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The Voyager Scholarship

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FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

The Voyager Scholarship, The Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service

Due by: March 22, 2023 3:00pm (1:00 pm Pacific Time)

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We want to get to know you. This application is intended to help us understand how you think and what you hope to accomplish. There are no wrong answers. Just be thoughtful and be yourself. Thank you for taking the time to apply.

Additional Applicant Information

Provide additional information about yourself.

Are you a U.S citizen or U.S. permanent resident? (This includes individuals who have been granted deferred-action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.) *

Gender Identity *

Which category best describes you? Select all that apply *

- White
- Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Two or more races

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- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe

Will you be completing your undergraduate sophomore year (according to number of credits earned) in Spring 2023? *

-Choose one- ▼

Do you plan to pursue a career in public service upon graduation? *

-Choose one- ▼

We have a broad definition of public service, which includes careers in government, non-profits or the private sector. A career in public service includes a range of occupations—from community organizing to social work and from entrepreneurship to the arts—all committed to solving our biggest challenges together.

Do you plan to study abroad at any point during the 2023-24 academic year? *

-Choose one- ▼

How did you hear about the scholarship? *

-Choose one- ▼

Applicant Opt-In

Select if you opt-in to receive additional information and potential opportunities from the Obama Foundation. If you choose to opt-in, also confirm your preferred email address for receiving the information.

I confirm I opt-in to receive additional information from the Obama Foundation.

Email Address

Opt-in Email alternative

Alternate Contact Information

Provide information about an alternate contact.

First Name *

Last Name *

Phone *

555-555-5555

Email Address *

Relationship to applicant *

-Choose one- ▼

Permanent Residency

Provide your permanent (hometown) residency address

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Home Address Line 2

City *

State *

ZIP Code *

Is your permanent (hometown address) in a metropolitan area of 1 million or more people? *

How do you describe the community in which you grew up (your hometown)? *

High School Information

Provide information about your high school.

High School Name *

High School City *

High School State *

High School ZIP Code *

Did you attend more than one high school? *

High School Graduation Month *

High School Graduation Year *

yyyy

College Residency

Provide your college (local) residency address.

College Residence Address *

College Residence Address Line 2

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State *

-Choose one-

ZIP Code *

College/University Information

Provide information about the college/university you plan to attend for the upcoming academic year. If you are undecided or your enrollment status is un preference.

When using the "Find your school" function, select the State where the school is located and enter a Keyword from the name of the school. Select scho

If your school is not found, select the School Not Listed option and complete all of the school fields.

Find your school

State/Province -Choose one-

Keyword

College Name (Fall 2023) *

College City *

State *

-Choose one-

College Type *

-Choose one-

Is the college public or private? *

-Choose one-

Next year in College (according to credits earned after Spring 2023 semester) *

-Choose one-

Will you be transferring from a 2-year to a 4-year college for the 2023-24 academic year? *

-Choose one-

I will be enrolled *

-Choose one-

Expected College Graduation Month *

-Choose one-

Expected College Graduation Year *

yyyy

Degree Sought *

-Choose one-

Major or Area of Study *

-Choose one-

Enter your specific major *

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What is the issue-area within public service that you plan to build a career in after graduation? *

-Choose one-

Self-Declared GPA

Enter your cumulative postsecondary grade point average on a 4.00 scale.

Cumulative GPA on a 4.00 scale *

This website uses a 4.00 GPA scale. If needed, view the conversion chart to convert your % grade.

GPA Type *

-Choose one- ▼

Personal Circumstances

Provide your response below.

Please describe how and when any family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, your work experience, or your participation in school and community activities. (Space is limited; be concise.)

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Public Service Experience

List your public service and community activities during the past four years (examples might include but are not limited to: student government, community organizing, work or volunteer experience focused on the public good). Experiences can be paid or volunteer. For each experience, indicate the organization, location, description of service performed and total hours committed to the experience.

We have a broad definition of public service, which could include engaging with government, non-profits or the private sector and a range of approaches—from social work to entrepreneurship to the arts—all committed to solving our biggest challenges together.

To report additional experiences, click the Add Another button below. You may report up to 6 public service experiences.

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Organization

Description of Organization

Organization Location Address

Organization Location City

Organization Location State

-Choose one- ▼

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Description of Activity

Starting Month

-Choose one- ▾

Starting Year

Format: yyyy

Ending Month

-Choose one- ▾

Ending Year

Format: yyyy

Total Hours

Activity Type

-Choose one- ▾

[Add Another](#)

Work Experience

List your paid work experiences during the past four years that you did not include in the public service section above (examples: food server, cashier, babysitter, yard work, office work). For each position, indicate dates of employment, total number of months worked, and the average number of hours worked each week.

To report additional jobs, click the Add Another button below. You may report up to 6 work experiences.

#1 _____

Employer

Employer Location Address

Employer Location City

Employer Location State

-Choose one- ▾

Employer Location ZIP Code

Title/Position

Responsibilities

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Starting Month

-Choose one- ▾

Starting Year

Are you still Employed?

- Yes
- No

Total number of months worked

Number of hours employed per week

-Choose one- ▾

Add Another

Other Activities

Tell us about any other school and community activities you have been involved in during the past four years (examples: sports, music, clubs). For each activity, indicate the academic years of participation. If participation was only during summer months, mark the academic year following the summer of participation.

Report each activity separately. To report additional activities, click the Add Another button below. You can report up to 4 other activities.

#1 _____

Activity

Activity Years

- 2022-2023
- 2021-2022
- 2020-2021
- 2019-2020

Briefly describe the activity and what you contributed.

Add Another

Your Public Service Path

Provide your response below.

If chosen as a Voyager Scholarship recipient, tell us about the issue or field you're interested in exploring during the program. *

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Video

Provide a YouTube URL to an unlisted video on the topic:

What gives you hope for the future? How does bridge-building fit into your vision for that future? How does connection and understanding play a role in this vision? How will this program help?

The video should be two minutes long and should contain nothing except for you talking. No screenshots or post-production needed. The strength is in your words and ideas, not your video production skills.

See the following instructions for [setting your video privacy](#).

Unlisted YouTube URL *

Summer Voyage

If chosen as a Voyager Scholarship recipient, you'll have an opportunity to design an immersive travel and work experience during the summer between your junior and senior year of college. This Summer Voyage is rooted in exploring new communities and building connections. It could focus on an apprenticeship opportunity, internship, or a less structured program that helps advance your commitment to public service. This opportunity is yours to create and implement — we'll give you the tools to do it.

Provide your response below.

If you are chosen as a Voyager Scholarship recipient, what would you like to focus on during your Summer Voyage? What are you hoping to learn? How can travel and exposure to new experiences help with these goals? *

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Curiosity and Connection

Provide your response below.

When was the last time your perspective changed? Who or what changed your perspective? How did this shape the type of impact you want to make in the future? *

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Values and Resilience

Provide your response below.

Describe a recent challenge you experienced. How did you overcome that challenge? What role did values play in how you overcame the challenge? What did you learn? *

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Impact and Approach

Provide your response below.

Tell us about an experience in your life when you created positive change within a community. Describe the experience: What problem did you address? What community did you serve? What was the impact? How did this experience shape your view of public service? *

Essay entry help

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Your Path and Vision

Provide your response below.

What's a problem that you'd like to solve? How would the world be different if it were solved? How would you use creativity, cooperation, and a shared vision to solve this? How are you already having an impact? *

Essay entry help

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Taking Action on Your Vision

Provide your response below.

Based on the vision you shared in your previous response, what would you like to accomplish one year after graduation? What would success look like five years after graduation? How will you collaborate with others to get this done? *

Essay entry help

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Financial Information

Complete the financial instructions below for the parent(s) if the student applicant is claimed as a dependent. If the applicant is independent, the financial data is to be completed by the applicant.

Review the **Financial Information Instructions** for detailed information on each section.

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Enter whole numbers only. Do **not** use symbols, commas, or decimals.

Dependency status *

-Choose one- ▼

State of Residence *

-Choose one- ▼

Adjusted Gross Income *

Total Federal Tax Paid *

Total Income of Parent/Guardian or Applicant (if independent) *

Total Income of Other Parent or Spouse (if independent)

Yearly Untaxed Income and Benefits

Medical and Dental Expenses Not Paid By Insurance

Total Amount of Cash, Checking, Savings and Cash Value of Stocks *

Total Number of Family Members Living in The Household Primarily Supported By the Reported Income *

Marital Status of Parent or Self (if independent) *

-Choose one- ▼

Total Number of Family Members (Including Applicant, Do Not Include Parent(s)) Attending College at Least Half-time During the Upcoming School Year *

(must be at least 1)

Total Other Scholarships or Aid

Enter whole numbers only. Do **not** use symbols, commas, or decimals.

Total scholarships or aid (not loans) you received for the 2022-2023 academic year *

Total scholarships or aid (not loans) you expect to receive for the 2023-2024 academic year *

Are you part of any other robust leadership development programs that also provide scholarship funding or monetary support? *

-Choose one- ▼

Cost of Attendance

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Tuition and Fees *

Books, Supplies and Materials *

Room and Board *

Transportation *

Other Education Costs

Total Cost of Attendance *

I Will Live *

I Will Pay *

Other Leadership Programs

Please provide information about other leadership programs you've been involved with the last two years (examples: 4H, Posse, QuestBridge, The Gates Scholarship, Bonner Scholars, school-based leadership programs such as Civic Scholars, student-based leadership programs such as National Society of Black Engineers). You may list up to 3 other leadership programs.

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Leadership Program Name

Description of Program

What type of support is provided through this program?

Are you still involved?

Starting Month

Starting Year

Required Commitment/Hours per Month

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Certification and Signature

You, the applicant, are responsible for accurately completing the entire application and submitting it by the application deadline date.

"By submitting this application, I acknowledge Scholarship America has the sole responsibility for selecting finalists based on criteria set forth in the program guidelines and the Obama Foundation selection committee will select recipients and decisions are final. Once submitted, this application becomes the property of Scholarship America and the Obama Foundation. I understand that Scholarship America will use the personal data collected in this application for the purpose of reviewing applications and candidates and selecting scholarship finalists and will process this data in compliance with the **Scholarship America Privacy Policy**. Collected data will be shared only with the Obama Foundation for the administration and promotion of the program, selection of recipients, and contacting with information for other potential opportunities related to the program.

I understand that I may withdraw my consent to the processing of personal data by Scholarship America at any time by contacting Scholarship America, as provided in their **Privacy Policy**, but that doing so will impact Scholarship America's and the Obama Foundation's ability to consider my application. All application data will be stored for a period of up to seven (7) years after the last update to this data or for such term as necessary to comply with applicable laws.

I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information, including an official transcript of grades and letters/documentation from the organizations with which I am involved. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted. This scholarship is subject to background checks.

By typing my name, I agree to the terms and conditions for submitting an application to The Voyager Scholarship, The Obama-Chesky Scholarship for Public Service. I understand this is an electronic signature that has the same legal authority as my handwritten signature."

Sign the application by typing name and date below.

Applicant Signature *

Signature Date *

mm-dd-yyyy

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