



## Excellence in Character Scholarship

### 2023 Scholarship Program

#### Guidelines

**Oasis Focus Inc.**, a 501 (c) 3 organization announces the **2023 Excellence In Character Scholarship Award**. Under the program, three \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded to three graduating seniors attending a high school in **Dallas, Tarrant and Collin Counties**, in the state of **Texas**. Children of Oasis Focus Inc. board members are not eligible to apply.

#### Program Guidelines:

- \* Seeking graduating seniors with a strong record of service in the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities. Submit proof of community service with application.
- \* Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a total family annual income **under \$50,000**, in accordance with the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Submit a copy of transcript and proof of family annual income.
- \* Applicants must plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college or technical school.
- \* Scholarship funds will be paid in **August 2023** directly to the student. Students must submit proof of a 2 or 4 year college/technical school admission letter with this application. Admission will be verified with the college or technical school before funds are paid to students in **August 2023**.
- \* Applicants must obtain an endorsement from their Guidance Counselor on scholarship attesting they are a qualified candidate for this scholarship award. ***Oasis Focus Inc. suggests that each high school present this opportunity to the best applicants that match this program's guidelines.*** Application deadline is **July 21, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.** to be received by the scholarship committee. Late applications will not be accepted.

Mail one copy of a **completed typed application package to:**

**Oasis Focus Inc.,  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 2351  
Keller, TX 76244**

The completed application must include all required documents on the **checklist** found at the end of the application. All applications will be thoroughly reviewed for one recipient selected by the scholarship committee. The scholarship will be **awarded in August 2023**. Applications may be downloaded from the [Oasis Connection Ministries website](#) or [Oasis Focus Inc website](#). Please submit any questions to: [info@oasisfocus.org](mailto:info@oasisfocus.org)

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023

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|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Please <b>type</b> your answers. |   |                             |                |
| 1.                               | Last Name:  | First Name:                 |                |
| 2.                               | Mailing Address<br>Street:<br>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____   |                             |                |
| 3.                               | Daytime Telephone Number: (        )<br>Email Address:  |                             |                |
| 4.                               | Date of Birth:    Month                      Day                      Year  |                             | Gender:        |
| 5.                               | Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)<br>Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.  |                             |                |
| 6.                               | Are you the first person in your family to go to college:    YES ___ NO _____   |                             |                |
| 7.                               | Name and location of High School attending:   |                             |                |
| 8.                               | <p><b>(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.)</b></p> <p>A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:</p> <p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:</p> <p>C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:</p> |                             |                |
| 9.                               | <p>A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name:</p> <p>B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:</p>  |                             |                |
| 10.                              | <p>List Family Gross Annual Income from your <b>2022 Income Tax Form 1040</b>: \$</p> <p><i>(If selected, recipients may be asked to verify annual household income is under \$50,000 by supplying pg. 1 of their 2015 IRS Income Tax Form)</i></p>   |                             |                |
| 11.                              | <p>Do you volunteer in the community?    Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If your answer is 'yes' please answer blocks A, B, C below. If your answer is 'no' go to item 13.)</p>   |                             |                |
| 12.                              | A.  | Where do you volunteer at?: |                |
|                                  | B.  | What do you do?:            | C.             |
|                                  |   |                             | For how long?: |
| 13.                              | In 300 words or less, explain why you do not volunteer in your community?   |                             |                |

**(submit proof of volunteer service with completed application)**

**14. On a separate sheet please write an essay (250 - 500 words) answering the questions below:**

Describe how volunteer or community service has shaped your character to who you are today. What has serving others taught you? Also, discuss in your essay about any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life that has sharpened your character and prepared you for college and beyond.

### STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote **Oasis Focus Inc.** scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to **Oasis Focus Inc.** scholarship policy, I must be present at any potential award presentation or reception in **August 2023** to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to **Oasis Focus Inc.** scholarship policy, it is my responsibility to represent the values of **Oasis Focus Inc.** while in college in excellence of character.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

**Signature of Scholarship Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to **Oasis Focus Inc.**

Name of Guidance Counselor submitting the application: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Guidance Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Checklist

- Application
- Proof of Community Service
- Essay
- Resume/Activity Sheet
- Guidance Counselor signature
- Proof of Income
- School Transcript

#### MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

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#### REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the scholarship committee is:

**JULY 21, 2023, 5:00 p.m. No Exceptions.**