



Omega Center for Sustainable Living (OCSL) Scholarship Application

Omega believes that the benefits of a holistic education should be available to everyone. The Omega Scholarship Program is one of the ways we demonstrate our commitment to building a holistic learning community, increasing our responsiveness to barriers that exist, and creating greater access to the educational opportunities offered by Omega.

At a Glance

Program: Seeds of Change: Cultivating the Commons

Date: October 9-11, 2015

Location: Rhinebeck, NY

Brief description: In many ways the Commons are the foundation of our society. The Commons represent the intersection of our social, environmental, and economic structures—all that we share and create together, from seeds, soil and water to education. The stewardship of this inheritance has continually driven the sustainability movement. Now is the time for us to step into creating a new cultural fabric.

Types of scholarships: Partial and a limited amount of full scholarships are available for this program.

Application deadline: Scholarship applications will be processed starting August 21st and on a rolling basis thereafter until all spaces are full.

Notification: Applicants who apply by August 21st will be notified by September 9th. Applications received after September 9th will be notified on a rolling basis.

Balance due: Any remaining balance for partial scholarship recipients will become due and payable when you receive your registration confirmation from Omega.

Other requirements: Scholarship recipients are asked to offer their feedback by committing to complete an online evaluation form following the program.

Other questions: Please refer to our frequently asked questions (FAQ) section below.

FAQ

How do I submit my application?

You can submit your completed application:

By email: LauraW@eOmega.org

By mail: Omega Institute
Attn: OCSL Conference Scholarship
150 Lake Drive
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

By fax: 845.266.9617

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How soon should I apply?

We encourage you to apply early, since spaces are limited.

What do scholarships cover?

The total cost of participating in a program includes tuition, housing, meals, access to campus amenities, and, if applicable, the children's program. A partial scholarship covers tuition only or 25%, 50% or 75% of the total cost. A full commuter scholarship covers 100% of the cost of tuition, meals, access to campus amenities, and, if applicable, the children's program, while a full on campus scholarship covers 100% of the same costs, plus camping or a tent cabin, if available. If you require a different type of housing, you will need to pay the difference between the scholarship housing and the price of your chosen housing type.

Is transportation covered?

The cost of transportation to/from Omega is NOT included the scholarship; please make sure you are able to cover the cost of your travel expenses.

How do you decide who receives a scholarship?

Assessments of applications take into account financial need (using the guidelines below) and responses to the personal essay question. Scholarships are primarily awarded to people who want to apply what they learn in their work, lives and communities; bring a diversity of perspectives, background, and experience; and would not be able to afford to attend without a scholarship.

Household Size	Household Income Level
1	\$29,175
2	\$39,325
3	\$49,475
4	\$59,625
5	\$69,775

Please note that fitting into these financial guidelines does not automatically qualify you for a scholarship.

How and when will I hear about the status of my application?

Once we receive your completed application you will be notified by email within 48 hours of receipt that we have received your application. Applicants who apply by August 21st will be notified by email by September 9th. Applications received after September 9th will be notified by email on a rolling basis. If you do not have an email address, we will notify you by phone or mail.

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How do I make sure I am registered?

Submitting a scholarship application does not automatically register you for this program. When a scholarship has been awarded, we will register you and send you confirmation. If you are offered a scholarship, you will be asked to confirm your attendance within two weeks. If you are unable to confirm your attendance, we may offer your scholarship to another applicant. For recipients of partial scholarships, any remaining balance will become due and payable when you receive your confirmation and no later than two weeks before the start of the program.

If I am not awarded a scholarship, is there any chance I could get one later?

If you do not receive a scholarship, you will be put on a waiting list. If someone cancels their scholarship, we reconsider people on the waiting list.

What if I still have questions?

If your question is not addressed in our FAQ, please email LauraW@eOmega.org or call 845.266.4444, ext. 377. If you leave a voicemail, we may not be able to call you back immediately – thank you for your patience.

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Applicant information (please print clearly)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State or Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employer / Organization (if applicable): _____

Occupation / Title: _____ Website: _____

Roles and responsibilities outside of employment (e.g. caretaker, parent, student, etc.):

Gender: Female Male Identify As (please specify): _____

Age (optional): 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 66-75 over 75

Ethnicity (optional): American Indian/Alaska native Hispanic/Latino
 Asian/Pacific Islander White/Caucasian
 Black/African American Multi-ethnic
 Other (please specify): _____

Total household annual gross income as reported on most recent tax return: \$ _____

Total number of people in household as reported on most recent tax return: _____

Have you ever been awarded an Omega scholarship? Yes No

If you have been awarded an Omega scholarship in the past, which program(s) was it for and what year (s)? *Note: Applicants will not be awarded more than one scholarship per season.*

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Rhinebeck, New York

How did you find out about this scholarship opportunity?

- Omega ad
- Email from Omega
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Google ad
- Magazine or newspaper article
- Referred by teacher
- Teacher website
- Teacher's newsletter
- Flyer or postcard
- Omega catalog by mail
- Picked up a catalog somewhere
- Link to Omega's website
- Omega staff recommendation
- Word of mouth
- Other: _____

Being on campus

Do you require childcare? *There are a limited number of scholarships for Omega's Children's Program (ages 4 – 12 only) available to participants who will be accompanied by children who require childcare. If you require childcare, please list your children's names and dates of birth – including the year – below.*

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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Will you plan to stay on campus? *Answer no if you plan to stay off campus and commute to the program each day.* Yes No

If yes, what is your housing preference? *Please note that availability is limited for scholarship camping and tent cabins. Both are located in the woods uphill with the bathroom a short walk away.*

- Camping site
- Tent cabin (unheated)
- I require a different type of housing. Please contact me to discuss options and their cost.

What are your special needs? *Please describe them below. Note that our rural campus has sloping hills. If you feel you might require some assistance getting around or have other needs for which you may require support, please let us know.*

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Personal essay

Why do you want to participate in this program? How will you apply what you learn to your own life and/or share it with others?

I certify that all of the above information is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information will be used in determining scholarship eligibility and will be kept strictly confidential. If I receive a scholarship, by signing this application I commit to completing one or more online evaluations that will be sent to me following the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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