



**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ASSOCIATION**

A Midwest Association of TRIO and College Access  
and Success Professionals

## **EOAF College and Adult Learner Scholarship**

### **Overview:**

The EOA Foundation scholarships are sponsored by the EOA Foundation Board of Directors. Students are nominated by TRIO/EOP professionals in their respective Chapters and the state Chapter scholarship committees select the recipients. These scholarships are awarded by the EOA Foundation and are non-renewable. The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee for the EOA Foundation Scholarship will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

### **Awards:**

One award of \$1,000 to each state within the EOA region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin). Ten \$1,000 EOA Foundation Scholarships are available in this application year.

### **Eligibility:**

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a current college or adult learner TRIO/EOP participant;
2. Be enrolled full-time in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipate enrollment for returning adult learners;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; GPA requirement waived for participants in EOC or Veterans Upward Bound: and;
4. Demonstrates involvement in co-curricular or community activities.

**The nominator must be a current EOA member at the time of scholarship deadline.  
(Confirmed by Chapter Membership and Credentials Chair).**



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## Emerging Leaders Institute Scholarship

### Overview:

The Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) Scholarship fund was established in collaboration with the EOA Emerging Leaders Institute and the EOA Foundation (EOAF). Since 2002, select EOA ELI cohorts have fundraised each year for student scholarships. One student in the EOA region will be awarded \$1000.00 toward their educational needs. Each Chapter Scholarship Committee will select a semi-finalist for their respective chapter. The EOA Scholarship Committee will have a panel of readers to select the finalist for the current year award.

### Awards:

One award of \$1,000 to an EOA recipient. Each Chapter may select a semifinalist (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin). This is a one time, non-renewable scholarship.

### Eligibility:

The student applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP student within the EOA region.
2. Be enrolled in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and
4. Demonstrate strong leadership abilities in their community and/or advocacy efforts in their TRIO community.

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**The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline.**



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## **BRIDGES AND LADDERS LGBTQ+ Scholarship**

### **Overview:**

This endowed scholarship is established by the EOA Foundation. Students are nominated by TRIO/EOP professionals in their respective Chapters and selected through a process administered jointly by EOA and the EOA Foundation. This scholarship is awarded by the EOA Foundation and is non-renewable.

### **Awards:**

One award of \$1,000. Each Chapter may select a semifinalist (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin).

### **Eligibility:**

The student applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

1. Be a current TRIO/EOP student within the EOA region;
2. Be enrolled or anticipate enrollment for high school seniors, in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrates leadership, involvement, and experiences that intersect with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and ally community (LGBTQ+).

**The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline.**



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## **Veterans Scholarship**

### **Overview:**

The Veterans Scholarship fund was established in collaboration with the EOA Foundation and the EOA Board of Directors. The scholarship is to help veterans with educational expenses as they pursue higher education.

### **Awards:**

Two awards of \$500 to two EOA recipients. This scholarship is open to all EOA Chapters. However, one chapter may not receive more than one award per year. Each Chapter may select a semifinalist (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska, and Ohio). The EOA Committee will have a panel of readers to select the finalist for the current year award.

### **Eligibility:**

The student applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an honorably discharged veteran or current member of the Armed Services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard) to include the Reserve and National Guard;
2. Be enrolled in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the upcoming academic year; and
3. Be a current or former participant in a TRIO/EOP program within the EOA region.

**\*\*This scholarship does not have a minimum GPA requirement.\*\***

**The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline.**



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## EOA Board of Directors Scholarship

### Overview:

The EOA Board of Directors sponsors EOA Board scholarships. TRIO professionals in their respective chapters nominate students.

Chapter scholarship committees select the recipients and EOA Foundation (EOAF) awards the scholarships. The number of EOA Board Scholarships varies each year, depending on financial resources. EOA Board Scholarships are non-renewable. The student selected by the Chapter Scholarship Committee will be the recipient for that Chapter. No further review occurs.

### Awards:

One award of \$1,000 to each state within the EOA region (*See Handbook for Chapter rotation schedule*). Ten \$1,000.00 scholarships are available.

### Eligibility:

The student applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

1. Be a current **pre-college** TRIO/EOP student within the EOA Region.
2. Be enrolled, or anticipated enrollment for current high school seniors, in a two-year or four-year post-secondary institution for the next academic year;
3. Have cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
4. Demonstrate involvement in co-curricular or community activities; and

**The Nominator MUST be a current member of EOA at the time of the scholarship deadline.**

## Instructions for submitting EOA Scholarships Due February 1, 2021 by 5 pm CST

### General Requirements:

Gmail Account (professional or personal) to upload their nomination to Google Form. Do not have a Gmail account? Create a Gmail account [here](#).

Nominations to be uploaded to the Google Form **by the nominator themselves**.

All nominators must be fully paid EOA members as of the scholarship deadline (February 1) and will be required to add their membership expiration date and member number in the Google Form.

**\*\*Directions on finding your expiration date and member can be found [here](#). \*\***

All nominations to be submitted in a .pdf or image form.

If you are unsure how to save a document as a .pdf or image, see directions [here](#).

Each Student application will be a separate Google Form submission.

### Number of Applications Allowed

Each EOA member may nominate up to **two** students per scholarship.

- **INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:** You have the privilege of nominating a student for an EOA Scholarship if you are a designee listed with the institutional membership

### Submission Instructions:

- 1) Gather all necessary application materials in .pdf or image file: You cannot save and return to your submission.
  - Nominator EOA Membership # and expiration date
  - Nomination recommendation letter
  - Student essay (2 pages double spaced max)
  - Student unofficial transcript
  - If a Silas Purnell Scholarship nomination income verification also required
- 2) Access and complete Google Form  
For scholarships <https://forms.gle/64FeL5pbdEfXiQAb7>

James B. Hamilton and Thomas G. Mortenson Student Research Application ONLY:  
<https://forms.gle/EjDsxF2jY2ZEBdtm7>

- 3) The nominator will receive a pop-up confirmation of submission.