



2026

Scholarship Program

Scholarship Award:

Deserving students across the country will receive awards ranging from **\$1,000 to \$25,000!**

Qualifications:

- Complete all 47 ONTRACK Plus 12th grade modules
- Submit the 12th Grade Post Survey
- GPA (2.5 min to apply)
- Demonstrated Financial Need
(through students FAFSA® submission summary)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 31, 2026

Application Bonus:

Students that meet all of the submission guidelines will receive a **\$100** GiftoGram Gift card!

Questions about scholarship submissions, email team@ontrackplus.org

APPLY HERE

(You must be logged into your account)

1) CREATIVE SUBMISSION

You will need to produce a creative submission drawing specific examples from your own life: school, work, sports team, community organization, etc.

Step 1.

CHOOSE ONE of the prompts below for your creative submission:

A. Your Path and Your Pride:

Tell us about where you come from – your family, school, or community – and one challenge you’ve faced. What did you do to overcome this challenge, and how will that lesson guide you in college or your next step (university, trade school, military, or work)?

B. Your Spark and Your Impact:

What topic, problem, or cause do you care about most (in science/tech, business/entrepreneurship, the humanities, trades, public service, or your community)? What excites you about it, and what is one practical way you plan to make a difference during college and beyond?

C. Someone or Something that Changed You:

Choose a book, class, project, job, piece of art, community event, or a person that shifted how you see the world. What did it teach you and how will you use that insight in your studies and future career?

Step 2.

Once you select a prompt from **Step 1**, **CHOOSE ONE** creative submission from the list below to answer the prompt.

A. Essay- (300–500 words)

This submission is a comprehensive essay that answers one of the questions and provides personal examples. Your essay should be filled with details that give the scholarship committee a strong sense of your story.

B. Video - (2–3 minutes)

A video essay is a well-rehearsed oral presentation that answers one of the prompts fully. Vocal inflection, eye contact, and passion are important. We’re looking for high quality videos – so remember to speak clearly, be centered on screen, have a good background, and have clear, non-shaky video.



C. Edited/Animated Video - (2-3 minutes)

An edited or animated video can be made using online tools to answer one of the prompts. Narration, story planning, creativity, and design ability are key components of this type of video.

D. Original Poem - (100-150 words)

An original poem that answers one of the prompts in **Step 1** clearly. We should be able to tell that you wrote the poem for this application, and not for a different project.

E. Photography/Artwork Portfolio - (100-150 words)

Your submission will depend on the nature of the art. Acceptable submissions include sculptures, paintings, drawings, photography, etc.

Along with your artwork, submit an artist statement that demonstrates your understanding of how the artwork relates to the creative submission prompt.

*(Only include **ONE** piece of artwork that connects to the prompt you selected.)*

2) ONTRACK PLUS IMPACT STATEMENT - (200-300 words)

Explain how ONTRACK Plus helped you overcome challenges you experienced in high school or in your everyday life. Try to focus on a few ONTRACK Plus modules or topics, and give examples for how those have helped you, or will help you in the future.

3) FEEDBACK ON ONTRACK PLUS PLATFORM

Please let us know what you found useful about the platform and the curriculum, and why. If you did not find the platform particularly useful, we want to know that, too. Your feedback will assist us with improving the user experience. Your honest feedback – even if it is negative – is valuable to us and will not hurt your chance to earn a scholarship.

HINT for Answering Items 2 and 3:

In your responses above, please be specific. Mention specific video modules, tips, resources, workshops, courses, or features of the platform that you found helpful. Explain why they were useful, and how you applied what you learned to your life.



APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

4) COMPLETE PORTFOLIO

Applicants must submit a complete ONTRACK Plus Portfolio from the system. The portfolio generates a resume that highlights all your academic, work, and extracurricular achievements and activities. Do your best to complete as much of the portfolio as possible so the scholarship committee will know you better.

5) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

In order to apply for an ONTRACK Plus scholarship you must provide one letter of recommendation. Using the online ONTRACK Plus scholarship application, you can email a teacher, employer, or mentor to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

HINT: Reach out to your reference to ask for their recommendation before you email them through ONTRACK Plus.

6) FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY & HIGH SCHOOL GRADES

Please provide a scanned copy of your FAFSA® Submission Summary (formerly the Student Aid Report, or SAR) document provided by the U.S. Department of Education after your Free Application for Federal Student Aid is processed. You must also submit a copy of your most recent 12th grade report card or unofficial high school transcript.

ONTRACK PLUS AI POLICY

PLEASE NOTE:

All 2026 ONTRACK Plus scholarship creative submissions and impact statements will be subject to AI scanning. While students may choose to use AI assistance for proofreading their essay, using AI diminishes the authenticity of your personal story. Submitting an "AI-Heavy" essay or creative work will reduce a students' overall scoring in the scholarship review process and may result in disqualification.

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