



2016 Scholarship Application Packet

A Scholarship Opportunity for High School Students

Submissions Due by July 8th, 2016 to
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If You Have Any Questions, please call Ryan Stevenson or Dezanise Petty
At the OCDP Head Office
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Oakland County Democratic Party 2016 Scholarship Application

The Oakland County Democratic Party is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote social and economic justice by building an engaged, diverse, Democratic majority in Oakland County in order to enhance the quality of life for all.

Overview

One **\$1000**, one **\$500**, and four **\$250** scholarships will be awarded to six qualifying high school students.

To qualify for a scholarship the applicant must be a high school student who resides in Oakland County, and/or who attends school in Oakland County.

The candidate shall complete a project entitled "My America."

Prompt

We all know that there are things that we want to see change in our world. Maybe you want to see a genuinely green economy, or true equality for all people despite their gender or sexual orientation. Perhaps you are passionate about working towards racial equity, or seeing the emergence of a just economy. This scholarship is designed to reward those who are passionate about promoting progress now and in the future.

Create a project (criteria provided below) that responds to this question:

What would you like to see change in America or in your community? How do you see yourself being part of that change?

Options to complete the project include a written essay, art project, music project or video project. Entry must be the original work of the student.

Choose a theme that matters *to you!* Examples of specific topics/themes you *could* explore in your project are:

- The Flint Water Crisis
- Overcoming Racial Injustice
- Immigration Reform
- Protecting Women's Rights
- Creating a Just Economy

Choose from one of the following options:

Option 1: Written Essay

- 3–5 pages typed, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font
- Choose one topic. Support the topic that you choose with research and data. Be sure to cite your sources!
- Identify what is currently being done to address the issue(s).
- Describe your ideas for dealing with the issue(s).

Option 2: Visual Artwork

- Create a visual artwork (painting, drawing, cartoon/political satire, sculpture, photography, etc.).
- Artwork **MUST** be an original piece.
- Include an artist statement, 150 words or less, explaining what medium you used and what theme your work represents.

Option 3: Video

- Your video could be a dramatization, interview, documentary, etc.
- Choose at least one topic to explore.
- Identify what is currently being done to address the issue(s).
- Describe your ideas for dealing with the issue(s).

Option 4: Music Composition/Song

- Create a song or musical piece between two and five minutes in duration.
- Artwork **MUST** be an original piece.
- Include an artist statement, 150 words or less, explaining the themes and issues your song/composition touches on.

Additional Requirement(s): Upon submission, you *may* be requested to submit an application like the one attached below. If so, you will be prompted upon receipt of your submission. You can also provide a picture of yourself (preferably high-resolution) to accompany your submission.

You *may* also be asked to submit a hard copy and/or the original work itself. You will be notified after submission if this is the case. Any requested hard copy / original work can be submitted to the OCDP office:

Oakland County Democratic Party
17100 Twelve Mile Rd, Suite 5
Southfield, MI 48076

By making a submission, you are granting the Oakland County Democratic Party (OCDP) the right to use and/or publicize your submission at their discretion.

Process

The submission deadline is July 8th, 2016. All submissions will be posted on the Oakland County Democratic Party's website, www.ocdp.org and you and others will be able to vote for the submission of your choice. Directions on how to vote will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your submission.

The submissions that receive the five highest vote totals will then be considered by a committee that will determine the winner of the \$1,000 prize. From the four remaining submissions, the one that had received the greatest number of votes will be given the \$500 prize. The three remaining submissions will all receive \$250, as will an honorary submission selected by the committee based on its unique merit.

The committee will employ the following criteria in selecting the winning submission:

- 1) The submission offers a clear message.
- 2) The submission provides an explanation of why the change you're advocating for matters.
- 3) The submission demonstrates a clear commitment to progressive values.

Submission Requirements

All submissions must be accompanied by the application found at the bottom of this document. The responses on the application will have no bearing on the committee's decision.

All submissions should be sent via email to ydmich@gmail.com as attachments. These should appear in the following formats:

- Essay: submit as a .docx or PDF
- Visual Artwork: take a photo and send in a .jpeg format

- Video: submit as a .mp4
- Audio: submit as a .mp3

We look forward to your submission!

Application

Personal Information

Name: _____
Address: _____ City and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

High School: _____

Post High School plans: _____

Community Service

Organization: _____

Role: _____

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Role: _____

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Role: _____

Extra Curricular Activities (Employment / Interests / Hobbies / School Activities):

Applicants are solely responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. I, _____, certify that all statements in this application are correct and that the entry is my own (original) work.

Signature_____ Date_____