



**2025-2026**

## **OCCTA Howard Fenner Scholarships**

*HOWARD FENNER SCHOLARSHIPS are outright grants to graduating high school seniors who are children of members of the Orange County Classroom Teachers Association. This scholarship is funded by a small portion of each OCCTA member's annual dues.*

**A MINIMUM OF \$23,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED**

### **To qualify for the grant, an applicant must:**

1. Be a child of a member of the Orange County Classroom Teachers Association.
2. Possess high overall qualifications, including character, scholarship, and demonstration of financial need (if applicable).
3. Possess an acceptance from a college or technical school.
4. Submit a timely application accompanied by letters of recommendation.
5. Be eligible for graduation from an accredited high school (includes students who qualify for early admission to college and meet all other qualifications).

High school counselors have been informed that these scholarships are available.

Applications may be obtained from counselors or the CTA website:

**Orangecta.com**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 11, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.**



**\*\*Please Note\*\*: Failure to provide any of the below could disqualify applicants.**

**A. Official Transcript**

An OFFICIAL transcript of school grades through the first semester of the current year must be submitted, to include UNWEIGHTED cumulative grade point average and class standing for grades 9 - 1st semester 12th. **ONLY an official transcript will be accepted.** It must be signed by the registrar or counselor. This document cannot be an academic involvement report or subject/grade printout.

**B. Application Packet**

The application packet is required to give more detailed information. This packet should include:

1. A 200-word essay stating the name of the school of your choice, your purpose in attending this institution, and your plans after graduation. Include any circumstances that may demonstrate financial need, if applicable. The essay must be specific to this scholarship. Please do not copy your college application essay.
2. A letter of college or career technical school acceptance.
3. A list of your extracurricular activities, both inside and outside of school. This can include work experience or volunteer hours.

**C. Reference Letters**

**One letter** of academic recommendation **and one letter** of personal reference are required.

**D. Other**

The Scholarship Committee may require an interview with the applicant or with the high school counselor.

**TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**A. Incomplete applications will not be considered.** All information must be submitted simultaneously, including letters of reference. Please put in order A, B, and C (2 letters).

**B.** The completed application form and all attachments must be received in the CTA office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.



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Date submitted

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Present High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Guidance Counselor's Name & Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (s)/Guardian(s) Name (OCCTA Member): \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of years: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

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