

# The Dannel J. Petro Scholarship

In Partnership with

## The West Orange Foundation



## 2024 Scholarship Application

The deadline for submitting an application for consideration  
for a scholarship is Friday, March 15, 2024.

## **The Danniell J. Petro Scholarship of the West Orange Foundation**

The Danniell J. Petro Scholarship fund was established to make it possible for eligible students from local high schools in Orange County, both public and private, to further their education at one of the following educational institutions: Valencia College, Orange Technical College, or the University of Central Florida.

The West Orange Foundation is able to fund this scholarship program through the generosity of the Petro Family Foundation and its corporate sponsors. Program administration and implantation is done in partnership with the West Orange Chamber of Commerce.

### **The Scholarship**

In order to qualify, recipients must live in and attend a high school in one of our service area communities. Service area communities are defined as: Dr. Phillips, Gotha, Horizon West, Lake Avalon, MetroWest, Oakland, Ocoee, Orlo Vista, Pine Hills, Windermere, and Winter Garden. These communities may include zip codes of 32836, 34734, 32835, 34740, 34760, 34761, 32811, 32808, 32818, 34786, 34787, 34777, 34778. However, this list may not be all inclusive of the codes for each area. Students must have a current minimum GPA of 2.75, either weighted or unweighted. While these two stipulations must be met, additional requirements are listed within the application.

Typically, multiple scholarships are awarded from the Petro Family Foundation. The Scholarship Review Board examines and reviews all eligible applications. Selections are made competitively and may be based on academic performance, personal statement, extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendation. Any unspent funds will be allocated to the following year.

### **SAT / ACT Scores**

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Testing Assessment Test (ACT) are an important academic requirement for the review process of the application. Applicants should include the student copy of these tests results with the application. If SAT and ACT test scores are listed on the high school transcript, it is not necessary to provide a student copy of the results.

### **Determination of Scholarship Recipients**

The Scholarship Review Board will determine award recipients from the pool of qualified applicants received and any available funding. Scholarship funds are directly deposited into the award recipient's school account once administrative processes have been completed. Award recipients must be registered for classes. Any questions regarding the accessibility of funds should be directed to the school's Financial Assistance Office.

For scholarship consideration, interested students must complete an application and provide all supporting documents. Submissions will be accepted by email US Mail and email. **Applications arriving after Friday, March 15, 2024 will not be considered for the 2024 scholarship season.**

By US Mail:

West Orange Chamber of Commerce  
ATTN: DJP Scholarship  
12184 West Colonial Drive  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

By e-mail: Send to Ms. Artena Greene at [agreene@wochamber.com](mailto:agreene@wochamber.com)



# WEST ORANGE FOUNDATION • DANNIEL J. PETRO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print the required information on all pages.  
Submit application materials in its entirety only.

## Personal Data

Full Legal Name				Preferred Name	
Street Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Email Address	
Date of Birth		Social Security Number (last 4 digits)			

## Parent or Guardian Information (Who resides with applicant)

Name		Daytime Phone		Relationship	
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## Application Academic Details

I have applied to attend	<input type="radio"/> Valencia College	<input type="radio"/> Orange Technical College	<input type="radio"/> University of Central Florida
My current college application status is <i>(Check One under each school you have applied for admission)</i>	<b>Valencia College</b>	<b>Orange Technical College</b>	<b>University of Central Florida</b>
	<input type="radio"/> Accepted	<input type="radio"/> Accepted	<input type="radio"/> Accepted
	<input type="radio"/> Under Review	<input type="radio"/> Under Review	<input type="radio"/> Under Review
	<input type="radio"/> Not Accepted	<input type="radio"/> Not Accepted	<input type="radio"/> Not Accepted
The school I plan to attend is	<input type="radio"/> Valencia College	<input type="radio"/> Orange Technical College	<input type="radio"/> University of Central Florida
I plan on starting college <i>(check semester)</i> in the	<input type="radio"/> Summer 2024		<input type="radio"/> Fall 2024
Enter your school identification number <i>(if you have already been assigned your ID #)</i>			

## High School Academic Information

Name of High School		Date of Graduation <i>(mo/yr)</i>	
Principal's Name		School Phone Number	
Academic Advisor		Telephone Number	
Are you taking or enrolled in <i>(check all that apply)</i>	<input type="radio"/> Honor Classes <input type="radio"/> AP Classes <input type="radio"/> AICE Program <input type="radio"/> IB Program		
I am currently in a Dual Enrollment Program	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	If yes, list school:	

## Student Employment History

Are you currently employed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	If yes, list number of hours per week	
What is your approximate income?	\$	Per <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> Week <input type="radio"/> Month	
Do you plan on working while in college?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Name of Employer <i>(if currently working)</i>			

## Financial Information

My FAFSA application is complete	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Did Not Apply	My SAI # is	
I am including my parent's income tax form because I do not have FAFSA information		<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
I am the first person in my family to attend college? <i>(No parent, sibling or other family member has attended college)</i>			<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
How many people in your household will be attending college at the same time as you?			
Briefly tell us about any unusual or special circumstances that affect your family's financial situation. In other words, why do you need a scholarship?			

*You may add a separate sheet if necessary to finish answering this question.*

## Danniel J. Petro Scholarship Checklist

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

I have applied to attend  Valencia College  Orange Technical College  University of Central Florida

Do you currently reside in one of the qualifying communities?  Yes  No

Do you currently attend a high school in one of the qualifying communities?  Yes  No

### INSTRUCTIONS

Read all materials carefully, then with equal care, complete the required forms and provide all requested data by Friday, March 15, 2024. **All required information must be submitted in a single mailing (either electronically or via physical mail).** Your application is considered complete when the application and the following materials are received by the West Orange Foundation.

#### I. In one submission, return the following items (I, II, III, IV, V):

- \_\_\_ Completed Application
- \_\_\_ Student copy of test scores (SAT or ACT) *preferably both*
- \_\_\_ Two (2) signed letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_ Personal Essay (within application)
- \_\_\_ Financial documents (FAFSA, SAI, Tax Return, Taniff, Medicaid, SNAP, etc.)
- \_\_\_ College letter of acceptance; proof of application
- \_\_\_ This checklist returned with your application

#### II. Official High School Transcripts

High School transcripts are used to measure an individual's scholastic achievements, interests and progress. Transcripts must be current and show a GPA minimum of 2.75 (weighted or unweighted).

#### III. Applicant Test Scores

SAT or ACT test scores are required as part of the application process. If you have not taken the test before the deadline, your application may be deemed ineligible. A student copy of the results is acceptable. Screen shots are not preferred.

#### IV. Financial Documentations

You must submit evidence of financial need. You may use FAFSA with SAI (preferred), SAR, Tax Returns, TANIFF, Medicaid, or SNAP information.

#### V. College Application Proof

Your application should include proof you have applied to one of the qualifying educational institutions (Valencia College, Orange Technical College or the University of Central Florida).

Applications received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible. Applications sent via physical mail must arrive at the West Orange Chamber of Commerce office by the posted deadline. Any applications received by physical mail after the posted deadline date will be considered late and ineligible.



## Questionnaire

### Personal Essay

Please use this essay to describe yourself. Include the following information:

- Hobbies and interests;
- Your most significant accomplishments;
- Plans for your future education, including your intended major or interest;
- How you plan on achieving your goal; and
- How receiving this scholarship will impact your future.

Type or write your response in black or blue ink. Your essay should be no more than 500 words.

- 1) How would you describe yourself using one word only? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) If your best friend was asked to describe you using one word only, what would he or she say? \_\_\_\_\_

3) You are asked to help restore a bridge that was damaged in a storm. It is not that big of a task, but you are allowed to take someone with you to help. Your choices are:

- Your best friend. You know this person really well and besides; it would be fun! It might take longer, but hey, it's fun!
- Someone from class that you don't know very well. The person is smart, but you just don't know them that well. However, they know how to fix things and the bridge work could be completed fast.
- No one. You can just do the repair work yourself as you know how and it would be done right.

What choice do you make? Who do you choose to help with the work, and why?

#### **Acknowledgement**

I have read and fully understand the requirements and procedures for obtaining a Danniell J. Petro Scholarship from the West Orange Foundation and hereby apply for a scholarship. I also understand the Scholarship Review Board reserves the right to reject any application which contains inaccurate information, or is deemed incomplete or ineligible.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## 2024 Scholarship Calendar

<b>Monday, January 8, 2024</b>	Application process opens.
<b>Friday, March 15, 2024</b>	Deadline for submitting an application. Applications received after this date will be considered late, and not eligible for the current nomination cycle.
<b>March 2024</b>	Notifications of receipt of application begins. All applicants will receive notification of receipt of their application. Applications received prior to the deadline will receive the status of their application. Applications received closer to the deadline may experience a delay with notifications.
<b>April 2024</b>	Scholarship Review Board. Results will be released in mid-April.

*Dates are subject to change*

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### SEND YOUR COMPLETED DANNIEL J. PETRO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO

West Orange Chamber of Commerce  
ATTN: DJP Scholarship  
12184 West Colonial Drive  
Winter Garden, FL 34797-4146

Telephone: (407) 656-1304

Email: [agreene@wochamber.com](mailto:agreene@wochamber.com)













Website: <https://wochamber.com/west-orange-foundation/>










## Helpful Hints for Completing the Dannel J. Petro Scholarship Application

*Please read this in its entirety prior to completing your application.*

-  Follow all directions in the application packet carefully to ensure your application is submitted correctly. All applications materials must be submitted at the same time. Applications received without all requested items will be considered incomplete.
-  The application requires a physical signature from the applicant. While the application is formatted to allow for typing and completing the application, electronic signatures are not accepted. It is advisable to type your responses and then print, sign and scan the application if you are returning the application via email.
-  Once the West Orange Foundation receives your application materials, processing will take approximately 7 to 14 days. Applications submitted closer to the deadline may take an additional two weeks for processing. Once your application has been processed, notification of receipt and the status of your application will be sent via electronic mail.
-  All applicants must be residents of and attend schools in the eligible locations listed in the application. Applicants who do not meet these criteria will be considered ineligible. Example: A student lives in an eligible location, however the student attends school in an area outside the eligible area. The application status will be Ineligible.
-  Presentation materials are not necessary when assembling your application. All staples, binders, jackets, plastic sleeves, report covers or other materials used to assemble applications are removed and discarded prior to presenting them to review board members.
-  Applicants are encouraged to not send any photographs of themselves, or have them included on any documents submitted. Photographs will be removed prior to the application being reviewed by the Scholarship Review Board.
-  Letters of recommendation should be written on your behalf by non-family members. All letters of recommendation must include the signature of the letter writer. Letters with no signature or an electronic signature may be rejected.
-  Please do not request any additional recommendations be sent to the West Orange Foundation independent of the two required recommendations submitted with your application. Letters in excess of this amount may not be reviewed. You are encouraged to use your two best recommendations. Letters should be from someone who knows you well and can speak about your character, integrity, academics, goals, motivation and your ability to succeed as a scholarship recipient.
-  One recommendation must be from a teacher, principal or academic advisor.
-  Thumb drives or web links to your application are not acceptable.
-  The application checklist is an integral part of the application and must be completed and returned with the rest of the application materials.
-  Applications received without all supporting documents (at the same time) are considered incomplete. When approaching individuals who will provide information for your application, let them know you need the information back in order to submit the application. Let them know your application must be submitted with all supporting documents.

-  SAT, ACT, TABE, or PERT Test Scores. You are advised to submit all tests' scores if you took both tests. Student copies of the results may be submitted in lieu of obtaining them from the testing facility. If these scores are listed on your official High School Transcripts, it is not necessary to submit student copies.
-  The application listed on the West Orange Foundation webpage of the West Orange Chamber of Commerce website is a fill-in form. This means that you may type directly into the application, print and sign it to prepare it for submitting it with any supporting documents. To cut down on errors, you are encouraged to type or neatly print your information onto the application. Use black or blue ink if you are completing the application by hand.
-  All applicants are encouraged to apply early. Extensions beyond the application deadline are not possible. Applications received after this date will not be considered for a scholarship.
-  All submitted applications will be reviewed and evaluated for compliance with the Dannel J. Petro Foundation criteria for eligibility. Qualified applicant's application materials will be further evaluated by the Scholarship Review Board.
-  Prior to submission, applicants are encouraged to proofread their application for accuracy, mistakes and misspellings. It is advisable to have an independent person to also review your application as well. Fresh eyes sometimes catch mistakes you may not.