



ABC O&P Technician Diversity Scholarship

The O&P Foundation has partnered with the [American Board of Certification for Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics](#) (ABC) to provide scholarships to Orthotic and Prosthetic (O&P) technician students who are currently enrolled at O&P technician education institutions that are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). ABC O&P Technician Diversity Scholarships include a \$5,000 cash award*. Up to 2 ABC O&P Technician Student Scholarships may be given annually.

**All scholarships are considered taxable income, recipients will receive a 1099 IRS Form for the award tax year*

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student in a CAAHEP-accredited O&P technician program and meet all the following criteria:

- Completed at least one semester or two quarters of a CAAHEP-accredited O&P technician program
- Applicant must be a member of a racial or ethnic population (i.e., Asian American, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native American or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander) that is underrepresented in O&P
- Applicant must be a US citizen or legal permanent resident

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of educators and clinical experts appointed by The O&P Foundation's [Education Committee](#). Eligible students may apply for both the O&P Technician Student and O&P Technician Diversity Scholarships.



However, students are only eligible to receive one ABC Scholarship (O&P Technician Student Scholarship or Scholarship for O&P Technician Diversity). Students who apply for both scholarships will be asked to indicate their preference if they are selected to receive both scholarships.

To be considered for the award, applicants must submit the following:

Create an account in the O&P Foundation Application Portal, then select the “ABC O&P Technician Diversity Scholarships” program application and follow portal instructions.

1. **Author** a (500 word or less) personal statement
 - Applicant should describe how their presence in the profession will impact O&P care
2. **Obtain** an official or unofficial transcript (that includes the current academic semester) from your institution
 - Official transcripts are not required; however, unofficial transcripts must be signed by the Program Director or Faculty Advisor.
 - Transcript must include cumulative O&P Technician Program GPA.
3. **Obtain** two letters of recommendation: 1) from a faculty member of the program in which enrolled and 2) from a non-faculty individual such as an employer, volunteer work supervisor, mentor, coach, or religious leader.
 - The letter of recommendation should indicate why applicant is a strong candidate for an ABC Technician Diversity Scholarship.
4. **Prepare** resume
 - Resume should include information regarding education, work experience, volunteer activities, honors, and awards.
5. **Upload and submit** application materials to The O&P Foundation's application portal.



Submission

Applicants are responsible for ensuring all materials are received by The O&P Foundation by the due dates posted deadline. Application materials must be received by 5:00 pm Central Time by the posted deadline.

Applications open in Spring 2025.

Questions

If there are any questions about the ABC O&P Technician Diversity Scholarship, contact info@oandpfoundation.org or the Education Committee directly at education@oandpfoundation.org.