

OEA Jean Kershaw Scholarship

2021–2022 Application Guide

This \$2,000 student scholarship fund was established to honor the memory of Jean Kershaw, a long-time OEA employee who died in the fall of 1985, after having served as secretary to 11 OEA Presidents.

In order to qualify for this award, a student applicant must be an undergraduate currently enrolled as:

1. a sophomore, junior, or a fourth-year student in a five-year program in an approved teacher education program at an accredited Ohio college or university; OR,
2. a senior in an approved teacher education program at an Ohio college or university who has been formally accepted for graduate study in a master's degree of education program at an accredited Ohio college or university.

All applicants must be current members of the Ohio Education Association and the NEA-Student Program. Applicants need to demonstrate success in their teacher education program and provide evidence of financial need. **Current members of the OEA Board of Directors and association staff members are not eligible for this scholarship. In addition, OEA Awards and Scholarship Committee Members are not eligible for two years after completion of service on the committee to apply or to be nominated.**

The award will be presented at the OEA Spring Representative Assembly.

For additional information, please contact Awards by emailing to: awards@ohea.org

NOTE: The completed online application form for the Jean Kershaw Scholarship must be received on or before **February 28, 2022. Late applications will not be considered.**

All applicants will receive notification of receipt of his/her application. The finalists may receive an interview request at the discretion of the committee. **Only complete applications will be considered. The OEA Awards and Scholarship Committee reserves the right to present no award or to refer an applicant to another award or scholarship.**

OEA Jean Kershaw Scholarship Application Checklist

Your online application must be received on or before February 28, 2022. **Only complete applications will be considered.** Please read the application carefully and be sure that you meet the criteria for this scholarship.

Checklist to Be Completed

- Yes, I am a unified member of the Ohio Education Association/NEA for 2021-2022.
- I have read the online application and I believe that I meet all of the criteria for this scholarship.
- I have signed the completed online application.
- My local President or Vice President has been notified of my application.
- My application includes two letters of recommendation.
- My application includes a narrative statement of 500 words or less.
- I have not previously received this scholarship.

Encouraged but not required...

- My application includes additional information or evidence that will assist the committee in their decision process. Supporting documents may include but are not limited to printed articles, awards, recognitions, brochures, agendas, correspondence, websites, photos, etc. ****Attachments are limited to 10 pages.****

Your application must be received by February 28, 2022. **Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OEA Jean Kershaw 2021-2022 Scholarship

Application Guide

Application to be completed online at www.ohea.org/scholarships-grants-awards

Once you begin the application you will not be able to save it until it is submitted. For this reason, it is recommended that you complete the long answer questions in a separate Word document first and then copy and paste your answers into the online form when ready.

Background Information

Name (Please print) _____ OEA Membership No. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ School Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Home E-Mail Address _____

Membership

_____ Yes, I am a member of the Ohio Education Association/NEA-Student Program for 2020-2021.

Length of Membership _____ School _____ Name of Local OSEA Unit _____

_____ My Local President or Vice-President has been notified of my application.

Education

College/University _____ Years _____

Major _____ Current Classification _____

Undergraduate cumulative point average _____ of a possible _____

Awards/Honors

Experience

Work experience (list current experience first):

Firm (name and address)	Position	Years
_____	_____	20 _____ to 20 _____
_____	_____	20 _____ to 20 _____
_____	_____	20 _____ to 20 _____
_____	_____	20 _____ to 20 _____

Educational Expenses

Estimated educational expenses specifically related to the completion of the degree described in this application:

	Semester/Qtr.	Year's Total
Tuition and Fees	\$ _____	\$ _____
Books and Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Housing (on campus)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____	\$ _____
Amt. of Educational Loans	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (explain)	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

Income \$ _____
Applicant income for 2021: \$ _____
Applicant estimated income for 2022: \$ _____

Is your family assisting you? _____ Yes _____ No
How much assistance is your family providing? \$ _____
Approximate gross family income for 2021: \$ _____
Estimate gross family income for 2022: \$ _____

Do you currently receive financial aid? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list:

Scholarship \$ _____ Loan \$ _____ Work Study \$ _____ Grant \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Recommendations

Request two persons familiar with your educational program, teaching qualities, and personal background to submit letters of recommendation. The letters of recommendation **must** be attached to your online application.

1. Name _____ Title _____
Address _____
2. Name _____ Title _____
Address _____

Narrative

Please indicate other financial or family obligations (describe briefly).

Briefly describe your short/long range career plans (be as specific as possible).

Describe your activity in your Ohio Student Education Association unit.

State the purpose for which the scholarship is to be used.

Please include a narrative statement, NOT TO EXCEED 500 WORDS, describing information that will help elaborate why you should be considered for this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Note: All applications submitted to OEA will be evaluated on the basis of criteria stated on the online application form. Online application must be received by **February 28, 2022**.

Questions or Concerns?

Please contact us at awards@ohea.org.



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