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OLGA RUTH STRATTON & THOMAS E WOLF SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The Salvation Army Olga Ruth Stratton and Thomas E. Wolf Scholarship funds was established to make it possible for students of low to moderate income households to attend higher education institutions to continue their academic study or to learn a trade specialty.

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- A. Applicants must be residents of Pennsylvania, residing in **Lancaster County**.
- B. Applicants must demonstrate a need for higher education financial assistance.
- C. Applicants must be candidates for graduation from their High Schools (or for receiving a GED certificate) in the current year.
- D. Applicants must have a grade point average of **2.0 or higher**.
- E. All applicants are required to:
 1. Complete and submit the **ORS/TEW Scholarship Application Forms** (QR code found on next page)
 2. Submit **High School Transcript**. *If transcript does not include 12th grade, submit copies of 12 grade report cards.*
 3. Submit at least two (2) **recommendation letters** from people familiar with the applicant (i.e. teacher, principal, clergy, employer, etc.). One must be **academic** in nature, and one must be **community service** related.
 4. Submit a one (1) page **essay** (450-500 words) stating his/her college and career goals and involvement in community service activities & initiatives including any leadership roles held.
 5. **If selected to do so, attend a scheduled interview** with the Committee (see letter I below).
- F. **All** required application materials **must be received by the end of the day on Friday, March 15, 2026.**
- G. Scholarship winners **must be accepted** by a degree granted by college or university, or by an accredited institution of higher learning or training such as community college, trade school, nursing school, etc. to receive the scholarship fund.
- H. Scholarship winners must be entering their **first year** of higher education **in the current year**.
- I. Upon review of completed applications, the ORS/TEW Scholarship Committee will select students to be interviewed. Interview date will be **Wednesday, March 25th**. **Interviews are in person.** Applicants to be scheduled for an interview will be contacted by phone and/or e-mail and **must follow up with The Salvation Army staff to confirm their interview appointment time.**



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- J. Individual scholarships with a minimum award of \$2,000 (depending on need, circumstances, and available funds) will be given to those selected by the interview committee.
- K. Scholarship certificates will be presented at the The Salvation Army Scholarship Dinner at the Double Tree Resort on Tuesday, **April 28, 2025, at 5:00 pm.**
- L. Scholarships will be awarded regardless of the race, religion, national origin, sex, age, or physical handicap.



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