

OnTrack Scholarship for High School Seniors

Who Can Apply:

- High school seniors who have completed the senior year OnTrack program pursuing a post-secondary education (2-yr. or 4-yr. program); all majors can apply
- Students with demonstrated financial need and a minimum GPA of 2.50 (*special circumstances for lower*)
- Leadership and entrepreneurship experience is a plus
- Students who have used OnTrack for multiple years have a higher chance of receiving the larger scholarships
- Have applied to at least one post-secondary school with an expectation of acceptance and attendance

What to Submit:

- Essay: When thinking about navigating your post-secondary education, what OnTrack lesson(s) come to mind?** Be specific, and provide examples. (200 words max.)
- Creative Assignment:** Personal expression submission: *What does mentorship mean to you? Who are the mentors in your life, and how have they influenced you? Do you act as a mentor by supporting others to lead themselves, and, if so, how?* (See page 2 for details)
- GPA
- A list of extracurricular activities
- Acceptance letter / financial aid award letter (if available)
- FAFSA - Student Aid Report (should be able to see EFC)
- (Optional)** Unofficial High-School Transcript
- (Optional)** One letter of recommendation (usually from a teacher, boss, counselor, etc.)

Award: *(A total of 17 scholarships with varying values will be given out in April 2019.)*

- 2 - \$10,000 scholarships - (4 payments of \$2,500 starting May 2019)
- 5 - \$5,000 scholarships - (4 payments of \$1,250 starting May 2019)
- 10 - \$1,000 scholarships - (\$1000 given on May 1)
- To receive each subsequent payment, students must submit an official transcript from their post-secondary school and maintain a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale at that school.

Scholarship payments will be made in accordance with the duration of the student's post-secondary degree (whether it be 2- or 4-years). Thus payments may be semesterly or annually for the larger awards.

What We Are Looking For: The scholarship review committee will be looking for creativity and specificity in your submissions, an understanding of mentorship and an ability to showcase that by providing details about your mentors, community and/or school involvement, and active participation in the OnTrack Program

Decisions are made at the sole discretion of The Uncommon Individual Foundation. Please reach out to ontrack@uif.org if you have any questions about what to submit or the scholarship logistics.

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*All creative assignments should be the **original** work of the student named on the submission of this scholarship application.*

Essay (600-1000 words):

- This submission would be a comprehensive essay on who has been a mentor in your life and how they have influenced you. The best essays will be descriptive and specific. A clear understanding of mentorship is necessary for this essay.

Video Essay (3-6 minutes):

- A video essay would be a well-rehearsed speech that answers the prompt descriptively. A clear understanding of mentorship is necessary. Vocal inflection, eye contact, and passion are important elements of video essays.

Edited/Animated Video (2-3 minutes):

- An edited or animated video can be made using online tools to demonstrate a clear understanding of who has been a mentor in your life and how they have influenced you. Narration, story planning, creativity, and design ability are key components of this type of video.

Original Music Recording (2-4 minutes):

- An original music recording would be an original song written and performed by the applicant. This could be a voice recording or a video recording of the performance. A clear understanding of mentorship is necessary for this submission and should be made clear in the lyrics of the original piece.

Original Poem Collection (at least 4 poems):

- A collection of original poems should exemplify who has been a mentor in your life and how they have influenced you. A clear understanding of mentorship should be evident in your writing.

Photography Portfolio (at least 8 photos):

- Photos should demonstrate a clear understanding of mentorship and answer the given prompt. Photos can be presented individually or together in one file format as a collage. Photos should be taken by you. These should be high-quality images (no selfies). We encourage you to submit a description with these that demonstrates your understanding of mentorship.

Artwork Portfolio:

- Your submission will depend on the nature of the art. We would recommend that you submit pictures of the completed work and you with your work. Acceptable submissions include sculptures, paintings, drawings, etc. We encourage you to submit a description with these that demonstrates your understanding of mentorship.

If there is another form that you would like to present your answer to the prompt, please reach out to ontrack@uif.org.



If you have any issues submitting your file due to formatting, please email it to ontrack@uif.org.