

UIC Department of Occupational Therapy Scholarships/Awards (UPDATED 10.26.24)

You are encouraged to do your own search using one or more of the online scholarship search/information services including: www.fastweb.com, www.collegeboard.com, www.srnexpress.com, www.collegescholarships.com, www.fedmoney.org, www.guaranteed-scholarships.com, and www.finaid.org. The UIC Student Financial Aid website (<https://financialaid.uic.edu/>), the UIC Office of Special Scholarship Programs (<https://scholarships.uic.edu/>), and the U.S. Department of Education’s website (<https://www.ed.gov/>) also have links to various search engines and other resources. The UIC Department of Occupational Therapy awards about **22 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	\$1,500	1 (Fall)	E-OTD (with no RA or TA)	Financial need
2. Black and Latinx Student Scholarship	\$1,000	1 (Fall)	E-OTD, P-OTD, 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	\$2,500	3 (Fall & Spring)	E-OTD, 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 (Spring)	E-OTD	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	Living in the third district club geographical area (south and southwest Chicago and suburbs)
6. Jackson-Frey Scholarship	\$2,000	2 (Spring)	E-OTD	Financial need; preference given to a veteran with honorable discharge from a branch of the U.S. armed services OR a student who has had life experiences or an identity that adds to the diversity of the field
7. Lois Anderberg Koji Award	\$1,000	1 (Spring)	E-OTD (with no RA or TA)	Financial need
8. Ruth Ann Halligan Watkins Scholarship	\$1,000	1 (Spring)	E-OTD (with no RA or TA)	Financial need
9. Gail Fisher Scholarship	\$2,000	1 (Fall)	E-OTD	Financial need; preference given to a first-generation college student OR a student who has completed their undergraduate degree at UIC.
10. Barbara Loomis Scholarship	\$2,500	1 (Fall)	E-OTD, P-OTD, PhD	Academic achievement, community service, and leadership; recipient must have a career plan that includes teaching in either the classroom or the clinical fieldwork setting.
11. Winifred Scott Scholarship	\$1,200	1 (Spring)	E-OTD, P-OTD, PhD	Academic achievement; recipient must demonstrate an interest or commitment to serving African Americans or African American communities.
12. Lillian Torrance Scholarship	\$2,000	Fall: 3-4 Spring: 3-4 Total:6-8	E-OTD, P-OTD, PhD	Academic achievement, community service, leadership, financial need

E-OTD – Entry-level occupational therapy doctorate students
P-OTD – Post-Professional occupational therapy doctorate student
RA – Research Assistantship TA – Teaching Assistantship

“With no RA or TA” – Students with an RA or TA that includes a tuition waiver are not eligible to be considered for those scholarships, since financial need is the main criterion.