



Omni CRA Future Leaders Scholarship Program

Introduction

The Omni Redevelopment District Community Redevelopment Agency (Omni CRA) is proud to introduce the "Omni CRA Future Leaders Scholarship Program," an educational initiative dedicated to empowering the residents within the Omni Redevelopment Area. Rooted in the principles of equity, education, and economic advancement, this program reflects the CRA's ongoing commitment to breaking down barriers to opportunity and fostering a more vibrant and self-sufficient community.

In alignment with the goals outlined in the 2019 Omni Redevelopment Plan, the scholarship program aims to support local students in their pursuit of higher education, vocational training, or accredited certificate programs. Education and skill development are key components in promoting sustainable economic growth and enhancing the quality of life for Omni residents. This program not only addresses those goals but also encourages recipients to remain connected to their community by providing insight and feedback on the role and future of the CRA.

Through a competitive application process, eligible residents will have the opportunity to receive the scholarship to support tuition and related expenses over two academic semesters. The program includes two funding categories: Category 1 for students enrolled in colleges or universities, and Category 2 for those pursuing vocational or certificate-based education.

The Omni CRA believes in nurturing local talent, supporting career readiness, and encouraging community engagement. This scholarship program is a tangible expression of those beliefs, ensuring that the next generation of leaders has the tools and support necessary to thrive.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the Omni CRA Future Leaders Scholarship Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Residency

- Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Omni Redevelopment Area.

2. Enrollment

- Must provide proof of acceptance or enrollment in an accredited:
 - College or university.
 - Vocational training program.
 - Accredited certificate program.



3. Academic Requirements

- **College/University Applicants:**
 - Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (to qualify for second disbursement).
 - Must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits per semester.
- **Vocational/Certificate Program Applicants:**
 - Must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress according to program standards.

4. Income Verification

- Applicants must provide household income documentation.
- Income must be within guidelines consistent with FAFSA standards for financial need (required for University/College Applicants).

5. Essay or Video Submission

- **College/University Applicants:** Submit a five-page essay (see rubric below).
- **Vocational/Certificate Applicants:** Submit a 10-minute video (see rubric below).

6. Academic Field Preferences

- Preference will be given to students pursuing careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM).

7. Institutional Preference

- Preference will be given to students attending institutions within Miami-Dade County or the State of Florida.

8. Conduct

- Any use of plagiarism, cheating, or AI-generated content in submissions will result in immediate disqualification.

Application Components

1. Completed application form.
2. Proof of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, etc.).
3. Proof of enrollment or acceptance.
4. Most recent academic transcript.
5. Essay or video submission.
6. Household income verification (e.g., tax returns, W-2, FAFSA).



Evaluation Rubric: College/University Essay *(Total: 100 points)*

Criteria	Max Points	Description
Understanding of CRA & Omni CRA	20	Demonstrates clear knowledge of CRAs and the role of the Omni CRA
Critical Analysis	20	Balanced insight on strengths and weaknesses of the Omni CRA
Community Impact Suggestions	20	Offers thoughtful and realistic ideas for improving the CRA's effectiveness
Structure & Clarity	20	Essay is well-organized, with clear grammar and flow
Originality & Voice	20	Demonstrates personal voice and unique perspective without plagiarism

Evaluation Rubric: Vocational/Certificate Video *(Total: 100 points)*

Criteria	Max Points	Description
Personal Story & Motivation	25	Clearly explains personal goals and educational motivation
Community Insight	25	Discusses life in the CRA and proposes ideas for community improvement
Relevance to Career Goals	20	Shows how chosen program aligns with career aspirations
Creativity & Engagement	15	Presentation is creative, engaging, and maintains viewer interest
Clarity of Communication	15	Speaks clearly and confidently; easy to understand

**Award Details**

- Up to \$10,000 per eligible applicant.
- Supports up to two academic semesters.
- Disbursement may be made directly to the institution or reimbursed to the student with proper documentation.
- Funds not claimed within the award period may be reallocated.

Program Administration

- Applications will be reviewed by the Omni CRA or designated evaluators.
- Final decisions rest with the Executive Director of the Omni CRA.
- All materials submitted become the property of the Omni CRA and will not be returned.
- Disbursement is subject to availability of funds and budget allocations.

Key Dates (Tentative)

- Application Launch: August 5, 2025.
- Application Deadline: Rolling deadline based on available funds.
- Award Notifications: **Notifications in one month or thereafter.**

Contact Information for questions or additional support:

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Omni CRA Future Leaders Scholarship Program Application

Thank you for your interest in the Omni CRA Future Leaders Scholarship Program. This initiative, created by the Omni Community Redevelopment Agency (Omni CRA), is designed to provide financial assistance to residents within the Omni Redevelopment Area who are committed to furthering their education and career paths through college, vocational training, or accredited certificate programs.

This application form must be submitted in full and include all required documentation to be considered. Please review the eligibility criteria and ensure you qualify before submitting.

Section 1: Applicant Information

Full Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Section 2: Educational Background

Name of Current or Prospective School/Program: _____

Type: ☐ College/University ☐ Vocational School ☐ Certificate Program

Major/Program Name: _____

Expected Start/End Dates: _____

Current GPA (if applicable): _____ Enrolled Credit Hours: _____

Attach proof of enrollment or acceptance.



Section 3: Residency & Income Verification

Address must be within the Omni Redevelopment Area. Attach a utility bill, lease, or government-issued ID.

Household Size: _____

Annual Household Income: _____

Attach income documentation (W-2, Tax Return, FAFSA summary, etc.).

Section 4: Submission Type

Please indicate the required submission based on your program type:

- ☐ College/University Applicant – Five-page essay attached
- ☐ Vocational/Certificate Program Applicant – 10-minute video (add link below):

Section 5: Required Attachments

- ☐ Completed Application Form
- ☐ Proof of Residency
- ☐ Proof of Enrollment or Acceptance
- ☐ Academic Transcript (if applicable)
- ☐ Essay or Video Submission
- ☐ Income Verification Documentation



Comments/ Other Relevant Information

Section 6: Applicant Certification

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsification, plagiarism, or submission of AI-generated content will result in immediate disqualification. I authorize the Omni CRA to verify any information provided.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Submit applications to:

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