



OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST **Community Foundation**

Oak Park River Forest High School Tibensky Academic Enrichment Scholarship Application 2020-2021

PURPOSE:

The Tibensky Family Academic Enrichment Scholarship will provide opportunities for students to experience the wide variety of academic enrichment programs offered by Oak Park & River Forest High School and approved outside providers. This program is funded by the Tibensky Family Scholarship Fund through the Oak Park and River Forest Community Foundation. Scholarship(s), not to exceed \$3500, may be awarded annually to students who wish to participate in an overseas or domestic travel program, a pre-college summer program, or other such enrichment opportunity during the summer or school year. **This is a need-based scholarship.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must be current OPRFHS students interested in furthering their academic accomplishments by pursuing exchanges, field studies, trips or pre-college programs.
2. The activity should be offered/recommended by OPRFHS.
3. All parts of the application must be completed. This application requires an essay explaining why you want to go, what you expect to get from the experience, and how you are qualified to participate.
4. Student must demonstrate financial need by providing pages 1-2 of the family's most recent tax return or proof of free and reduced lunch.
5. Recipients may be asked to share their enrichment experience after completion of the activity.
6. Any activity selected by a current senior must be completed prior to graduation.
7. For the enrichment experience, please attach an itinerary or description of the trip/program. Please do not repeat all the trip information in paragraph form in your own words on the application.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Tibensky Family Scholarship Committee and recommended to the Board of Directors of the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation. All applicants will be screened for financial need. Applicants will be notified of scholarship awards on a rolling basis.



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APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The deadline to submit applications is **April 1, 2021, but applications will be accepted before that**. Please return completed applications by mail (due to sensitivity of documents) to OPRF Community Foundation, 1049 Lake Street, Suite 204, Oak Park IL 60301. (If dropping off, please call prior to confirm receipt.) Ms. Susan Johnson, Director of Student Activities, Room 174, is also available to answer any questions you may have about experiential learning opportunities and the scholarship.

Application requirements are listed on page 2.

PRINT OR TYPE ALL RESPONSES ON SEPARATE PAPER:

Include all the following information. **Remember, your application is our only method of selection.** Please return completed applications to the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation by, or before, **April 1, 2021 by mail or drop off.**

- Name
- Address
- Telephone Number (mobile)
- Email Address (most frequently used & school email)
- Year in school & ID number
- Race & Ethnicity (Optional)
- Most recent tax return (pp 1-2 only) or proof of free & reduced lunch
- Counselor's Name
- Teacher's Name recommending the exchange or field studies or program
- Program Provider Information with Cost to attend

Answer these questions carefully and completely and attach any appropriate supporting documents.

1. Describe the proposed exchange, field study or educational enrichment experience including when and where it will take place, its purpose and activities, or attach the program description provided by the enrichment organization.
2. Provide the cost of the trip and documentation of your financial need—recent tax return or proof of free & reduced lunch.
3. In detail, explain what you hope to accomplish by participating in this activity and what it means to you to be able to participate.