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TIME SENSITIVE **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

DATE: January 28, 2026

TO: All Muskingum County Area High Schools, Vocational Schools and
Scholarship Central

FROM: Steve Wilson, CEO, M.E.O.A.G., Inc.

SUBJECT: M.E.O.A.G., Inc. Scholarship Fund – 2026

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I am pleased to announce the availability of this scholarship fund for students in Muskingum County who want to attend an institution of higher education, but lack the required resources to do so.

Enclosed is a copy of the application information and procedures along with an application form and the accompanying paperwork. Feel free to make additional copies of these materials as needed. Please distribute this information to students who may qualify and need financial assistance.

The application deadline is April 3, 2026. All applications and required paperwork must be submitted (postmarked) by this date to be considered. Applicants must submit all application forms and required documentation to M.E.O.A.G., Inc. 828 Lee Street Zanesville, OH 43701.

If you have any questions about the M.E.O.A.G., Inc. Scholarship Fund please e-mail me at steve_meoag@midohio.twcbc.com

M.E.O.A.G. Inc Scholarship Fund

COUNSELOR/PRINCIPAL EVALUATION FORM

(To be completed by school personnel)

Student's Full Name: _____

This information should reflect the student's status at the conclusion of the most recent grading period of the senior year:

Grade Point Average: _____ of a possible _____ point Rank in class _____

ACT composite score _____ or SAT scores: _____

The following information should reflect your personal observation of the student:

Please rate this student as to his/her overall effort exhibited during the school year:

Outstanding _____ Above Average _____ Average _____

Please rate this student as to his/her inclination to succeed in post secondary education:

Outstanding _____ Above Average _____ Average _____

Please rate this student as to his/her character:

Outstanding _____ Above Average _____ Average _____

Based on your knowledge of this student, please indicate your perception of his/her need for financial assistance:

Definite Need _____ Possible Need _____ Questionable Need _____

Please use the space provided for additional remarks and/or to explain any special Circumstances the Scholarship Selection Committee should take into consideration:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH A TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES TO THIS FORM:

Signature of Counselor/Principal

Title

Date

M.E.O.A.G. Inc Scholarship Fund

HOUSEHOLD INCOME STATEMENT AND VERIFICATION

Instructions: This form is to be completed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian unless the applicant is a non-traditional student, in which case the form is to be completed by the applicant. In either case, this form must be completed and submitted with the other application information.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must reside in a household with a total annual income at or below 400% of the current federal poverty guidelines.

Full Name: _____ Please check if a traditional _____ or non-traditional student _____. (Check only one)

Parent _____ or Guardian's _____ Full Name (if traditional student): _____
(check only one)

Gross Household Income Information:

List all persons who have lived in the household during the last calendar year and identify all sources and gross amounts of income for that calendar year. All sources of income is defined as including, but not limited to Social Security benefits, Veterans benefits, Alimony, Child Support, Interest, State Unemployment benefits, Worker Compensation benefits, Strike benefits, Public Assistance cash benefits, Wages and Tips. All sources of income must be documented and copies of the documentation must be attached to this form and submitted with the application. Examples of acceptable documentation include tax returns, benefit notification letters, pay stubs, etc.

Full Name	Birth Date	Source of Income	# of Mos. Recd	12 Month Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME				\$ _____

I certify that the total annual household income shown above is complete and accurate. Also, I verify that all statements and items of documentation submitted on and with this form are true, correct and complete and I realize that I may be held liable under Federal and State laws for making any knowingly false or fraudulent statements.

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Non-Traditional Student

Date

MUSKINGUM ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACTION GROUP, INC
(M.E.O.A.G. INC)
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF MUSKINGUM COUNTY
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mission Statement:

The mission of the M.E.O.A.G. Inc Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to students who a) are residents of Muskingum County, b) want to attend institutions of higher education, but c) lack the required resources.

Purposes:

To enable students to attend an accredited institution of higher education through the awarding of scholarship assistance up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00)

To increase participation rates of the M.E.O.A.G. Inc service area students who attend institutions of higher education.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be a resident of Muskingum County service area for at least one year prior to the application deadline,
- Reside in a household with a total annual income at or below 400% of the federal poverty guidelines,
(Included with application)
- Have obtained or will obtain a high school degree or GED,
- Have proof of acceptance by an accredited 2-year or 4-year institution of higher education.
- Preference will be given to applicants planning to attend a College or University located in Ohio's Appalachian area.
- Submit completed application and documentation by April 3, 2026 to be considered for funding for the academic year beginning in September of that year.
- Employees and Board members of M.E.O.A.G. Inc and their immediate family are ineligible.

Application Procedures:

Eligible applicants will be required to submit a completed application form provided by M.E.O.A.G. Inc according to the instructions given. Applications will be solicited from area high schools located in Muskingum County. Non-traditional students may apply directly to M.E.O.A.G. Inc.

Applicants not selected may re-apply the following year if all other eligibility criteria have been met. Applicants who are awarded first-year scholarship assistance may apply for additional years of scholarship assistance. However, no such assistance is guaranteed.

Further Information:

For further information about the M.E.O.A.G. Inc Scholarship Fund, please contact:

Steve Wilson, CEO
M.E.O.A.G. Inc
Community Action Agency of Muskingum County
828 Lee Street
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
740-453-5703 Ext: 101

**United States Department of Health and Human Services
January 15, 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Ohio**

“Gross Annual Household Income” means all money received by all persons living in the household, including Social Security benefits, Veterans benefits, Alimony, Child Support, Interest income, Unemployment benefits, Workers Compensation benefits, Strike benefits, Cash Public Assistance benefits, Wages and Tips.

GROSS ANNUAL HOSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINES

# of persons in the household	400% of Poverty (Scholarship Guidelines)
1	\$63,840
2	\$86,560
3	\$109,280
4	\$132,000
5	\$154,720
6	\$177,440
7	\$200,160
8	\$220,880

Each additional person adds \$22,720

- 2026 poverty guidelines remain in effect until the Secretary of Health and Human Service (HHS) publishes updated guidelines.**

Muskingum Economic Opportunity Action Group, Inc
M.E.O.A.G. Inc
Scholarship Fund

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

You must submit the following material:

- 1. Household Income Statement and Verification:** Please complete and submit the financial information statement attached. This form must be signed by your parent or legal guardian. Non-traditional students must complete and sign this form.
- 2. Application Form:** Please note the application must be signed by you and your parent/legal guardian (unless you are a non-traditional student).
- 3. Counselor/Principal Evaluation Form:** Remind your counselor that a transcript must accompany this application.

REMEMBER All information must be submitted (postmarked) to M.E.O.A.G. Inc 828 Lee Street Zanesville, Ohio 43701 by April 3, 2026 to be considered.

Please type or print

General Information			
Full Name:	Last	First	Sex: _____ Male or Female
Address:	Number & Street/Route/Box #	City	Ohio _____ Zip Code Telephone # Inc Area Code
Date of Birth: _____	Marital Status: _____		Social Security Number: _____
High School Attended: _____	Graduation Date: _____		
Parent or Guardian's Full Name:	Last	First	Middle Initial
Name and Address of College or University you plan to attend: _____ _____			
Planned major field of study: _____			

List jobs you have held:			
Attach additional pages as necessary:			
Job Title	Employer	Employment Dates	Hrs per week
List Activities/Organizations in which you have participated during High School:			

List any honors or awards you received during high school:

List all other financial assistance you have received or for which you have applied for the next academic year:

Type/ Name of Assistance	Date Applied	Date Awarded	Amount
			\$ _____
			\$ _____
			\$ _____

Please explain any special circumstances the Scholarship Selection Committee should take into consideration:

Briefly explain your reasons for seeking a college education and the goals you have set for your future:

I confirm the information on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete documentation or failure to submit all required forms listed in the instructions will disqualify the application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the Applicant's parent or guardian, I confirm that the Applicant has my permission to apply to the M.E.O.A.G. Inc Scholarship Fund.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____