

UIC Department of Occupational Therapy Scholarships/Awards (Updated February 2022)

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The UIC Department of Occupational Therapy awards about **20 scholarships**, evenly divided across the fall and spring semesters, typically awarded in the semesters noted below. Students are notified every semester in advance of the application deadline. An online application is required, and a resume/CV. Some scholarships also require an essay.

Award/Scholarship	Amount of Award	How Many Awards	Who is eligible to apply?	Main criteria
1. Alumni Scholarship	\$1,000	1 (Fall)	E-OTD, MS (no RA/TA)	Financial need
2. Black and Latinx Student Scholarship	\$500 to \$1,000	1 (Fall)	E-OTD, MS, PhD	Financial need; preference to students who contribute to the diversity of the department and that aim to serve or do research with Black & Latinx communities or that are involved in student organizations that promote Black & Latinx interests.
3. Rhoda Erhardt Scholarship	\$2,000	3 (Fall & Spring)	E-OTD, MS, P-OTD	Financial need; recipient shall demonstrate an interest in or a commitment to pediatric occupational therapy practice.
4. Ruth Hadra Scholarship	\$1,000	1 (Fall)	E-OTD, MS (no RA/TA)	Overcoming challenges and has financial need; preference given to a first- or second-generation immigrant or a student that has overcome significant hardship.
5. Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs - Third District Scholarship	\$1,500	1 (Fall)	E-OTD, MS (no RA/TA)	Financial need and living in the third district club geographical area (south and southwest Chicago and suburbs)
6. Jackson-Frey Scholarship	\$1,000 (or \$2,000 if only one awardee)	1 or 2 (Spring)	E-OTD, MS, P-OTD	Financial need; recipient must be a veteran with honorable discharge from a branch of the U.S. armed services OR be interested in working with veterans or active-duty military.
7. Lois Anderberg Koji Award	\$1,000	1 (Spring)	E-OTD, MS (no RA/TA)	Financial need
8. Barbara Loomis Scholarship	\$2,000	1 (Fall)	E-OTD, MS, OTD, PhD	Academic achievement and leadership; recipient must have a career plan that includes teaching either in the classroom or the clinical fieldwork setting.
9. Winifred Scott Scholarship	\$1,500	1 (Spring)	E-OTD, MS, P-OTD, PhD	Academic achievement; recipient must demonstrate an interest or commitment to serving African Americans or African American communities.
10. Lillian Torrance Scholarship	\$2,000	Fall: 3-4 Spring: 4-5	E-OTD, MS, P-OTD, PhD	Academic achievement and financial need

E-OTD – Entry-level occupational therapy doctorate students

MS – Master of Science in occupational therapy students

P-OTD – Post-Professional occupational therapy doctorate students

RA – Research Assistantship

TA – Teaching Assistantship