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## **O'Brien County Career Day Scholarship Application Period Open**

### **Scholarship Applications Accepted Jan. 1 through April 5**

PRIMGHAR, Iowa - The application acceptance period for the O'Brien County Career Day Scholarship has opened and will remain open through April 5, 2022.

In partnership with local businesses, O'Brien County Career Day awards one successful applicant with a \$500 scholarship to be used towards student loan debt, other educational expenses or expenses that assist in the preparation for their career or business in O'Brien County.

"Talented workforce recruitment is a strategic priority for O'Brien County Career Day," said Kiana Johnson, O'Brien County Economic Development Executive Director. "The annual O'Brien County Career Day is a day set aside for High School Sophomores, where they have the opportunity to explore the many careers available to them right here in O'Brien County. To expand on that initiative, we launched a scholarship program to assist in incentivizing our area's top talent to return or stay in O'Brien County."

To be eligible to receive the O'Brien County Career Day Scholarship in 2022, an applicant must:

- Have received or will receive a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma in 2017 to 2022 from a participating school (Sheldon, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn (HMS), South O'Brien, or MMCPU), AND
- Be or will be employed or self-employed in O'Brien County, AND/OR
- Be or will be a resident in O'Brien County.
- Return the following year as a guest of honor to the O'Brien County Career Day.

Applicants can download the scholarship application and complete guidelines from [https://www.obriencounty.com/pdfs/8/O'Brien\\_Co\\_Scholarship\\_Guidelines\\_2022.pdf](https://www.obriencounty.com/pdfs/8/O'Brien_Co_Scholarship_Guidelines_2022.pdf).

Applications must be submitted to Kiana Johnson, O'Brien County Economic Development Executive Director, PO Box 616, Primghar, IA 51245 or via email to [ocedc@tcaexpress.net](mailto:ocedc@tcaexpress.net) by April 5, 2022.

"We are proud of our local talent," Johnson said. "O'Brien County educates many qualified individuals, and our local employers have many quality jobs available. Our goal with this program is to encourage those former students to consider coming back and/or continue to make O'Brien County their home and create or pursue the career of their choice locally."

For more information on O'Brien County Career Day or the scholarship, contact Kiana at 712-957-1313 or [ocedc@tcaexpress.net](mailto:ocedc@tcaexpress.net).