

OEA Marilyn Cross Scholarship

2021–2022 Application Guide

The Marilyn Cross Scholarship was instituted in December of 2002 by the Executive Committee of the Ohio Education Association. The scholarship was established as an annual memorial to a well-respected, past president of the Ohio Education Association.

Criteria for the \$4,000 scholarship are as follows: the recipient must be a unified Ohio Education Association member, must be a career teacher in the teaching profession, must be enrolled in a graduate-level program directly linked to their current area of licensure, must be in need of financial assistance, and must demonstrate a reasonable prediction of success in graduate work.

One year after the scholarship is awarded, the recipient shall provide OEA with a statement describing his/her employment and graduate work status.

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 Marilyn Cross 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 Marilyn Cross 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 three 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 Marilyn Cross 2021–2022 Scholarship Application

Nomination 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 (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ Home E-mail Address _____

MEMBERSHIP

_____ Yes, I am a unified member of the Ohio Education Association for 2021-2022.

School District _____ County _____

Name of Local Association _____

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

FAMILY OBLIGATIONS

Dependents (Spouse, Children, Other)

Name	Relationship	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other financial or family obligations (describe briefly) _____

INCOME

Approximate gross family income for 2021: \$ _____ Estimate gross family income for 2022: \$ _____

you have additional sources of financial aid? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, explain:

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

Estimated educational expenses specifically related to the completion of the graduate degree described in this application (include only those hours that are necessary for the graduate degree.)

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

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Are you enrolled in a graduate program? Yes No If yes, where? _____

What is your graduate degree major? _____

Does this graduate degree further your ability in your current area of licensure? Yes No

Graduate hours completed in your current master's degree program _____ Semesters _____ Quarters

Graduate hours completed in other graduate courses _____ Semesters _____ Quarters

EDUCATION

College/University _____ Years _____

Major _____ Degree _____

Undergraduate cumulative point average _____ of a possible _____

Graduate cumulative point average (*If applicable*) in current master's degree program _____ of a possible _____

Graduate cumulative point average in other programs (*if applicable*) _____ of a possible _____

EXPERIENCE

Teaching experience (list current experience first):

School System	Grade Level or Subject	Years
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

Request at least three 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.

Recommendations play a significant part in the selection of finalists for the scholarship. Select carefully the persons from whom you are requesting a recommendation. Ask them to write about your candidacy in 150 words or less. The letter should describe in specific terms why you should be considered for this scholarship and should reflect your education activities, association participation, and community involvement. At least one recommendation should be from the local association.

1. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

2. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

3. Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Narrative

Describe your activity in local, district, state, and national education associations and/or subject area associations.

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

(Additional paper can be used for further comments.)

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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