



## Oak Ridge Military Academy Scholarship 2024 Guidelines

### **Purpose**

The Merchants of Oak Ridge seek to provide tuition assistance to a current student at the Oak Ridge Military Academy who has demonstrated academic and leadership potential.

### **Award**

One scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded, to be applied directly to the account of a current Oak Ridge Military Academy student for 2024/2025 tuition or room and board charges.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be current students of the Oak Ridge Military Academy in good academic and military standing with a grade point average of at least 2.5.

### **Application Forms**

Application forms are available from the Oak Ridge Military Academy's Headmaster's office and online at [www.merchantsofoakridgenc.com/scholarship](http://www.merchantsofoakridgenc.com/scholarship).

### **Deadline**

Completed applications and transcripts must be received in the Headmaster's Office by **Friday, March 29, 2024**. Early applications are encouraged.

### **Terms of the Scholarship**

The 2024 Scholarship Award will be paid, on behalf of the scholarship recipient, directly to the Oak Ridge Military Academy to cover eligible costs related to 2024/2025 tuition and room and board at the Academy. The Merchants of Oak Ridge reserve the right to select an alternate scholarship recipient in the event a selected recipient will not attend the Academy or is no longer in good academic and military standing, with a grade point average of at least 2.5, at the time of the award. Final transcripts must be provided to the Merchants by **July 1, 2024**. Full terms of the Merchants of Oak Ridge Scholarship will be detailed in the official scholarship award letter.

### **Application Review Process**

1. **Application Review:** The Merchants of Oak Ridge Scholarship Committee will review all eligible applications and select up to three finalists, each of whom will be contacted by phone or email.
  
2. **Interviews with Finalists**  
Up to three finalists will be invited to meet individually with the Merchants of Oak Ridge Scholarship Committee for a brief interview and discussion of the student's interests and accomplishments.
  
3. **Selection of Award Recipient**  
One scholarship recipient will be selected from among the finalists, based on the following criteria:
  - Academic and military standing
  - Extracurricular activities and achievements
  - Essay quality
  - Interview
  - Letters of recommendation

### **Questions**

Students may submit questions regarding the scholarship and application process to [aschneider.nc@gmail.com](mailto:aschneider.nc@gmail.com). Please allow up to two days for a response. Applications will not be accepted by email.



## Merchants of Oak Ridge Scholarship 2024 Application

### I. Applicant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Letters of Recommendations

Letters of recommendation must be delivered in a sealed envelope to the Headmaster's Office by **4:00 pm** on **March 29, 2024**. Please print the applicant's name on the outside of the envelope.

- Recommendation Letter #1: Provide the name of a current or former Oak Ridge Academy instructor familiar with the applicant's academic record and classroom abilities.

Instructor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Classes applicant has taken from this instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- Recommendation Letter #2: Provide the name of an Oak Ridge Military Academy administrator, instructor, counselor, coach, community or group leader, employer, or other adult familiar with the applicant's achievements outside the classroom. (Please note that family members cannot serve as recommenders.)

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

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Role/Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Transcripts**

Current transcripts from the Oak Ridge Military Academy must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the applicant's name printed on the outside of the envelope, to the Headmaster's office by **4:00 pm** on **March 29, 2024**.

**IV. Essay**

Submit an essay of up to 500 words, double-spaced, describing a personal or academic goal that you have set, your reasons for selecting that goal, on the following topic:

Describe a leadership ability that you have or are developing. Who helped you develop this ability, and how is it useful to your school or community? Then, describe a leadership ability that you don't have – but hope to one day develop – and describe the challenges involved in developing this ability, and how you hope your college journey and early work experience will help you develop this ability and mature as a leader.

**V. Other Experience**

Provide a list of your community service projects, extracurricular activities, and employment experience.

**VI. Deadline**

All application materials, including letters of recommendation and current transcripts, must be received by the Oak Ridge Military Academy Headmaster by **4:00 pm** on **March 29, 2024**.