

Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute Diversity Scholarship

The Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute (OCAI) has been accelerating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I) initiatives to bring about positive change to the appraisal profession. The OCAI Diversity Scholarship was created to foster diversity in the appraisal community.

One OCAI Diversity Scholarship per calendar year is awarded to either current minority professionals who are active in the practice of real estate appraisal, or undergraduate and graduate minority students concentrating, or with demonstrated interest, in real estate appraisal and/or valuation. The scholarship is intended to pay for Appraisal Institute classes toward the pursuit of the MAI or SRA designations or state licensing (general or residential) certification.

Requirements and Procedures

Deadline

- Application must be received by November 1.

Eligibility

- Applicant must indicate the U.S. Census eligible group to which they belong.
- Scholarship award must be used in the calendar year following the date of award.
- Eligible recipients may receive only one (1) OCAI Scholarship per year.
- The recipient must attend one OCAI chapter business meeting and one OCAI board of directors' meeting and must participate on at least one OCAI chapter committee in the calendar year subsequent to the scholarship award.
- Student Applicants:
 - A student applicant must be a student majoring in real estate appraisal, land economics, real estate or allied fields and with a demonstrated interest in real estate appraisal and/or valuation.
 - A student applicant must be within two years of undergraduate degree attainment, Masters Candidate or Doctoral Candidate and must be a full or part-time student at a U.S. degree granting college or university.
 - A student applicant must either already be a Student Affiliate member of the Appraisal Institute or must apply to become one by the end of the calendar year of their application submission (student memberships are free of charge).
- Current Appraisal Professionals:
 - Applicant must be a current professional within the Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.
 - Applicant must be an Ohio resident and/or pursuing an Ohio appraisal certification.

Required

1. Letter or personal statement discussing academic achievements, financial need, career aspirations, involvement in real estate field, and any qualifications considered relevant by the applicant.
2. Current Resume (For student applicants, a preference is given to student applicants with an appraisal internship).
3. A minimum of one letter of recommendation.

4. A current transcript via your Appraisal Institute login page, proof of current college enrollment, and/or unofficial college transcript.

Awards

- One OCAI Diversity Scholarship of \$1,500 per year.

Award Process

1. The OCAI will pay the AI course provider directly for the scholarship recipient's chosen class(es).
2. The scholarship cannot be used for the Capstone Program, continuing education or travel expenses.
3. **Complete the following application.**
4. Email the application and any supporting documents required to nancy@aiohio.org
5. All portions of the application must be completed, and all information supplied must be accurate, otherwise the application will not be eligible for consideration.
6. Additional details will be provided to the recipient when notified of the award in November.
7. The 2024 scholarship will be formally presented to its recipient in Dublin, Ohio during our Special Presentations Event and Social on Thursday, November 30, 2023.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am applying as:

- Student Applicant
- Current Appraisal Professional Applicant

Please indicate US Census eligible groups to which you belong: _____

(Ex. Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino)

Have you applied for an OCAI Scholarship before? (Y / N) : _____

Have you received an OCAI Scholarship before? (Y / N) : _____

If awarded the OCAI Diversity Scholarship, I plan to take the following Appraisal Institute course(s) in 2024:

*cannot be used for the Capstone Program, continuing education or travel expenses.

Student Applicant:

Academic Institution: _____ **Location (City):** _____

Declared Major: _____ **Declared Minor:** _____ **Current GPA:** _____

I am working toward (Master's Degree, Ph.D., Bachelor's Degree, other): _____

My class standing for the next semester will be (Masters Candidate, Doctoral Candidate, other):

List all courses you plan to complete during the term indicated above:

Course Title	Department No.	Credits	Cost

Current Appraisal Professional Applicant:

Firm Name: _____

Firm Location: _____

- I am pursuing:
- MAI Designation SRA Designation
 - General Certification Residential Certification
 - State Registered Appraiser Assistant Certification

- I am a/an: MAI SRA AI-GRS AI-RRS Student Affiliate Candidate for Designation
 Practicing Affiliate

Within the last 12 months, I have participated in the following Appraisal Institute events (if any) (including chapter meetings, service on chapter committees, etc.)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Document Submission Checklist:

- Essay/Personal Statement
- Resume

- College and/or Appraisal Institute Transcripts
- Letter of Recommendation

Certification and Disclaimer

I hereby apply for an Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute Diversity Scholarship.

I represent to the best of my knowledge and belief that all information contained on this application is true and accurate as of the date of this application. Should any such information change after the date of this application, I will immediately notify the Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute. I understand that the Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute will consider my application along with the applications of others for a limited number of scholarships and that submission of an application does not guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded. I hereby irrevocably waive any claim or cause of action at law or equity that I might have at any time against the Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute, its Board of Directors, officers, committees, or employees as a group or as an individual for any act or failure to act in connection with this application or scholarship program. Should I receive a scholarship, I hereby grant the Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute the right to use my name, likeness and information from this application, and to otherwise profile me in marketing materials and other publicity.

By signing this application electronically, you hereby consent and agree that your electronic signature constitutes your acceptance and agreement to this application's terms and conditions as if actually signed by you in writing and that your electronic signature has the same legal force and effect as a signature affixed by hand. Further, you agree that the lack of a certification authority or other third-party verification will not in any way affect the validity or enforceability of your electronic signature or any resulting contract between you and the Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____