learning control more money than any other resource facility. It is recommended that students seeking financial assistance contact the Financial Aid Office at the institution they plan to attend for additional assistance. Often this is done at the same time an application for attendance is completed.

Additional scholarship opportunities are posted on the THS Counseling website as information is received. Please continue to check back for more opportunities.

Please staple each individual application together along with the other required documents.

All forms & required documents must be returned to Ms. Wise by 3:00 PM on February 21, 2025. No late applications will be accepted.

Dr. Mark Mortine Scholarship

The Dr. Mark Mortine Scholarship is given in honor of his 35 years of dedicated service to Talawanda School District as a teacher and administrator.

Eligibility

- Graduating Senior
- Minimum 3.0 GPA overall and a minimum 3.5 GPA during the student's Junior and Senior years combined

Basis for Award

- Primary consideration for students who intend to major in Education
- Secondary consideration for students who intend to major in another helping profession
- Demonstrated history of volunteer work
- Preference for students who have taken three or more years of a high school foreign language
- Financial Need

Application Procedure

- Minimum 500-word typed essay. This essay must describe the student's career goals and motivating factors behind those goals
- Two letters of recommendation from non-family members. One letter must be from a current or former Talawanda Staff Member
- Transcript
- Completed 2025 THS Scholarship Application

Amount Awarded

- One (1) \$500 non-renewable scholarship

Oxford Kiwanis/Amy Wengler/Key Club Community Service Award

Donations in memory of Amy Wengler to the Talawanda Key Club are used to offer this award.

Eligibility

- Open to graduating Seniors who have demonstrated exceptional effort in providing community service

Basis for Award

- Students must submit a list of at least 5 community service activities *or* at least 25 hours of community service during Junior and Senior year
- Documentation of service must be provided

Amount Awarded

- \$500

Application Procedure

- Completed 2025 Talawanda Application
- Completed Key Club Application
- Community Service Documentation

There is an additional application required. Please see the back of this packet

Oxford Area PFLAG Diversity & Inclusion Scholarship

This scholarship aims to recognize a graduating Talawanda Senior who has demonstrated a commitment to embracing diversity and championing inclusion during their time as a student. We conceive of diversity as difference in all forms: financial, religious, gender identification, sexual preference, racial and ethnic identity and physical abilities.

Applicants may identify as a member or an ally or both, of any groups lending diversity at Talawanda.

Eligibility

- Graduating Senior who plans to attend a college, university or trade school degree / certificate program beginning in Fall of 2024
- Student with a GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Application and Essay completely submitted

Basis

- Scholarships will be awarded on academic promise, recommendation letter from teacher or community member and a personal essay

Amount Awarded

- A one-time award for \$500 will be paid directly to the recipient

There is an additional application required. Please see the back of this packet for the PFLAG Application.

Oxford Masonic Lodge #67 Free and Accepted Masons

W. Mark Sheard Memorial Scholarship

The Oxford Masonic Lodge No. 67, F.&A.M., Mark W. Sheard Memorial College Scholarships are competitive scholarships that may be awarded annually either to Talawanda High School graduates, or to children of members in good standing of Oxford Lodge No. 67, F.&A.M.

The following scholarships are available: (1) one to a graduating high school senior (graduating in 2025)

Eligibility

- Must be a graduating high school student
- Applicants must be of good moral character, exemplify good citizenship and must provide evidence of personal involvement in school and/or college activities, and participate in community service type projects that are indicative of good citizenship
- Applicants must be pursuing further formal education at a technical school, or a two or a four-year college
- Students selected for a scholarship one year may re-apply for the following academic year (up to a maximum of 4 years of scholarship support) provided they remain in good academic standing and are making good progress toward graduation, and meet the relevant requirements listed below

Requirements

- Three (3) letters of recommendation: One from a high school teacher, one from a community or school leader/advisor (e.g., 4-H Club or FFA advisor), and one (1) from a minister or pastor
- The applicant must write an essay of approximately 1000 words on the general subject of "Freemasonry and the Founding Fathers of the United States"; the essay must be typed and doubled spaced
- Completed 2025 THS Scholarship Application
- Transcript

Letters of Recommendation

- These should address character, academic, motivation, and contributions as a good citizen as well as other pertinent information

Selection of Scholarship Applicants

- The Board of Directors of the Temple Board, Oxford Masonic Lodge No. 67, F&AM is responsible for the evaluation of applications and the selection of scholarship awardees

Amount To Be Awarded

- \$2000, payable to the recipient's chosen school by the Treasurer of the Oxford Lodge #67 upon verification of the recipient's acceptance and/or continued enrollment by the college or university

PEO Chapter CB Marguerite Scholarship

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

A committee of members of Chapter CB will review the candidates and use a matrix of the following criteria along with a holistic review of the application to award this scholarship.

Eligibility

- Female Senior
- Plans to continue education at a junior college, college, university or vocational school

Basis For The Award

- Transcript
- Brief, typed, statement explaining future educational plans
- Leadership in organizations and participation
- Service to school and/or community
- Financial Need
- Completed 2025 THS Application
- Completed Additional Application

Amount To Be Awarded

- One \$1000.00 Scholarship
*There is an additional application required. Please see the back of the packet.

The Talawanda Bantam Football and Cheerleading Scholarship

The Talawanda Bantam Football and Cheerleading Association is offering a scholarship to a Senior who has previously participated in either the Bantam Football League or the Cheerleading Program.

Eligibility

- Graduating Senior who has previously participated in either Bantam football or Cheerleading and has continued in Talawanda Sports.

Basis For The Award

- Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation
- Completed 2025 THS Application

Amount To Be Awarded

- Two (2) \$500.00 Scholarships. One Football Participant and One Cheerleading Participant.

Oxford Seniors Scholarship

Presented by Oxford Seniors to encourage and aid a student who needs financial assistance to continue their education.

Eligibility

- Student must be a graduating senior
- Must be planning to attend an institution of higher education
- Prefer applicants who have verifiable experience working with older adults. (55+)

Basis for Award

- Community Service
- Financial Need

Application Procedure

- Minimum 500 word typed personal essay on your personal experience with older adults
- One (1) reference letter
- THS Transcript
- 2025 THS Scholarship Application

Amount To Be Awarded

- \$1,000.00

The Talawanda Educators Association Scholarship

Sponsored by the Talawanda Educators Association.

A minimum of one scholarship per year will be awarded.

Eligibility

- Must be a graduating THS Senior
- Preference will be given to those who are pursuing a degree in the field of Education
- 2.5 GPA or higher

Basis For The Award

- Two letters of recommendation - one must be from someone **not** currently employed by Talawanda City School District
- One 250 to 300 word essay describing your plans for the future and how you feel you will utilize the scholarship
- THS Transcript
- Completed 2025 THS Application

Amount To Be Awarded

- \$1,000 non renewable scholarship.

The Talawanda Educators Association - Jane B. Salmon Scholarship

Sponsored by the Talawanda Educators Association, family and friends in honor of Jane B. Salmon, former Talawanda teacher.

Eligibility

- Graduating THS Senior
- Student must either:
 - Plan to pursue a degree in a helping profession such as nursing or teaching.
 - Pursuing a degree with a major in Special Education
 - A current or former learning disability student who is or has been enrolled in a disabilities class or has been served by an LD tutor who is planning to pursue additional training or education and must be accepted into an institution for further education or training.

Basis for Award

- Two letters of recommendation
- Financial Need
- THS Transcript
- Completed 2025 THS Application

Amount To Be Awarded

- Minimum of \$500.00

The Tyler Richardson Foundation Scholarship

The Tyler Richardson foundation was formed by Shane and Ann Richardson after losing their two year old son, Tyler, in a tragic accident in 2006.

The mission of the foundation is to make a difference in people's lives by raising funds for their specific needs.

Our scope brings people together to support people in need from all walks of life.

The Tyler Richardson Foundation will present one or more deserving students with a one-time scholarship to assist with their future educational endeavors.

Eligibility

- Must be a graduating THS Senior
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Planning to attend a college, trade school, university, or vocational/technical school
- Overcoming some type of adversity

Application Procedure

- Minimum 500-word typed essay on how you have overcome adversity/obstacles in your life
- Two letters of recommendation from non-family members - at least one must be a current or former Talawanda staff member
- THS Transcript
- Completed 2025 THS Application

Amount To Be Awarded

- The committee will determine the exact amount based on eligibility. A minimum of \$250.00 will be awarded to each recipient.

Oxford Lions Club Community Service Scholarship

This Scholarship is given in memory of Oxford Lions whose lives have reflected the values and ideals of Lionism through selfless service to our community.

Eligibility

- Submit a record of school and community service. Please provide specific examples of community service
- Have a history of Academic Excellence
- Demonstrate Financial Need
- Transcript
- Completed 2025 THS Application

Amount to be Awarded

- Three (3) \$1,500 scholarship

The Leslie A. Weisman Culinary Arts Scholarship

The Leslie A. Weisman Culinary Arts Scholarship is given annually in memory of Les Weisman. Les served the Oxford Community as a restaurateur for over 40 years. Funds for this scholarship have been donated by Les' friends, colleagues and family members. This scholarship is being offered to an individual who is pursuing a career in culinary arts and is a fitting tribute to a man who enjoyed working with young people and helped them realize their full potential.

Eligibility

- Must be pursuing a career in culinary arts
- Demonstrate Financial Need
- Provide recommendations

Amount To Be Awarded

- \$500.00

Application Procedure

- Complete application form provided
- Include a letter stating why the applicant has decided to study culinary arts
- Include two (2) letters of recommendation, preferably from one teacher and one from a current or previous employer; if applicable.

For more information contact Ellen Weisman: eweisman5@gmail.com

There is an additional application. Please check the back of this packet.

Luke Richardson Memorial Scholarship

Luke Anthony Richardson, a 2020 Talawanda/Butler Tech Welding Technology Program graduate, was a 4 year Varsity letter winner for the Talawanda Brave Football team. Luke was passionate about his faith, his family and Talawanda Football. Upon his untimely death on February 16, 2022, his family and friends established this scholarship in the hope that the recipient would carry on Luke's legacy of showing love, kindness and compassion to others, and to bring a smile to their face as Luke did to everyone he met.

Eligibility

- Current THS and Butler Tech Senior Student Athletes.
- The award will be extended to a deserving Talawanda or Butler Tech student athlete who will be pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited 4-year, 2-year or technical college.

Amount To Be Awarded

- The award of \$500 is to be used for expenses related to educational needs.

Application Procedure

- Complete the 2024 THS Scholarship Application form & additional application.
- Please include an essay on your leadership experience, community service, or an obstacle that you have overcome (length: 500-1000 words).
- One (1) letter of recommendation.

There is an additional application. Please check the back of this packet.

NAACP Oxford Scholarship

The (NAACP) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is a civil rights organization in the United States, formed in 1909 as an interracial endeavor to advance justice for African Americans. It is our country's oldest civil rights organization. NAACP's mission is to ensure the political, educational, equality of minority group citizens of the United States and eliminate race prejudice. NAACP branches work to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes.

Your Oxford NAACP was chartered in 1943. We promote civil rights and social justice at the local level in Oxford, Ohio and the Talawanda School District. We believe in the strong commitment that every child deserves an honest, high-quality education based on truth, facts, and diverse perspectives, regardless of race, identity, background, or zip code. As part of the national organization, our local goals are also to "ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of the citizens, to eliminate prejudice, and remove barriers of racial discrimination."

Our major fundraising event is the Annual Freedom Fund Banquet which enables our local branch to support Talawanda senior students of color with scholarship aid. (\$500/semester for the first year with the possible extension depending on our available funds) toward their post high school vocational or college goals. We encourage and support your application. Please take time to carefully read, fill out, and return your completed application to the high school by the filing date set by your school. Additionally, you are also required to complete the Talawanda scholarship form.

Please contact Kay at bkaysnavely@gmail.com or Sue at killysf@miamioh.edu with any questions regarding the NAACP scholarship. We look forward to receiving your application.

Eligibility

- Talawanda senior student of color

Amount To Be Awarded

- \$500/semester for the first year with the possible extension depending on available funds. Used toward post high school vocational or college goals.

Application Procedure

- Complete the 2024 THS Scholarship Application form.
- Complete NAACP application and include answers to questions as requested
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members (one must be from a high school teacher, the second may be from an employer, clergy, coach, etc.)
- Current transcript

***There is an additional application. Please check the back of this packet.**

2025 Talawanda High School Scholarship Application

This applicaiton must be completed for all scholarships. Please use ink and print clearly and neatly

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Intended University, College, or Technical School: _____

Intended Major: _____ Living on Campus or Commuting (circle one)

Parent/Guardian Place of Employment: _____

Position Held: _____

Parent/Guardian Place of Employment: _____

Applicant's Need for Financial Assistance: _____

Number of financially dependent children in family: _____

How many will be attending a university, college or technical school next year: _____

How is the applicant trying to help themselves financially?: _____

How has the applicant shown leadership within THS or the community? _____

Weighted THS GPA: _____

Scholarship you're applying for: _____

Scholarship forms & documents due by 2/21/25 at 3:00 PM to Ms. Wise

The PEO Chapter Marguerite Scholarship Application

Must be a female member of the 2024 graduating class of Talawanda High School with plans to continue their education at a junior college, college, university or vocational school.

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you related to any PEO members? Yes or No

If yes, how are you related? _____

**Please attach a typed, brief description of your service to THS and the community.
Include clubs in which you are a member of, along with future educational plans.
Additionally, include a copy of your THS Transcript.**

Amy Wengler/Key Club Community Service Award Application

Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant address & phone number: _____

Service organizations in which you are a member - do not have to be Talawanda Sponsored:

Please attach documentation of five (5) different community service activities or at least 25 hours of community service during Junior and Senior year. For each activity provide the following:

1. Project and brief description of what you did.
2. Organization that sponsored the activity, if applicable.
3. Hours spent doing the project/ community service.
4. Who was helped by your act of community service.
5. Printed name and title of the adult who supervised this activity.

Application for the Leslie A. Weisman Culinary Arts Scholarship

Please share as much information about yourself as possible. Use the reverse side or additional pages if necessary. All information is needed to help determine the recipient and will be kept confidential.

Name of applicant

Home address

Email address

Cell Phone Number: _____

Intended university, college or technical school

Intended major: _____

Current GPA: _____

Explain applicant's need for financial assistance

How have you shown leadership/participation in special activities in your school or community?

How would this scholarship assist you in furthering your career goals and education?

Please include two (2) letters of recommendation, preferably one from a teacher and one from a current or previous employer.

Luke Richardson Memorial Scholarship Application

Open to all THS and Butler Tech Senior Student Athletes.

PLEASE USE INK AND PRINT CLEARLY AND NEATLY

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Talawanda/Butler Tech High School GPA: _____

Intended University / College / Technical School: _____

Intended Major / Field of Study: _____

Father/Guardian Place of Employment: _____

Position Held: _____

Mother/Guardian Place of Employment: _____

Position Held: _____

Applicants need for financial assistance (if any): _____

Please list the Varsity sport(s) you completed in this year: _____

List other activities and organization you are involved in: _____

****Be sure to include your essay and one (1) letter of recommendation****

A minimum of one (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded.
Additional funds or recipients may be selected upon review of the applications.

Oxford Area PFLAG Diversity & Inclusion Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Current Primary Address: _____

Student Contact Information:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Post-Graduation Program of Study: _____

*You must also attach the following:

- A brief essay between 500-1,000 words in which you explain how being a member of or an ally to a diverse group has broadened your experience during your time at Talawanda.
- One letter of personal recommendation from a non-family member (teacher, coach, employer, community member, etc.).

NAACP Scholarship Application 2025 Oxford Ohio Unit

The Oxford Unit of the NAACP is pleased to offer one-year scholarships to students of color. Payments are made directly to the school before the start of the semester. One additional year of scholarship money may be requested by submitting an application and will be contingent on availability of funds and financial need of the student.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Are you a person of color? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is your ethnic or racial identity? _____

Current Primary Address:

Student Contact Information

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of Parents/Guardian: _____

Your primary residence is with: Mother ____ Father ____ Guardian ____

What school do you plan to attend following high school?: _____

What degree will you be obtaining?: _____

Please attach the following:

A typed essay of:

1. What are your educational goals and how do you plan to achieve them? Does your family support your goals?
2. Describe a personal challenge you have faced and how you overcame it. What did you learn for the experience?
3. Two letters recommendation from non-family members
 - a. One must be from a high school teacher, the other may be from an employer, clergy, coach, etc.
4. Transcript
5. Completed Talawanda Application