

St. Olaf College 2009-2010 Merit Scholarship Application

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St. Olaf Merit Scholarships

St. Olaf offers merit scholarships recognizing a wide range of student achievement. Prospective students may apply for merit awards in multiple areas, but must complete a separate scholarship application for each type of award. All applicants for the merit scholarships described below must first complete and submit an application for admission through the Common Application (www.commonapp.org) no later than January 15, 2010. (Early Decision 1 applicants must submit both applications no later than November 16, 2009.)

Please read the descriptions carefully to determine your eligibility and any additional materials required to apply for each award. Check the appropriate box to indicate which merit scholarship you seek.

St. Olaf Academic Scholarships (renewable awards of \$6,500 to \$16,000 per year)

St. Olaf Academic scholarships are based primarily on demonstrated superior academic achievement in high school and college entrance exams. Students applying for an academic scholarship must complete the essay on the following page and submit the online application on or before January 15, 2010. Award renewals are based on continued academic achievement.

St. Olaf Service Leadership Scholarships (renewable awards of \$6,000 per year)

St. Olaf Service Leadership scholarships are awarded to accepted students who demonstrate a depth of service and leadership in a variety of capacities. Students who wish to be considered for a St. Olaf service leadership scholarship must complete the essay on the following page, and submit a detailed résumé of involvement in community, school, and/or church. Résumés may be uploaded as an attachment during completion of the online merit scholarship application. The application and supporting materials must be submitted online on or before January 15, 2010. Award renewals are based on continued involvement in service leadership activities.

St. Olaf TRiO Scholarships (renewable awards of \$6,000 per year)

St. Olaf TRiO scholarships are awarded to students who meet two of the three federal TRiO guidelines (meet the federal low-income definition, are a first-generation college student, or live with a disability). Students who wish to be considered for a St. Olaf TRiO scholarship must complete the essay on the following page and submit the online application on or before January 15, 2010. Award renewals are based on academic, service, and co-curricular achievement.

Music Scholarships (renewable awards of \$4,000 to \$10,000 per year)

Music scholarships are available to both music majors and non-majors. To apply for a music scholarship, students must complete this application and provide an audition CD, music résumé, and an additional letter of recommendation. Please visit the music admissions web page for complete requirements (stolaf.edu/depts.music/admissions). All materials must be submitted on or before December 15, 2009. Note: this is significantly earlier than the regular decision application deadline for admission to the college. Renewals are based on continued involvement in music activities.

Merit Scholarship Essay

Please check the scholarship for which you are applying, and respond to the appropriate question with an essay of 250–500 words. If necessary, attached an additional sheet clearly labeled with your name, date of birth, and high school.

Academic Scholarship

During Interim, students pursue a single course, often of an interdisciplinary nature. If you could design your own Interim course today, what would it be? What areas of knowledge would you combine?

Service Leadership Scholarship

Your résumé highlights the service activities in which you have been involved. Choose one of these experiences and describe the lasting impact it has had on others.

TRiO Scholarship

A college education has become both a rite of passage and an important stepping-stone to future opportunities. What doors do you expect your college education to open, and what do you intend to achieve with it?

I am a: National Merit® Semifinalist National Achievement® Scholar National Hispanic Scholar None

By typing my name in the field below in an online submission, or by signing a paper copy, I pledge that the information on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that the work presented is my own.

NAME _____ HIGH SCHOOL _____

SIGNATURE (WHEN SUBMITTING A PAPER APPLICATION) _____ DATE _____

To apply for St. Olaf College's merit scholarships, please email this completed PDF to scholarships@stolaf.edu. In the subject line include "Merit App" and your first name, last name, city and state (i.e.: "Merit App Jane Smith Northfield MN"). Or you may print your completed application and mail the signed copy to: Scholarships, St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057.