



**The OPHELIA Foundation**

**Class of 2019 Scholarship Guidelines**

**Scholarship Application Deadline:** 11:59 p.m., EST, Friday, April 26, 2019

**The OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2019 Scholarships**

The OPHELIA Foundation is pleased to announce its Class of 2019 scholarships.

The OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2019 scholarships support graduating seniors from a high school in the DMV (DC/MD/VA) area. Eligibility requirements and instructions for applying for the 2019 scholarships are outlined below. Only applications **received by 11:59 p.m., EST, Friday, April 26, 2019**, will be considered.

**Eligibility Requirements**

A Class of 2019 applicant must be:

1. A graduating senior from a high school in the DMV (DC/MD/VA) area;
2. A student with a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale;
3. A U.S. citizen;
4. Accepted as a full-time and first-term matriculating freshman at an accredited college or university (excluding the military academies) or an accredited two-year community college at the time the award is presented;
5. Planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree;
6. Eligible for the scholarship award as determined by the donor's criteria (refer to the scholarship description for specific criteria).

**Scholarship Awards**

Eligibility requirements for the OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2019 scholarships are based on criteria set by the donor. Applicants are encouraged to apply for all scholarships for which they are eligible. However, only one scholarship will be awarded to an applicant.



The one-year Class of 2019 scholarship awards will be paid to the recipient's academic institution in one disbursement (contingent on the terms of the Foundation's scholarship memorandum of understanding).



**Scholarships for the Class of 2019**

Please indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for.

- All Scholarships
- The Ophelia Scholarship (\$1,000). See application requirements on pages 3-4.
- The Gil and Jameece Pinckney Scholarship (\$1,000). See application requirements on page 5.

**The Ophelia Scholarship (\$1,000)**

The Ophelia Scholarship is named in honor of the Foundation’s two namesakes. These amazing women were trailblazers in their own right and excelled on multiple levels. This need-based scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior in the DMV area who is an all-around student. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

**The Gil and Jameece Pinkney Scholarship (\$1,000)**

The Gil and Jameece Pinckney Scholarship is named in honor of the Chairman and the Founder of the Foundation in recognition of their visionary leadership. This prestigious scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior in the DMV area who excels academically, exhibits exceptional leadership potential, and is actively involved in band, choir, or sports in addition to their academic and community service activities. Preference will be given to students planning to attend a Historically Black College/University (HBCU).

**Application Requirements for the Class of 2019 Scholarships**

Applicants for The Ophelia Scholarship must provide:

1. A typewritten, completed application, with all questions answered, and signed by the parent/guardian and the applicant. The completed application and supporting documentation



(excluding the official high school transcript) must be submitted electronically in one file to [scholarships@opheliafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@opheliafoundation.org).

2. Official high school transcript (with school's seal and in a sealed envelope) mailed to the Foundation.
3. Information stating or showing your status as a U.S. citizen (e.g., certified birth certificate, U.S. Passport).
4. Two letters of recommendation from:
  - Teacher or Counselor and
  - Community Leader
5. Documentation confirming you are a graduating senior from a high school in the DMV (DC/MD/VA) area.
6. Evidence that you have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
7. Verification that you meet all scholarship eligibility requirements.
8. A copy of your most recent Student Aid Report with your Expected Financial Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
9. A typewritten resume listing extracurricular activities (schools, community, church, etc.), jobs, and honors and awards received.
10. A typewritten personal statement (not to exceed 650 words) that addresses the applicant's personal, educational, and professional goals, and how an OPHELIA Foundation scholarship will help them achieve their goals.
11. A typewritten scholarly essay consisting of a maximum of 650 words that addresses the following essay topic:

#### **Essay Topic**

During the past year, the topic of illegal immigration has been in the news almost daily. This issue is fraught with such rancor that it was a major factor in the recent partial government shutdown, as our President sought funds to build a wall on our southern border.

Do you think illegal immigrants are being treated unfairly, or do you agree with those who are in favor of building a wall to keep them out of the United States? Explain your answer.



Applicants for the Gil and Jameece Pinckney Scholarship must provide:

1. A typewritten, completed application, with all questions answered, and signed by the parent/guardian and the applicant. The completed application and supporting documentation (excluding the official high school transcript) must be submitted electronically in one file to [scholarships@opheliafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@opheliafoundation.org).
2. Official high school transcript (with school's seal and in a sealed envelope) mailed to the Foundation.
3. Information stating or showing your status as a U.S. citizen (e.g., certified birth certificate, U.S. Passport).
4. Two letters of recommendation from:
  - Teacher or Counselor and
  - Community Leader
5. Documentation confirming you are a graduating senior from a high school in the DMV (DC/MD/VA) area.
6. Evidence that you have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
7. Verification that you meet all scholarship eligibility requirements.
8. A copy of your most recent Student Aid Report with your Expected Financial Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
9. A typewritten resume listing extracurricular activities (schools, community, church, etc.), jobs, and honors and awards received.
10. A typewritten personal statement (not to exceed 650 words) that addresses the applicant's personal, educational, and professional goals, and how an OPHELIA Foundation scholarship will help them achieve their goals.
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Do you think illegal immigrants are being treated unfairly, or do you agree with those who are in favor of building a wall to keep them out of the United States? Explain your answer.



**The OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2019 Scholarship Application**

**Please indicate all scholarships for which you are applying.**

- All Scholarships
- The Ophelia Scholarship
- The Gil and Jameece Pinckney Scholarship

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ (White, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other, Pacific Islander, Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic or Latino (of any race))

- U.S. Citizen                       U.S. National                       U.S. Permanent Resident

*(If you are a U.S. Permanent Resident, you must include a letter stating your intent to become a U.S. citizen and a copy of your permanent registration card.)*

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name and Address:

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Please include a typewritten resume listing all extracurricular school and community service activities in which you have participated in during high school and give the dates. Include all honors, awards received, and jobs held in those extracurricular school and community service activities.

What college/university are you planning to attend?

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Please enclose a copy of your acceptance letter (if available).

Proposed Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings under 21: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of siblings in college: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you must attend the Foundation's White Party (usually held the first, second, or third Saturday in July).

You must also sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPHELIA Foundation prior to the scholarship funds being disbursed to the educational institution.



Specific questions regarding the tax treatment of this scholarship should be directed to a tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service.

**Media Disclaimer**

As a recipient of an OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2019 Scholarship, you consent to The OPHELIA Foundation’s use of your name, image, and quotes in still photography for the purposes of advertising, publicity, and promotional materials, including print and electronic communications, but not limited to The OPHELIA Foundation email, website, and social media pages. You agree that The OPHELIA Foundation shall own the copyright to the photography. You hereby release to hold harmless The OPHELIA Foundation for any liability for any violations of any personal right or any rights which you may have arising out of or in connection with The OPHELIA Foundation’s use of photography, but not limited to any errors, blurring, distortion, alteration, or illusion of the photography.

**I/we certify the information contained in this application is true to the best of my/our knowledge.**

Signatures

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_





## **The OPHELIA Foundation Class of 2019 Scholarships**

### **Application Checklist**

Please check each item included in your packet. Review the application and all attachments for accuracy and completeness before submitting. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Be certain that you address/include each of the following items in your application packet:

- ✓ A typewritten, completed application, with all questions answered, and signed by the parent/guardian (if required) and the applicant
- ✓ Verification that you meet all of the eligibility requirements of the scholarship
- ✓ Most recent transcript (with school's seal and in a sealed envelope)
- ✓ Information stating or showing your status as a U.S. citizen
- ✓ Official information confirming that you are a graduating senior from a high school in the DMV (DC/MD/VA) area
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ A typewritten statement with the appropriate word count
- ✓ A typewritten with the appropriate word count
- ✓ A typewritten resume listing extracurricular activities (school, community, church, etc.), jobs, and honors and awards received
- ✓ Copy of your most recent Student Aid Report with your Expected Financial Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Report
- ✓ Proof of acceptance into an accredited two-year community college or a four-year accredited college or university

**All applications and supporting materials must be received by Friday, April 26, 2019  
no later than 11:59 p.m., EST.**



**Mail official transcripts to:**

**The OPHELIA Foundation**

Attention: Scholarship Committee  
5041 Grand Beech Court  
Haymarket, VA 20169

**Send the completed application and supporting documentation  
(Excluding the official high school transcript) in one file to:**

**[scholarships@opheliafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@opheliafoundation.org)**

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