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Greetings,

The O'Brate Foundation Regular Scholarship Application for the 2019-2020 school year is now open at https://obrate.fluidreview.com. The **deadline** for completing the application is **May 1, 2019**; however, we appreciate early submissions. We have attached a PDF Application Guide to assist students with completing our application. This guide, along with Application Guides for our Dual-Credit Scholarship & Immediate Needs Assistance programs are also available for download under the Resources Tab (top right corner) of our <u>FluidReview homepage</u>. Students will need to sign up for an account in order to start the application process and we ask that students use a <u>personal, not</u> school issued, e-mail address.

<u>Awards</u>

The scholarship awards are based on financial need and will vary in size from \$1,000-\$5,000 annually. This year we will be awarding approximately **60 scholarships**, so we would appreciate your help by encouraging only students who meet the financial qualifications to apply for this need-based scholarship. The following are tips to help your students determine if they fall within our definition of financial need.

*If annual income exceeds the listed amount for that family size, then we feel the student does not have financial need, unless there are extenuating family or financial circumstances.

*The 2019 Federal and State Poverty Guidelines have not been yet published and made available, so this table is information based on information from 2018 and is what we will continue to use at this time.

Family Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$32,778
2	\$44,442
3	\$56,106
4	\$67,770
5	\$79,434
6	\$91,098
7	\$102,762
8	\$114,426

*For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,832 for each additional person.

-Students will not be able to submit their application until all tasks show as "complete". This includes recommendation forms. The recommendation process now asks recommenders to complete a standardized short-answer form as opposed to typing a recommendation letter.

-Official transcripts must be sent to our office via fax, electronic third party service or mail. Applications are not considered complete unless we have received official transcript(s) in our office.

We greatly appreciate your efforts to encourage your students to apply. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help with the application process.

If you should have questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us at 620-277-7831 or <u>submissions@obratefoundation.org;</u>.

Sincerely,

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