



ORTA Future Professional Support Scholarship

ORTA Scholarship Committee

Application Due: Open Date: August 22nd, Close Date: September 5th

Description:

The purpose of the ORTA Future Professional Support Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to recent graduates and new professionals who have taken the exam this year or seeking NCTRC certification status. Please review the award eligibility and criteria before submitting your application. *The scholarship will cover the application fee only, totaling \$125, and will be provided as a reimbursement to the scholarship winner.*

Eligibility:

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Demonstrate critical financial need
- Be a recent 2022 College Graduate
 - Graduated with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.8
- Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue a career as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS)
- Be planning to apply for the CTRS exam or has sat for the exam already in 2022
- Be a current ORTA Member

Criteria:

The scholarship will be granted based on the following criteria:

- Typed Essay (up to 3 pages) or Recorded Video (up to 8 minutes)
- Must address the following:
 - Why do you think you should be considered for the scholarship?
 - What population and setting are you interested in serving as a CTRS? (Can be current and/or future interests).
 - Tell us about yourself (What have you pursued since graduation, what are your leisure interests, what are your professional strengths, etc.)?

Completion of the application:

Please complete the application on the following pages and submit to OhioRTA@gmail.com no later than the due date. Please indicate *scholarship application* in the subject line.

ORTA Scholarship Award Application

Full Name:

What University did you graduate from?

Did you graduate in 2022?

Yes

No

What was your GPA when you graduated?

Are you an ORTA Member?

Yes

No

What is your monthly income?

Do you have student loan debt? Please indicate yes/no and amount from options below.

(More than 50,000)

(30,000 to 50,000)

(10,000 to 30,000)

(less than 10,000)

No debt

Do you consider yourself in financial need?

Yes

No

Did you register for and already have a date the NCTRC exam year?

Yes

No

Have you registered for the CTRS exam with plans to take it by the end of the year?

Yes

No

Not applicable, I already registered and took the exam this year

Are you planning on registering to take the exam in the future?

Yes

No

Not applicable, I already registered for the exam and/or took the exam

Where did you complete your internship?

Can we contact your Internship Supervisor?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide us with their contact information

Name:

Number:

Email Address:

If no, please provide us with a professional reference we can contact

Name:

Number:

Email Address:

Please attach a typed essay (Up to 3 pages) OR a recorded video (Up to 8 minutes) as indicated in the criterion for this scholarship. Essays should be uploaded as a PDF or Word docx. Videos should be uploaded as an MP4 or a YouTube video with a link for the committee to view.

Incomplete application or attached files that are not viewable will result in the application not being considered. Completed applications must be received by September 5th to qualify.

