

## **ONEITA J. WALTENBERGER SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**

Administered by First Midwest Bank

230 West State Street, Sycamore, IL 60178

Application Access: [www.firstmidwest.com/wm\\_scholarships/](http://www.firstmidwest.com/wm_scholarships/)

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Oneita J. Waltenberger Scholarship Trust provides scholarship grants for students who reside or have previously resided in DeKalb County for college and postgraduate studies for careers related to the health care field, including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, certified nursing assistants, physical therapists, massage therapists, acupuncturist, health care administrators, dentist, or dental assistants. These funds have been provided by the trust estate of Oneita J. Waltenberger, a DeKalb County resident. Ms. Waltenberger wished to provide a general scholarship fund to students who exhibited good character, work habits, and perseverance in their pursuit of a health care field. These scholarship funds are administered by First Midwest Bank, a northern Illinois based bank with many branches in DeKalb County.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

To be eligible for an Oneita J. Waltenberger scholarship, you must reside or have previously resided in DeKalb County, you must (at the time of the award) be enrolled as a college or post-graduate student in good standing at an accredited institution (high school students are not eligible). All candidates who will be enrolled in a health care related program during the upcoming academic year are eligible to apply. The grants will be awarded without regard to financial need, but the total amount awarded may not exceed 50% of the total amount of tuition and fees for the academic period for which the award is received. All qualified applications will be given serious consideration. In order to qualify, please follow all directions on page 2 under “How Can I Apply?”

### **WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR AWARDS?**

Each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis as a matter of judgment by the Oneita J. Waltenberger Scholarship Trust Committee. The Committee will base its judgment on the information submitted by the applicant who shall include three Letters of Recommendation from people familiar with the applicant who can provide insight as to the **applicant’s (1) character, (2) work habits, and (3) perseverance in pursuit of studies. THREE SEPARATE LETTERS MUST BE PROVIDED FOR EACH OF THESE AREAS AND EACH MUST BE SPECIFIC TO ONE OF THESE AREAS.** Use the form (or copies of this form) attached to this application for all letters of recommendation.

Questions? Please contact: Mary Agrella-Fitzpatrick  
Vice-President and Wealth Management Officer  
First Midwest Bank  
mary.fitzpatrick@firstmidwest.com  
(779) 222-7020

## **HOW CAN I APPLY?**

Visit [www.firstmidwest.com/wm\\_scholarships/](http://www.firstmidwest.com/wm_scholarships/) to download an application in PDF fillable format.

- Applications are to be submitted for one academic year only. A student who has received a previous Oneita J. Waltenberger scholarship must submit a renewal application for each succeeding year.
- The Application must be typed in the pdf writeable form and printed out. **Do not leave any items unanswered.** If a particular item does not apply to you, write N/A in the blank.
- If insufficient space is provided for an item, use a blank sheet of paper as a supplement, identifying each response by the section and item number.
- Make sure to include your name on each and every page of the application.
- Obtain the certification of the Dean's Office (Section IV of the application). You must include an official academic transcript with the application which reflects GPA.
- Obtain one letter of recommendation from a person familiar with your **character**. (i.e., coach, club sponsor, clergy or youth minister). Use the form in Section V of the application.
- Obtain one letter of recommendation from a person qualified to assess your **work habits** (i.e., an employer or former employer). Use the form in Section VI of the application.
- Obtain one letter of recommendation from a person qualified to assess your **perseverance in the pursuit of your studies**. (i.e., former or present teachers). Use the form in Section VII of the application.
- Applications and **ALL** required documentation must be submitted in person and/or postmarked **no later than April 1st** prior to the academic year for which aid is being requested.

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT YOUR ABILITY TO CAREFULLY AND ACCURATELY COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH YOUR QUALIFICATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE IN DETERMINING AN AWARD.**

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

**ONEITA J. WALTENBERGER SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**C/O FIRST MIDWEST BANK**  
**230 WEST STATE STREET, SYCAMORE, IL 60178**

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Age \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

4. Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

5. Address while in school \_\_\_\_\_

6. During what period did you reside/have you resided in DeKalb County, Illinois?

7. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Email \_\_\_\_\_

9. Sex: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female 10. Veteran? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. EDUCATION:**

11. Upcoming Academic Year in School:

Community College:	_____ 1 <sup>st</sup>	_____ 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
4-year College:	_____ 1 <sup>st</sup>	_____ 2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____ 3 <sup>rd</sup>	_____ 4 <sup>th</sup>
Graduate School:	_____ 1 <sup>st</sup>	_____ 2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____ 3 <sup>rd</sup>	_____ 4 <sup>th</sup>

12. High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Graduate Date (or expected): \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (4.0 Scale): \_\_\_\_\_

13. College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Major/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Date (or expected): \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (4.0 Scale): \_\_\_\_\_

14. Graduate School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Major/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Date (or expected): \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (4.0 Scale): \_\_\_\_\_

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

15. What are your total costs (tuition and fees) that you anticipate for the upcoming academic year?

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16. On a separate page, please provide a statement in essay form relating to the following questions:

- a. What made you decide to pursue a career in the health care field?
- b. What are your career goals following graduation?
- c. What personal strengths do you have that will enable you to succeed in your career?
- d. What weaknesses do you have that will challenge you in reaching your goals?

**III. ACTIVITIES:**

17. List community services activities in which you are or have been involved:

18. List jobs held during the school year or during breaks, and how many hours were devoted to each:

19. List extracurricular activities and other interests not listed above:

20. Describe any challenges or special circumstances that should be considered in evaluating your application:

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

**IV. SCHOOL CERTIFICATION** (to be completed by the applicable school official)

Name and Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address as it appears on school records: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/certification sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please attached academic transcript\*\***

Is the Applicant: A full time student? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Expected to complete program? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

To the best of your knowledge, please describe the applicant's academic performance to date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Summary ranking of academic performance: \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent  
\_\_\_\_\_ Good  
\_\_\_\_\_ Average  
\_\_\_\_\_ Poor

I certify that the Applicant whose name appears above is enrolled as stated in this certification and is in good standing. To the best of my knowledge, the statements herein are accurate and fairly represent the situation of the Applicant, who in my opinion qualifies for the scholarship being sought.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*This Certification and requested documentation (i.e., academic transcript) may be provided to the Applicant for submission or mailed to: Oneita J. Waltenberger Scholarship Trust, c/o First Midwest Bank, 230 West State Street, Sycamore, IL 60178. Questions may be directed to Mary Agrella-Fitzpatrick at [mary.fitzpatrick@firstmidwest.com](mailto:mary.fitzpatrick@firstmidwest.com), or direct line (779) 222-7020.*

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V. **LETTER OF CHARACTER** (to be completed by a person familiar with the **character** of the Applicant)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Writer of Letter:

Thank you for agreeing to assist the Oneita J. Waltenberger Scholarship Committee in their evaluation of the Applicant for an award to assist in the Applicant's pursuit of his/her education and career goals. Please provide a letter specifically indicating your opinion of the Applicant's **character**. This letter should state how and for how long you have known the Applicant, and include examples of your observation of the Applicant's **character** in your experiences and interactions with the Applicant. Any pertinent information is valuable, but an evaluation of strengths and weaknesses within the context of **character** is more helpful in the Committee's review than a recitation of routine praise of the Applicant.

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Writer's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Title/Position:

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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VI. **LETTER OF WORK HABITS** (to be completed by a person familiar with the **work habits** of the Applicant)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Writer of Letter:

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Writer's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Title/Position:

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**VII. LETTER OF PERSEVERANCE IN PURSUIT OF STUDIES** (to be completed by a person familiar with the **perseverance in pursuit of studies** of the Applicant)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Writer of Letter:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

Title/Position:

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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

**VIII. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:**

The undersigned represents and warrants that the information contained herein is true and correct. The Oneita J. Waltenberger Scholarship Committee and First Midwest Bank, as Trustee, are authorized to verify the accuracy of this information and to obtain any other information they may require.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Checklist for Submission:

	Enclosed	Will be submitted separately
1. Fully Completed Application:	_____	
2. Essay in Response to Question 16:	_____	
3. School Certification Form:	_____	_____
4. Academic Transcript:	_____	_____
5. Letter of Character:	_____	_____
6. Letter of Work Habits:	_____	_____
7. Letter of Perseverance in Pursuit of Studies:	_____	_____

ALL ABOVE APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE DELIVERED IN PERSON OR POSTMARKED BEFORE APRIL 1 PRIOR TO THE START OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR WHICH AID IS BEING REQUESTED.

Mail Submissions to:

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