



THE SOCIETY OF THE ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

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Peter W. Orlebeke Scholarship

Introduction

This scholarship offered by *The Order of the Southern Cross* was established in memory of Peter W. Orlebeke who was influential in promoting Confederate philanthropy and preservation. Mr. Orlebeke was an active member in the Order of the Southern Cross, Military Order of Stars and Bars, and Sons of Confederate Veterans for which he was elected to the highest office of Commander-in-Chief. He was also a founder and charter member of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans. It is to the memory of his tireless and important contributions that this special scholarship is dedicated.

Eligibility

Applicants for the *Peter W. Orlebeke Scholarship* must be a genealogically-proven descendant of a Confederate soldier or an official member of the Confederate Government. Applicants may be high school seniors who will be matriculating at an accredited college or university or students who are currently enrolled in an accredited college or university.

General Information

- Time Schedules: The completed application and all supporting material (see below) should be submitted and/or postmarked by December 31 each year. Scholarship awardees will be notified as soon as they are selected. Funds awarded will be forwarded to the selected institution upon notification by the applicant of enrollment.
- Review and Criteria for Evaluation: Scholarships are merit-based and applicants will be judged on academic performance, school and community activities, leadership potential, character and motivation, a personal statement, and strength of recommendation letters. These criteria will be weighted as follows: academic record, 70%; extracurricular activities, 10%; personal statement, 10%; recommendations, 10%. Priority will be given to high school seniors, although currently-enrolled college or university students may also apply. The Scholarship Committee may request additional information or clarification from the applicant, and waiver of a provision may be granted under extenuating circumstances if the waiver does not significantly affect the overall merit of the application.

- Disbursement of Funds: Applicants who are awarded scholarships must be matriculating or enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college or university which grants degrees before funds are disbursed. Scholarship funds shall be placed on deposit at the institution on behalf of the awardee and any unused portion returned to the OSC by the institution.
- Scholarship Amount and Limits: The scholarship shall be \$1,000 for each applicant, and awardees may not receive a scholarship more than once.

Requirements for Submission

Application: The printed application must be completed in its entirety. Signature attests to its accuracy. The committee chair will inform you by email of receipt of your application material with subject line “OSC Scholarship Application.”

Ancestor Proof: Applicants must be descendants of a Confederate soldier or of an official member of the Confederate government.

Personal Statement: The applicant shall submit a personal statement describing his/her academic and career goals. It can include what influences have been important in shaping the applicant’s development and aspirations and can be written using any approach that the applicant believes is most appropriate. The statement should be limited to 500 words or less.

Academic Records: The applicant must submit an academic record of courses that have been completed, such as a transcript, and the record should include grade point average and class rank, if applicable. If transcripts are not released to the applicant, they can be sent to the Scholarship Committee Chair (see address on application).

Letter of Recommendation: A letter must be submitted on the applicant’s behalf from a teacher, school counselor, or principal who is well acquainted with the applicant. The letter should address the applicant’s character, ability, dependability, and integrity. Up to two additional letters may also be submitted.



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Peter W. Orlebeke Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Email address: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

1. Educational institutions attended, including address and dates of attendance:

High School

Post-High School
(College or University)

Graduate School

2. Academic honors / awards:

3. Academic societies and clubs; offices held:

4. Extracurricular activities:

5. Have you been awarded other financial aid? Yes No

If yes, give name of award, address of fund and amount of the award:

6. Institution you plan to attend and whether you have been accepted or are enrolled.

I declare that the above listed information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to the *Order of the Southern Cross* to verify all information provided on this application.

Signature

Date

Mail the original and one copy of the application and all supporting materials to:

Gary Roseman
Chair, Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 16
Woodbridge, VA 22194