



Ohio Counties 2026 Scholarship

The Ohio Counties Scholarship is sponsored by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Research and Educational Foundation. Founded in 1991, as a not-for-profit charitable foundation for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization that obtains grants and donations to provide the high-quality information, tools, and training for our members and the people of Ohio.

Throughout the state, there will be one scholarship offered to students in each CCAO District (Central, Southwest, Northwest, Northeast, and Southeast). The award amount is \$2,000 and is payable to the student when our office has received confirmation of your attendance at a university, community college, training program or vocational school. Applicants should plan on a career in public service in Ohio. This includes, but not limited to: elected official, public administrators, civil servants/government employee, social workers, military, education, healthcare, law enforcement and justice, emergency services, non-profit and community service, conservation/wildlife, city/state planners, public works employees, and workforce development.

Immediate family members of CCAO, CORSA, or CEBCO are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Friday, May 1, 2026.

Please Note: Partial applications will not be considered. **All requirements of the application must be included in one email or US mailed packet.** Scholarship recipients are expected to take part in a brief presentation with their Board of County Commissioners. Photographs will be used for CCAO Research and Educational Foundation purposes.

About the County Commissioners Association of Ohio:

Since 1880, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio has advanced effective county government for Ohio through legislative advocacy, education and training, technical assistance and research, quality enterprise service programs, and greater citizen awareness and understanding of county government.

If you have questions about this scholarship, please contact:
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Ohio Counties 2026 Scholarship Application

The Ohio Counties Scholarship is funded by the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation. Eligible recipients for this scholarship:

- Must be a high school senior;
- Must have at least a "B" average (cumulative) or equivalent overall GPA;
- Must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of a county in Ohio; and
- Must plan to attend a university, community college, training program, or vocational school in Ohio. Applicants should plan on a career in public service in Ohio. Please see information sheet for further detail.

Name _____ Home Address _____

County _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Current High School _____

School Address _____ Projected GPA at Graduation _____

Planned Position in Public Service _____

Extra-Curricular Activities (You may attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

Awards & Achievements: (You may attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

On a separate document, tell us in a minimum of 350 words how you believe that county governments in Ohio are improving the lives of our fellow citizens. Applications should try and be as specific as possible relating to the county government that you are served by. Along with this application form, please submit an official copy of your transcript and two letters of recommendation from teachers, community leaders or elected officials.

Please submit your completed scholarship application by email to: scholarships@ccao.org or mail to:
County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Attn: Research and Educational Foundation
209 E. State Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Submission Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2026

If you have questions, please reach out to Steve Caraway at scaraway@ccao.org or by calling 614-220-7998. The scholarship review panel will select awardees.

Signature _____ Date _____