

2026 OEA ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING INSTITUTE (AOI) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

February 19 - 21, 2026

Hyatt Regency Columbus • 350 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215

General scholarships of \$100.00 will be awarded to individuals from local associations across the state. Preference will be given to individuals attending the AOI Conference for the first time.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES:

- Scholarships will cover the registration cost, double occupancy overnight accommodations for Thursday, February 19 and Friday, February 20, 2026 only, and meals provided at the conference.
- Scholarships to Educational Support Professionals (ESPs) will cover round-trip mileage (reimbursed at the current IRS rate), conference registration, double occupancy overnight accommodations for Thursday, February 19 and Friday, February 20, 2026, all meals (including those not covered by the conference), and substitute reimbursement to the participant's school district if needed. (In accordance with OEA Governance Expense Policy 400.170: Individual meal expense limits: breakfast \$25.60, lunch \$28.16, dinner \$42.24, including tax and tip).
- Room rates are currently \$196.00 per night, plus applicable taxes.
- The deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, January 9, 2026. Please note that no applications will be accepted past the deadline.
- Scholarships will be awarded in the order received with preference to those who have never attended AOI.
- >>> Scholarship recipients will be notified via email by Monday, January 12, 2026.
- Scholarship recipients must register online for the conference in accordance with the information provided in the notification email. If you wish to register prior to Monday, January 12, 2026, to ensure you get into the session(s) you would like to attend, please register as an OEA Member (Non-scholarship recipient) and indicate that you will pay by check so OEA will not be responsible for sending a refund for your registration if you are a scholarship recipient.
- The registration website is http://aoi.ohea.org.

 DEADLINES: Registration February 5, 2026, Housing February 5, 2026.
- NOTE: Your District may also offer scholarships for the conference. Contact your District directly for more information. OEA scholarship recipients cannot also receive a District scholarship.

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

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PLEASE PRINT:

APPLICANT'	'S NAME:				
STREET ADD	RESS:				
CITY, STATE,	, ZIP:				
HOME PHONE:			CELL PHONE:		
EMAIL (HO	ME):				
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ROOMMATI	E NAME: (If you do	not select one, one wi	ill be assigned)		
DISTRICT:	□ CAPITAL □ NEOEA	□ CENTRAL □ NWOEA	□ ECOEA □ SEOEA	□ EOEA □ SWOEA	□ NCOEA □ WOEA
REGION:	□ REGION 1	□ REGION 2	□ REGION 3	□ REGION 4	
Is your local bargaining this year?			□ YES	□NO	
Have you previously attended the AOI (CBC)?			□ YES	□NO	
Are you an Education Support Professional (ESP)?			□ YES	□NO	
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