

**Online Scholarship Application Now Open!**



Applications are due on or before **Friday, February 27, 2026**

**The Paul & Sarah Goodman Scholarship supports students interested in pursuing a vocational or technical career through Orange Technical College or Valencia College.**

You must be nominated for this scholarship. If interested, see your guidance counselor for more details on how to apply.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COVER THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES AND COULD BE VALUED UP TO \$7,000\* PER STUDENT**

- Application
- Tuition
- Miscellaneous Fees
- Books
- Testing (paid only once)
- Parking
- Licensure, as applicable
- Insurance, as applicable

The scholarship may also provide emergency wrap around student support in partnership with Orange Technical College, including but not limited to payment of unexpected medical expenses, fuel for automobile used to travel to school, rent, utility bills, and childcare expenses.

\*Scholarship value depends on the Orange Technical College program in which the student enrolls.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

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- Student must have valid plans to pursue an education at Orange Technical College or a Valencia College Technical Certificate program.
- Student must be a:
  - o Graduating senior from an Orange County Public Schools high school with a cumulative GPA of **at least 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale**
  - o A current Orange Technical College Student or Valencia College Technical Certificate program student.
  - o Adult learners enrolled into an Orange Technical College program or a Valencia College Technical Certificate program.
- Student must demonstrate financial need.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

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To access the application, follow these steps:

- Go to [MyScholarship](#)
- Click “Create New Account” and follow the instructions
- Once logged in, type “**GOODP**” in the box labeled “Access Code” to the right
- “Click Enter Code”
- Fill out Nomination information and complete

Click the blue APPLY button

- Complete all required fields and click on “Submit Application” when done

Note: You may “Save Application” in order to go back to your application at a later time after starting it.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

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- **Students** are nominated by a school faculty or staff member and receive a link to the on-line application from the nominator along with an access code to gain access to the application.
- As part of the application, students will enter the nominator’s e-mail address in the on-line tool. The **nominator** will receive two e-mails: one from the student and one from the Central Florida Foundation with instructions on how to complete the on-line nomination form.
- All eligible applications will be reviewed and considered by a Central Florida Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Finalists may be invited to a virtual panel interview to discuss their educational and career goals.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will make their scholarship decisions immediately following the interviews and the Scholarship Recipients announced during each school’s Senior Awards Ceremony.

## **FUND HISTORY**

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The Paul and Sarah Goodman Scholarship Fund was established in 2000 with the proceeds from the estate of Paul and Sarah Goodman. Mrs. Goodman was an outstanding teacher of English in the Orlando schools and was past president of the Florida Education Association. Mr. Goodman also taught school.

Their intent was to help deserving students interested in the vocational trades. The annual distribution from the fund is to be used for scholarships for needy students attending Orange Country Technical schools or vocational schools for adults.

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