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OCLC Gary R. Houk Technology Scholarship

About OCLC ....

Founded in 1967 and headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, OCLC is a nonprofit library service and research organization that has provided computer-based cataloging, reference, resource sharing, eContent, preservation, library management and Web services to more than 60,000 libraries in 112 countries and territories. OCLC and its member libraries worldwide have created and maintain WorldCat, the world's richest online resource for finding library materials.

Every day, from our world headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, and locations around the world, OCLC employees help libraries offer better service to users. Our innovative online services and software provide libraries with the latest developments in information technology to help meet the growing demands of an increasingly high-tech society. OCLC cultivates a corporate culture that understands the value of a wide array of perspectives because inclusive thinking improves our solutions for libraries and the diversity of people they serve. Our diverse workforce enjoys an environment where each of us feels respected and valued, thereby enabling us to build broad commitment and ownership for the work of the cooperative.

Scholarship Overview ....

This $5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Dublin City School District student who is graduating in Spring of 2010 and who will utilize the scholarship for the Fall 2010 school year based on various selection criteria described below. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be pursuing an Information Technology or Technology Engineering degree from The Ohio State University.

This scholarship has been established in memory of Gary R. Houk. Gary joined OCLC as a Programmer Analyst in 1974. In the first 18 years of his career, he held various technical and management positions in product development, quality assurance and systems engineering. In 1992, he was named Vice President, OCLC Services, and in 2002, Vice President, Cataloging and Metadata Services.

Starting in 2004, Gary served as Vice President, Corporate Information Technology and Business Integration. In that capacity, he played a key leadership role in the evolution of OCLC from a technological environment based on proprietary systems to a globally networked, web-based information resource based on open architectural models.

Besides being well-known and highly respected in the OCLC community, Gary was also active in local civic and technical groups, including the Dublin Rotary. Gary's wife, Randi Houk served as an elementary school teacher in the Dublin school district for several years. Gary received his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and his MBA from The Ohio State University.

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Eligibility and Selection Criteria……………………………………………………………….

All high school seniors who are in the Dublin City School District will be eligible to apply and receive this scholarship if certain criteria are met.

The criterion for selection in the 2009-2010 school year is:
* Applicant must be a Dublin City School District student who is graduating in the Spring of 2010 and who will be utilizing this scholarship for the Fall 2010 school year.

* Applicant must be enrolled at The Ohio State University and accepted into one of the following programs: College of Engineering (Computer Science and Engineering major) or College of Arts and Sciences (Computer Information Systems major).

* Applicant will be selected by the Scholarship Committee using the weighted criteria:
1. Community Service (25%)
2. Academic Achievement (25%)
3. Demonstrated Leadership (25%)
4. Financial Need (20%)
5. Dependent of a current OCLC employee (5%)

The following schools have been identified to be contacted for the applicants who are graduating in the Spring of 2010: To be eligible, the applicant MUST reside within the Dublin City School District and proof of residency is required.

* Dublin Jerome High School	Dublin, Ohio
* Dublin Coffman High School	Dublin, Ohio
* Dublin Scioto High School	Dublin, Ohio
* Bishop Watterson	Columbus, Ohio
* Bishop Hartley	Columbus, Ohio
* Bishop Ready	Columbus, Ohio
* Maranatha Christian	Columbus, (Trabue)
* Northside Christian	Westerville (Schrock)
* St. Charles	Columbus (East Broad)
* The Columbus Academy	Gahanna, Ohio
* Columbus School for Girls	Columbus (East Broad)
* St. Francis DeSales	Columbus, Ohio
* The Wellington	Columbus, Ohio
* Worthington Christian	Worthington, Ohio
* Delaware Christian	Delaware, Ohio
* Learning Unlimited Village Academy	Powell, Ohio

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Evaluation Guidelines

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1. **Community Service (25%)**
    Community Service will be evaluated based upon the applicant's participation in volunteer activities within the community. This evaluation may also include the level of participation factor (i.e. volunteer group leader vs. volunteer). Some examples of community service activities are:
    - Miracle League Buddy
    - Food Pantry
    - Habitat for Humanity
    - Church Group and Place of Worship activities
    - Salvation Army activities
    - School Mentoring programs
    - And many more

2. **Academic Achievement (25%)**
    Evaluation of the applicant's GPA and grades will make up 15% of this criterion. The remaining 10% of this criterion will be based on classes the student has taken. AP and College Prep classes will be given more consideration than basic elective classes. Students must submit transcripts as part of the evaluation process. Students must also show an interest in the Information Technology field and explain why this is the college major he or she wants to pursue at The Ohio State University.

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3. **Demonstrated Leadership (25%)**
   Leadership can be presented and documented in a variety of ways. The applicant must describe how he or she has participated in activities, but also demonstrate how he or she has organized, administered and lead others in the activity. This can be established through athletics, academics, school clubs, extracurricular activities and community organizations. The level and amount of leadership documented is the primary evaluation factor for this criterion.

4. **Financial Need (20%)**
   The applicant must demonstrate his or her financial need by providing a brief narrative of that stated need and explain why the additional financial assistance would be beneficial as he or she enters into The Ohio State University.

5. **Dependent of a current OCLC Employee (5%)**
   Dependent of a current OCLC employee will be given additional consideration.

Application Procedures ....

Scholarship applications should be received by March 8, 2010. Applications received after the due date may not be considered. Students should submit their application for this scholarship to their school guidance counselor office.

Selection Process and Award Notification..

An appointed Selection Committee comprised of representatives from The Houk Family, OCLC and the Dublin A.M. Rotary Club will evaluate the scholarship submissions. The student who is awarded the scholarship will be notified in May of 2010.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to award no scholarship, if it is determined that no applicant meets the stated criteria in a manner or to the level expected by the Selection Committee.

This scholarship is modeled to be awarded as a single $5,000.00 cash scholarship. The Selection Committee, at its sole discretion, may determine to award multiple cash scholarships for values less than the stated $5,000.00.   No scholarship will be awarded for less than $500.00.