

OSBORNE SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



THE OSBORNE SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER TYPICALLY HIGHLIGHTS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. THE APPLICATION LINK IS LISTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF DEADLINES AND MAKE SURE YOU ARE SUBMITTING FULL APPLICATION PACKETS BEFORE THE DEADLINE AND TO THE CORRECT RECIPIENT.

THE WILMER HICKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (OHS GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP)

- **New Due Date: February 28, 2026- EXTENDED DEADLINE!**
- **Award Amount: \$500 to one Osborne Senior**
- Scholarship Information:
 - **NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**
 - Must be graduating senior from Osborne High School
 - Must be planning a career in Business or Finance, have excellent attendance, and minimum 3.0 weighted GPA
 - **For application, go to:** https://cobbschools.formstack.com/forms/hicks_2026_ohs

THE TERRY WATSON SCHOLARSHIP (OHS GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP)

- **Due Date: February 28, 2026**
- **Award Amount: \$1,000 to one Osborne Senior**
- Scholarship Information:
 - **NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**
 - Must be graduating senior from Osborne High School, have minimum 2.5 weighted GPA
 - Must be planning on attending technical school, certificate/diploma program
 - Priority given to students pursuing careers in health & human services fields (e.g. EMS, healthcare, education, corrections, etc.)
 - Application includes resumé, short essay
 - **For application, go to:** https://cobbschools.formstack.com/forms/terrywatson_2026

THE JONQUIL CITY KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (OHS GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP)

- **Due Date: March 30, 2026 to Ms. Foley-Talley in Counseling**
- **Award Amount: \$4,000 total (\$1,000 a year for 4 years to one Osborne/Campbell Senior)**
- Scholarship Information:
 - **NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**
 - Must be graduating senior from Osborne High School or Campbell High School
 - Applicant must be attending a four-year college (NOT Technical or 2 year college)
 - Application includes information form, transcript, one-page essay, SAT/ACT scores, any letters of recommendation (not required but strongly encouraged)
 - Winners will need to attend a JCKC Meeting on a Tuesday morning in the Spring for recognition
 - **Scroll to bottom of OHS Scholarships page for application:** <https://osbornecounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid>

THE TANN LIGHTSEY SCHOLARSHIP (OHS GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP)

- **Due Date: March 30, 2026 to Ms. Foley-Talley in Counseling**
- **Award Amount: \$1,000 to one Osborne/Campbell Senior**
- Scholarship Information:
 - **NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**
 - Must be graduating senior from Osborne High School or Campbell High School
 - Must be planning to pursue a technical, trade, or vocational school (NOT 4-year college!)
 - Application includes information form, transcript, one-page essay, any letter of recommendation (not required but strongly encouraged)
 - Student should not complete this application if they have completed the Jonquil City Kiwanis Club Scholarship
 - Winners will need to attend a JCKC Meeting on a Tuesday morning in the Spring for recognition
 - **For application, go to OHS Scholarships Page (scroll to bottom):** <https://osbornecounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid>

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THE OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (OHS GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP)

- **Due Date: April 15, 2026 to Ms. Foley-Talley in Counseling**
- **Award Amount: \$2,000 to one Osborne Senior**
- Applicants:
 - Must be an Osborne Senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA
 - Must be a US Citizen
 - Must have been involved in extracurriculars, community service, or organizations/clubs
 - Must provide transcript, letter of recommendation, SAT/ACT Scores, Resumé, and essay
- **For application, go to:** <https://osborncounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid>

SMYRNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP (OHS STUDENT IS PREFERRED)

- **Due Date: April 23, 2026 to Smyrna Business Association (details in scholarship application)**
- **Award Amount: \$2,000**
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be planning to attend college and pursue a business-related degree
 - Must be graduating from Osborne High School, Campbell High School, or Whitefield Academy
 - Must provide an essay, complete the application, and a transcript
- **For application, go to:** [Smyrna Business Association Scholarship - SBA Supports Education - Smyrna Business Association](#)

SMYRNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION VOCATIONAL/TRADE SCHOLARSHIP (OHS STUDENT IS PREFERRED)

- **Due Date: April 23, 2026 to Smyrna Business Association (details in scholarship application)**
- **Award Amount: \$2,000**
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be planning to pursue training at a technical, trade, or vocational school (e.g. Automotive at Chattahoochee Tech, cosmetology at Paul Mitchell, Welding at Chattahoochee, etc.)
 - Must be graduating from Osborne High School, Campbell High School, or Whitefield Academy
 - Must provide an essay, complete the application, and a transcript
- **For application, go to:** [Smyrna Business Association Scholarship - SBA Supports Education - Smyrna Business Association](#)

SBA A. MAX BACON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP (OHS STUDENT IS PREFERRED)

- **Due Date: April 23, 2026 to Smyrna Business Association (details in scholarship application)**
- **Award Amount: \$1,500**
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be planning to attend college
 - Must be graduating from Osborne High School, Campbell High School, or Whitefield Academy
 - Must have demonstrated outstanding commitment and service to their school and community
 - Must provide an essay, complete the application, and a transcript
- **For application, go to:** [Smyrna Business Association Scholarship - SBA Supports Education - Smyrna Business Association](#)

SOURCES OF STRENGTH PEER LEADER SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: March 31, 2026**
- **Award Amount: \$1,000 (awarded to 3 students)**
- Scholarship Information:
 - **NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**
 - Must have served as a Sources of Strength Peer Leader for at least two years including this school year
 - Application includes 500-word essay reflecting on how your involvement with SOS has influenced your personal growth
- **For application, go to:** https://cobbschools.formstack.com/forms/sos_2026

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COBB EMC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: February 20, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$5,000 (several available)
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be high school senior and accepted into a 4-year or 2-year college
 - Your residence must be served by Cobb EMC
 - Must complete the application, write an essay (3 pages max), include letter of recommendation, high school transcript, SAT/ACT scores
 - **For application, go to:** <https://osbornecounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid> (scroll to bottom of page for applications)

COBB EMC VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: February 20, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$5,000 (several available)
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be high school senior and accepted into a technical college or trade/vocational school
 - Your residence must be served by Cobb EMC
 - Must complete the application, write an essay (3 pages max), include letter of recommendation, high school transcript, SAT/ACT scores or Accuplacer scores
 - **For application, go to:** <https://osbornecounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid> (scroll to bottom of page for applications)

OMEGA-DMM SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: March 1, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$5,000
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be African American Male graduating in May 2026 and attending 4-year college in Fall 2026
 - Must be a US Citizen and reside in metro-Atlanta area, have minimum 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate financial need
 - **For application, go to:** [2026 Omega-DMM Scholarship Application](#)

GEORGIA MINING FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Due Date: February 27, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$500 (several) & \$1,000 (6 available)
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be accepted into college or university in Georgia
 - Must have minimum 960 SAT score and 18 ACT score
 - Must have minimum 3.0 GPA
 - **For application, go to:** <https://georgiamining.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2026-GMF-College-Scholarship-Information-Packet.pdf>

GEORGIA MINING FOUNDATION TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Due Date: February 27, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$500 (several)
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be accepted into technical college in Georgia
 - Must have 3.0 minimum GPA
 - Application packet includes recommendation, essay, explanation of financial need
 - **For application, go to:** <https://georgiamining.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2026-GMF-College-Scholarship-Information-Packet.pdf>

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FOSTERING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: March 16, 2026 at 5:00pm**
- Award Amount: \$2,000-\$3,000 (2-3 scholarships available)
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be a high school senior (resident of GA for 12 months) who has been in the Foster Care system in Georgia
 - Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher
 - **For application, go to:** <https://cobbfoundation.org/what-we-do-atlanta-marietta-ga/scholarships-atlanta-marietta-ga/apply-for-a-scholarship-atlanta-marietta-ga/>

METRO MARIETTA KIWANIS MORGAN THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP

- **Due Date: March 16, 2026 at 5:00pm**
- Award Amount: \$1,000-2,500
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be a high school senior residing in Cobb County for at least 6 months; accepted to college, university or tech school
 - Must have GPA of 2.8 or higher
 - **For application, go to:** [Apply for a Scholarship - Cobb Foundation](#)

TURNER-HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Scholarship Information:
 - Applicant must be a child of a Cobb County School District or Marietta City Schools employee
 - Application includes completed info sheet, list of extracurriculars & community activities, and essay

For application, go to: <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

JANE AND EBBIE LANCE SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be a high school senior/graduate who is planning to attend Chattahoochee Technical College
 - **For application, go to:** <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

BILL "SCOOP" KINNEY JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be a high school senior/graduate pursuing a major in Journalism in college
 - **For application, go to:** <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

FOREVER REMEMBER SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be a high school senior/graduate
 - Must have a parent either active duty/reserve or veteran of the military, law enforcement, fire department, EMT services
 - **For application, go to:** <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

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COBB SCHOOLS FOUNDERS/BECK SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 4, 2026**- This must be submitted early to Ms. Foley-Talley to meet deadlines!
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be a high school senior from Cobb County School District
 - Dr. Jones will choose one Osborne representative who will go into the next round
 - The application states March 15th deadline- this is for the final selection. All applications must be submitted to Ms. Foley-Talley by March 4th, 2026 for Osborne to select a candidate.
 - **Scroll to bottom of OHS Scholarships page for application:**
<https://osbornecounseling.wixsite.com/ohscounseling/scholarships-financial-aid>

SCOTT CHADWICK SCHOLARSHIP FOR EMERGING LEADERS- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500 (2 awarded)
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be a high school senior/graduate residing in Cobb County
 - Must have demonstrated qualities of servant leader through community service and support for organizations
 - **For application, go to:** <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

JACK WILSON SCHOLARSHIP- MARIETTA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

- **Due Date: March 15, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$2,500
- Scholarship Information:
 - Must be a high school senior/graduate residing in Cobb County and a first-generation college student
 - **For application, go to:** <https://mariettakiwanis.org/scholarships>

CHATTahoochee TECHNICAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Due Date: February 20, 2026**
- Award Amount: Various Amount for dozens of scholarships
- Scholarship Information:
 - **NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**
 - Applicants must be attending Chattahoochee Tech
 - Can complete one application to be considered for all scholarships
 - **For application, go to:** <https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/student-scholarships/>

NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Due Date: March 20, 2026**
- Award Amount: \$5,000 (10 scholarships available)
- Scholarship Information:
 - **NO CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT**
 - Applicant must be graduating from Cobb County High School
 - Minimum 2.5 GPA
 - Demonstrate participation in extracurricular activities and community service
 - **For application, go to:** <https://www.northgeorgiastatefair.com/sholarships>

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APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

Research Colleges and Build List

- Students are encouraged to have 3-5 colleges to apply to
- Make sure the college offers your desired major

Check Admission Requirements/Deadlines

- Does the college require SAT/ACT scores? Do you need letters of recommendation?
- Check Admission Deadlines- any application submitted AFTER the deadline will not be reviewed

Submit your Application to College

- Students can check the college's website to determine how to apply (i.e. CommonApp, through college website, GaFutures, Common Black College App, etc.)
- Colleges often charge application fees (check with counseling for how to have fees waived)

Send your Transcript

- After submitting your application, go to Naviance to list the college under "colleges I'm applying to"
- If you applied through CommonApp, you must MATCH ACCOUNTS on Naviance's "Colleges I'm Apply to" dashboard
- Go to MyPaymentsPlus.com to pay one-time \$2 fee for Senior Transcript to be sent

Apply for Financial Aid

- Complete the 26-27 FAFSA (open now!)
- Apply for local or national scholarship
- Go to www.gafutures.org to check HOPE GPA and look for scholarships
- Go to Naviance to look for scholarships
- Check the college website for scholarships
- Check **Class of 2026** CTLS for updated scholarship newsletter/announcements

CLASS OF 2026 INFO

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2026-2027 school is open! Students and Parents should complete the FAFSA quickly!

The FAFSA must be completed to apply for federal and state financial aid (Pell Grant & HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarships).

Check FAFSA information here:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

FINANCIAL AID INFO (2025-2026)

HOPE Scholarship: covers <100% of tuition

- Student has 3.0 HOPE GPA, attending Georgia 4-year or 2-year college, earn 4 rigor credits, U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

Zell Miller Scholarship: covers 100% of tuition

- Student has 3.7 HOPE GPA attending 4-year or 2-year college, scored 1200 on SAT or 25 on ACT, earn four rigor credits, U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

HOPE Grant: covers <100% of tuition

- Student is pursuing a certificate or diploma, no GPA requirement, U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

HOPE Career Grant: Stipend based on credit hours

- Student is pursuing a certificate or diploma in high demand career field

Pell Grant: receive <\$7,395 a school year

- Based on Financial Need determined by FAFSA

Check HOPE GPA and Rigor Credits on www.gafutures.org

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