

***Oakland High School***  
**WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**2026 SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Oakland High School Wildcats Alumni Association offers the following [scholarships](#) to graduating Oakland High School Seniors of the Class of the 2026:

1. **One (1) \$4,000 Alden McElrath Wildcats Alumni Scholarship**
2. **Two (2) \$500 Gee-Baranco Family Scholarships**
3. **Two (2) \$1,000 Class of 1970 Scholarships**
4. **One (1) \$1,000 John Curtiss for Journalism and Communications to a student with an aspiration in Journalism/Communications**
5. **Two (2) \$5,000 Gayle Moseley Ransom Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors planning to study Journalism**

All graduating Oakland High School Seniors of the Class of 2026 are eligible to apply to more than one scholarship.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Julia DeGuzman, [julia@ebayc.org](mailto:julia@ebayc.org) or in person in the Shop 55 Wellness Center.

**[2026 WAA Scholarship Application](#)**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Oakland High School's Wildcats Alumni Association serves to maintain the enduring relationship of its alumni to their alma mater and each other, and to provide support for the well-being of the Oakland High School community.*

Each year, Oakland High School's Wildcats Alumni Association (WAA) designates a specific number of scholarships to be awarded to qualified graduating seniors. This year WAA will be awarding a **\$4,000 Alden McElrath Wildcats Alumni Scholarship, two \$500 Gee-Baranco Family Scholarships, and two \$1000 Class of 1970 Scholarships. In addition, one \$1,000 John Curtiss for Journalism and Communications Scholarship will be awarded to a student with an aspiration in Journalism/Communications and two \$5,000 Gayle Moseley Ransom Scholarships will be awarded to students planning to study Journalism.**

The purpose of the scholarships is to provide financial assistance for the post-secondary education of a graduate who recognizes ways that Oakland High has significantly shaped their personal views of the world and goals for the future. **In the essay the applicant must speak to his/her personal experiences at this school and to the influence of those experiences on both their personal and professional goals.**

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must be an Oakland High graduating senior who has earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and demonstrates financial need. The scholarship recipient must provide proof of enrollment in a qualified institution before receiving scholarship funds.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2026**

*Completed applications must be submitted by email to [waa@oaklandhighalumni.org](mailto:waa@oaklandhighalumni.org) no later than Friday, March 20, 2026 for consideration. The scholarship recipients will be notified in writing in May 2026.*

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student's Name (First, Middle, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLYING FOR (check one)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Alden McElrath Wildcats Alumni Scholarship (\$4,000), Gee-Baranco Family Scholarship (2 @ \$500)
- \_\_\_\_\_ OHS Class of 1970 Scholarship (2 @ \$1000)
- \_\_\_\_\_ John Curtiss Memorial Scholarship for Journalism and Communications (\$1,000)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gayle Moseley Ransom Scholarship for Journalism (2 @ \$5,000)

**ESSAY**

For the Aldren McElrath and Gee-Baranco Family Scholarships, attach a statement of 300-500 words that speaks to your personal experience as an Oakland High Wildcat and how that experience has influenced your personal growth and professional goals.

For the Class of 1970 Scholarship, attach a 300-500 word statement that (a) describes how the career you want to pursue will directly help others, and (b) gives examples of things you have done over the last four years both at school and outside of school that show your commitment to helping others in the area you want to pursue. 'Service to others' careers include nursing, medical specialties, teaching, and trades and services where you will be working directly with clients. Scholarship recipients will need to submit a 45-60 second selfie video saying thank you to the donors and how the scholarship makes a difference for you.

For the John Curtiss Scholarship for Journalism and Communications and the Gayle Moseley Ransom Scholarship, attach a statement of 300-500 words that speaks to your personal experience as an Oakland High Wildcat and how that experience has influenced your personal growth and professional goals relative to your aspirations in Journalism/Communications

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## FINANCIAL NEED

### Please answer the following questions:

If you are currently employed, specify type of work and approx. hours/week \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Parental 2026 annual income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Student 2026 annual income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated first-year College costs (tuition/books/supplies/rm.&brd./transportation/medical) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children in family (including applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

## FUTURE INTENTIONS

The qualifying institution (college/university/school) or trades program you plan to attend

Your intended major/course of study \_\_\_\_\_

In compliance with the requirements for this scholarship, the following information is attached:

- \_\_\_\_ 1. ***My 300-500 word essay.***
- \_\_\_\_ 2. An official transcript of your high school scholastic record (grades 9 –12)
- \_\_\_\_ 3. 2-3 letters of recommendation with at least one being from a school official or teacher.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. A copy of your parents'/guardians' most recently filed Federal Income Tax Return or AFDC award letter.\*\*
- \_\_\_\_ 5. A resume (labeled with your name) of extra curricular activities in which you have been involved.

\*\* Item #4 above is not needed for John Curtiss Memorial Scholarship for Journalism and Communications

All of the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. The essay submitted as part of this scholarship application is written entirely by the student submitting this application; no plagiarized or AI generated essays will be accepted. I fully understand that the deadline for this application is **Friday, March 20, 2026**, and that the contents of this application are confidential. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship by the Wildcats Alumni Association, it will be payable to me upon proof of full-time enrollment at an accredited college, junior college or university or trades program.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_