**Please review these guidelines. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Applicants must:**

1. Be currently enrolled in an entry level OTA or OT ACOTE accredited program located in Tennessee. Students in developing programs are ineligible.
2. Have completed at least 1 term of course work.
3. Must submit transcripts that include the cumulative grade point average (GPA) from the most recent semester/term the student has completed. **Unofficial transcripts ARE acceptable.**
4. Applications must include one professional reference sent directly from the sender’s email address to [admin@tnotf.org](mailto:admin@tnotf.org)
   * Your reference should address your academic achievement, leadership skills and/or professional service.
   * Family members or immediate household/domestic partners are not considered acceptable professional references.
5. Applicants should read the “Terms and Conditions” and submitted a signed and dated form with their application
6. Scholarship winner(s) will be formally recognized at the TNOTA Annual Conference.
7. Please direct any questions to admin@tnotf.org

**2021 TNOTF Student Scholarship Application**

**Section 1: Personal Information**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**Section 2: Educational Background**

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| **School Name** |  |
| **Term/Year admitted** |  |
| **Anticipated graduation** |  |
| **Degree being pursued** |  |
| **Cumulative GPA** |  |

**Section 3: Resume/Bio**

Please provide a resume or bio that illustrates your commitment to the profession of Occupational Therapy. Points will be awarded for involvement in OTA/OT program activities, AOTA/TNOTA membership/activities, community service/volunteer programs, related work experience (such as camp counselor, special ed teacher, rehab tech), and honors/awards received.

**Section 4: Essay**

Please provide a **500 word or less** essay on the following topic:

AOTA strongly encourages all practitioners to advocate for the profession of OT. In fact, in their advocacy and policy section, AOTA clearly states, “Federal and state legislative issues affect you - where you practice, what you are paid, whether you practice at all. It's your profession, your future...so read, understand, and take action.” As a new practitioner, how will you advocate (for yourself, your profession, your clients, etc) to be good stewards of the profession?

**Section 5: Terms and Conditions**

In applying for a TNOTA Scholarship, you are acknowledging the following statements are true:

1. I am worthy of receiving scholarship monies based on merit.
2. The information submitted in this application is complete and correct to the best of knowledge.
3. I understand this is only an application and does not guarantee a TNOTF Student Scholarship.
4. Knowingly providing false information will disqualify me from the TNOTF Student Scholarship.
5. I must be enrolled and in good standing in an accredited ACOTE OT/OTA program.
6. Decisions regarding the recipients of the award(s) is made by TNOTF and that all decisions are final.
7. No set amount or number of recipients is guaranteed. Awards are based in part on the number of qualified applicants and the amount of money available for distribution.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Send all required documents (except for letter of reference) in **one** email to [admin@tnotf.org](mailto:admin@tnotf.org)

**Applications must be received by August 15, 2021 by 11:59 pm (CST)**

**Excellent Educator Award**

“Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, caliber, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me.”

**A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**

TNOTF is seeking submissions for the Excellent Educator Award. Hint – if you feel connected enough to professor to request them to submit a letter of reference on your behalf, then they are likely worthy of your recognition. Please provide a 500-word essay describing the impact your excellent educator has had on your character, caliber, and future. Make sure to include the educator’s associated school/university name in your recommendation.