

January 2026

2026 Scholarship Selection Criteria

Please use this as a checklist for your scholarship submission requirements.

1. Graduating high school senior and resident of Sandusky County.
2. Hold a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
3. Planning to attend an accredited institution of higher education, offering a 2 or 4-year degree.
4. Pursuing a degree in working with the Developmentally Disabled, Special Education, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Speech, Occupational, Physical Therapy or other related field.
5. Submit a letter of recommendation from the school or from someone not school-related.
6. Enclose a current copy of your high school transcript.
7. An essay of at least 300 words, please see essay instructions on application.
8. Return completed application, recommendation letter, transcript, and essay **by Friday, February 27, 2026**. Only those applications that are fully completed will be considered.
9. Winners announced in March of 2026. Payment of Scholarship will be made directly to the school attending.

A selection committee from the Council for Developmental Disabilities of Sandusky County will select the individual (s) for the scholarship, is responsible for, and will award the scholarship money. Their decision is final.

Please submit application to: [Ruth Watson](#) via email, our dropbox, or US mail.
The Council for Developmental Disabilities of Sandusky County
C/O Ruth Watson
1001 Castalia Street
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Questions can be directed to Ruth Watson at 567-342-4822.