



MOBILE AMUSEMENT INDUSTRY, INC.
dba OABA – Duke Smith Memorial Education Fund

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

OABA-DUKE SMITH MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND * NICK ALBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Mobile Amusement Industry, Inc. (MAI), through its OABA-Duke Smith Memorial Education Fund, is interested in furthering the educational goals of young people within our industry. The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow and will require the education necessary to be competitive in an increasingly complex business environment. The OABA-Duke Smith Memorial Education Fund provides opportunities to eligible applicants for financial assistance in advanced education. In addition to \$1,000 scholarships, a special \$3000 David Smith Memorial Scholarship will also be awarded to an outstanding high school senior.

The Nick Alberts Memorial Scholarship was introduced in 2022 and is focused on students pursuing a career in the trades, i.e., welding, electrical, crane certification, etc.. A \$1,000 scholarship is available.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- (A) **Each applicant must be a member in good standing of the Outdoor Amusement Business Association.**
- (B) Each applicant must be a graduating high school senior or a continuing undergraduate student at a university, junior college, or enrolled in a trade school.
- (C) Each applicant must have plans of attending an accredited educational institution or trade school of their choice for their continued education.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW APPLICANTS

- 1. Complete the **application form** (feel free to answer questions on additional pages, if required).
- 2. Submit a short 1-2 page (typed) **autobiography** that includes past, present information or industry involvement and why you should be considered to receive a financial scholarship.
- 3. Submit an official copy of your high school, college or trade school **transcript** of grades **with GPA identified** (a minimum **GPA of 3.0** is required for both **new** and **renewing** applicants).
- 4. **Two letters of recommendation** (family members excluded).
- 5. Attach a **Hi-Res picture** of yourself to your application form.
- 6. Complete an **OABA membership application** if you are not a current member and return with the \$50 membership fee.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REAPPLYING STUDENTS

- 1. **Update** your OABA membership.
- 2. Submit **updated autobiography** with current information including current address, phone number and email, name of school you are attending, student ID#, school activities and awards, industry involvement, extracurricular and community activities, field of study, class rank and career goals.
- 3. Submit a **recent official transcript** of grades from your college or trade school **with GPA identified** (a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required).
- 4. Include a recent hi-res **photo**.

NOTE: Failure to submit any of the above requirements will automatically disqualify any applicant from consideration. Approval of all scholarships is at the discretion of the Committee.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR: December 30, 2023
DEADLINE FOR OFFICIAL FALL SEMESTER TRANSCRIPT: January 16, 2024

MAIL APPLICATION TO: Outdoor Amusement Business Association
1305 Memorial Avenue
West Springfield MA 01089
Or email to: oaba@oaba.org

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

New Applicants

- ✓ Complete **application**
- ✓ Submit a short 1-2 page (typed) **autobiography** to include current address, past, present information or industry involvement and why you feel you should be considered to receive a financial scholarship.
- ✓ Submit an official copy of your high school, college or trade school **transcript** of grades **with GPA identified** (a minimum GPA of **3.0** is required)
- ✓ **Two letters of recommendation** (family members excluded).
- ✓ Attach a **hi-res photo** of yourself to your application form.
- ✓ Renew your OABA membership or complete an **OABA membership** application if you are not a current member and return with the \$50 membership fee, or complete online at oaba.org.

Re-Applying Students:

- ✓ **Update** your OABA membership.
- ✓ Submit **updated autobiography** with current information including current address, phone number and email, name of school you are attending, student ID#, school activities and awards, industry involvement, extracurricular and community activities, field of study, class rank and career goals.
- ✓ Submit a **recent official transcript** of grades from your college **with GPA identified** (a minimum **GPA of 3.0** is required).
- ✓ Include a recent hi-res **photo**.
- ✓ Include your current **student ID #**

Submit all required documentation to:

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APPLICATION FORM\

(Please type or print)

1. FULL NAME _____ AGE _____

2. ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

3. **GPA** _____ **CLASS RANK** _____ **STUDENT ID#** _____

4. HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR (check) YES _____ NO _____

5. APPLICANT EMAIL (*must be typewritten*) _____

6. FATHER'S NAME _____ EMPLOYER _____

7. MOTHER'S NAME _____ EMPLOYER _____

8. PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

9. NAMES AND AGES OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING AT HOME

NAME

AGE

10. INDUSTRY AFFILIATION -- PAST & PRESENT

11. COMMUNITY OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

12. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AWARDS

13. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

NAME _____

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14. LIST THE NAMES OF CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS YOU ARE AFFILIATED WITH

15. ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED? _____ IF SO, WHERE AND HOW LONG?

16. WILL YOU CONTINUE TO WORK WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL? _____

17. WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND? (if re-applying, list school & address)

18. WHAT WILL BE YOUR FIELD OF STUDY? _____

19. LIST YOUR CAREER GOALS:

20. CHECK THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FAMILY INCOME (refer to federal income tax return, Form 1040, line 34):

_____ under \$14,999 _____ \$15,000-\$29,999
_____ \$30,000-\$59,000 _____ OVER \$60,000

21. SPECIFY ANY FINANCIAL HARDSHIP YOU MAY BE ENCOUNTERING IN PURSUIT OF FURTHERING YOUR EDUCATION

22. LIST ANY SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE PRESENTLY OR WILL BE RECEIVING
