

The Save Our Seed Scholarship Award for 2026

Official Scholarship Rules

How to Enter:

1. Complete **SOS Outreach Ministries Application**.
2. Submit an **essay** on - "The Life of Nehemiah". Follow Essay Instructions for The Life of Nehemiah.
3. You must submit one **letter of recommendation** that specifically addresses your potential and provides support for your receipt of scholarship assistance. (The letter of recommendation may be submitted by Teachers, Counselors, Youth Directors, Pastors, etc.) The letter of recommendation must be on letterhead. (No Relatives Please)
4. Submit your **high school transcript**.
5. Attend the **SOS Scholarship Award Recognition Ceremony virtually in May of this year**. Exact date TBA.

Deadline submission for all Documents April 15, 2026, at 12:00 midnight. No Exceptions!

Eligibility

The Save Our Seed Scholarship is open to all United States citizens in the St Louis City, St. Louis County and Board Members present resident state make contributions to SOS. (**Exceptions may be made by SOS Outreach Ministries Board Members**). Applicants must be enrolled in the 12th grade at the time of their application and essay submission. Applicants must plan to attend a U.S. Department of Education accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university or trade school in the fall semester following their entry.

Submission Method

Essay must be on 8.5" x 11" paper and may not be handwritten. Essay must consist of no fewer than 500 words and no more than 1,200 words. For the purposes of legibility and accurate interpretation of each essay, all entries must be printed - either typed or computer-generated. **Handwritten submissions will be automatically disqualified.** Essay must be submitted in **MLA** (Modern Language Association) Format. Your entry must contain your full (first, middle and last) name, SOS Scholarship Award, and date. Be sure to follow additional instructions attached for essay writing.

All documents may be sent via email at: csmith@sos-outreachministries.org

Prizes:

One Grand Prize Winner will be awarded a \$2000 scholarship. A book scholarships may be awarded to applicants as funds permit and agreed upon by board members. Judges will submit the winner's statistics.

Award money is to be used solely as tuition or books for each winner's own college education in the field or major of their choosing. To receive the scholarship, all prize winners must plan to attend a U.S. Department of Education accredited 2-year or 4-year college or trade school in the fall semester following their entry. Funds will be paid directly to the college of your choice.

The receipt of each prize by prizewinner is subject to the following conditions:

- Prize Winner must submit their own work verifying and guaranteeing the work submitted is an original, unpublished essay authored by said prize winner. Any essay found to be in any way reproduced or copied from an existing work will immediately be disqualified.
- Under no circumstances should prizewinners use monies awarded to prizewinners as spending money.

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Sponsor reserves the right to terminate this award by giving notice as deemed appropriate to sponsor, on this Web site, and should such notice be given, the award shall terminate at 11:59:59 p.m. (CT) on the date stated. Applicants will be notified.

Limitation of Liability:

Save Our Seed is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, technical error, or human error, which may occur in the processing of entries and submissions. Save Our Seed Outreach Ministries assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or alteration of entries. Save Our Seed reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the SOS Scholarship Award in whole or in part, at any time.

Selection of the Winners:

One Winner will be selected from among all eligible entries and will be announced at the SOS Outreach Ministries on-line Zoom Award Recognition. The odds of winning depend on the number of entries submitted and the quality of each entry. The decisions of judges are final. The Winner will be notified on said date of Award Recognition. If SOS does not receive a reply from the recipient of the college, he or she plans to attend within ten (10) days from the date of being notified of this award, the prize will be forfeited.

A check will be written to the college for books or tuition, after proof is provided for intended college, within two (2) weeks before school semester. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission (except where prohibited by law) to use Winner's name, city, state, likeness and/or voice for purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity without additional compensation.

Terms & Conditions:

By entering, participants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of Sponsor, which shall be final. All applicable federal, provincial, state, and local laws and regulations apply.

Except where prohibited by law, participation constitutes the Winning Contestant's consent to Save Our Seed Outreach Ministries use of their names, city and state of residence and entry for advertising, publicity, and promotional purposes in any media, online or offline, without further permission, consent, payment or other consideration, unless prohibited by law. Save Our Seed Ministries reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend this Award. Sponsor reserves the right to amend or modify the terms & conditions at any time.

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