Sandersville Rotary GED Transition Scholarship Criteria

GED® graduates of Oconee Fall Line Technical College’s Adult Education Program are given the opportunity to continue their education at OFTC through the availability of a $250.00 scholarship furnished by the Sandersville Rotary Club and payable from the OFTC Foundation – North, Inc.

Qualifications, eligibility criteria, and guidelines associated with awarding of the scholarship are as follows:

**Qualifications**

- Have been enrolled in OFTC Adult Education GED® class and have passed the GED® Tests within the past five years. (Current minimum requirement is 40 hours of GED® class seat time during enrollment).
- Have enrolled in a credit program at Oconee Fall Line Technical College.
- Meet the residency requirements of Oconee Fall Line Technical College.

**Eligibility**

- Submit a completed OFTC Foundation – North, Inc. scholarship application with “Rotary GED Scholarship” checked, plus a copy of GED® results to the Academic and Transitional Advisor within five years of obtaining GED® credentials.
- Participate in a GED® commencement exercise offered by Oconee Fall Line Technical College’s Adult Education Department prior to or within six months of post-secondary enrollment at OFTC.
- Complete and submit the FAFSA application, complete the COMPASS test at OFTC.
- Register for classes with the Academic and Transitional Advisor.
- Enroll in the GED® transitional course offered by OFTC.

**Requirements**

- Attend a OFTC review class with at least
  - 45 hours of seat time prior to taking the GED® test (hours may include AEL tutoring)
  - 21 hours of seat time prior to taking the GED test.
• Passed the GED® test within the OFTC district within one year after having completed the OFTC review classes
• Submitted GED test scores (passed the GED® test within the past 5 years). For GED test scores contact:
  • The Adult Education Center 478-553-2079
• Participated in the GED® graduation ceremony within one year of passing GED® test
  • Graduation Ceremony contact: Bess Boyd 478-553-2079
• Completed the COMPASS test prior to registering for classes
  • COMPASS test contact: the Testing Center 478-553-2093
  • Provide a copy of COMPASS test results
• Registered for and completed New Student Orientation (NSO)
• Registered for GUID 109
• Provide FAFSA application confirmation sheet
• Provide government issued photo ID
• Provide proof of residency in the OFTC district (piece of mail with name and current address)

Scholarship Guidelines

• Students MUST contact the Transitional/Academic Advisor to apply for the GED® Scholarship. It is NOT automatically awarded.
• After registering for classes, scholarship recipients MUST submit a copy of his/her class schedule to the Transitional/Academic Advisor to authorize payment through the GED® Scholarship Award.
• Scholarship recipients are required to enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours and are encouraged to enroll in a maximum of 12 credit hours per semester. Any semester hours above the suggested 12 credit hours must be approved by the Transitional/Academic Advisor.
• If it becomes necessary to drop a class, it is the student’s responsibility to complete the appropriate paperwork by the semester drop deadline to avoid termination of the scholarship.
• Any recipient who drops all classes in the award semester will be responsible for repayment of the scholarship payable to the business office at OFTC.
• Scholarship recipients must attend consecutive fall and spring semesters. Enrolling in summer semesters is optional.
• Only one online class per semester will be allowed for GED® Scholarship recipients after successfully completing their first semester with a 3.0 GPA.

Awarding of the Scholarship:

• The Oconee Fall Line Technical College Advancement Officer, North Campus or its representative shall award the scholarship
• Funds from the scholarship are to be used to defray the cost of recipient’s tuition, fees and books at OFTC.