

OVERLAKE SERVICE LEAGUE



Partnership for Independence Application



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Building a better community since 1911

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WHAT IS OVERLAKE SERVICE LEAGUE?

- Overlake Service League is a non-profit human services organization serving the Bellevue community and incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington.
- OSL funds are raised locally and spent locally within the Bellevue School District area.
- The work of OSL has been widely recognized since 1911 as an outstanding example of a community caring for its own.

WHO ARE OSL MEMBERS?

- OSL members are civic minded volunteers primarily from the Eastside area.
- Our 300 plus volunteer members staff our Thrift Shop, provide financial support for our programs, and manage the overall operation of the organization.

WHAT DOES OSL DO?

- OSL provides residents within the boundaries of the Bellevue School District with:

- Emergency Assistance to prevent eviction and utility shutoff
- Educational Grants
- Family Assistance for daycare, clothing, car repair
- Financial aid for scholastic and enrichment needs
- Food during winter and spring break
- New back-to-school clothing
- Food and gifts at Christmas and Thanksgiving
- Clothing through our Thrift Shop at Bellevue Square

HOW DOES OSL RAISE FUNDS?

- Major annual events such as our Benefit Luncheon, Golf Tournament, Wine Event and Harvest Auction
- The OSL Thrift Shop located in Bellevue Square
- Donations from the business community and individuals
- Grants
- Endowment gifts
- Circle projects

HOW IS OSL GOVERNED?

- OSL is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected by the membership.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Overlake Service League Partnership for Independence are based primarily upon financial need and educational goals. Grants are made on a non-discriminatory basis.

1. Applicant must reside in the Bellevue School District.
2. Recipients must enroll in a public college in the State of Washington or a regionally supported college in the region (applicable when approved by the legislature) or a bona fide technical school in the State of Washington.
3. Applicant must be a United States citizen, a refugee or registered alien awaiting eligibility for US citizenship.
4. Applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of the college, university, or vocational school of his/her choice.
5. Applicant must be able to show responsible and realistic educational goals, motivation, and good character, as well as financial need.
6. Students apply with the knowledge that this is a Partnership Program and that they must participate in community service hours for OSL, which will be mutually agreed upon. Any default of community service hours may result in the discontinuation of assistance.
7. Completed applications are reviewed as received and held for interviewing until there is an opening in the program.

Please complete the following application and return to:

Overlake Service League
P.O. Box 53203
Bellevue, WA 98015-3203.

If you have questions about the program, please call (425) 451-1175.



Partnership for Independence – A complete program that insures success!

Partnership for Independence Program

Partnership for Independence is a long-term program primarily providing support for low-income individuals pursuing a certificate or two-year degree at a publicly supported college or vocational/technical school. The program is designed to assist low-income individuals attain the training/education they need to earn a better living. Once in the program, participants remain in until earning their certificate or degree unless they fail to meet the responsibilities or guidelines of the program or for some other reason become ineligible for assistance. The program entails several components:

1. Grants: Participants may be assisted in a variety of ways including both daily living (rent, utilities, daycare, medical, insurance, food, etc.) and academic (e.g., tuition, books, equipment, tutors, etc.) expenses. Each grant is tailored to the recipient's need and decided upon on a quarter by quarter basis.
2. Community Service Hours: Participants are required to contribute community service hours to Overlake Service League. Hours are assigned in proportion to the amount of assistance provided. Hours may be completed in a variety of ways (e.g., at the Thrift Shop, in the League Office, on specific projects) and opportunities exist both during the week and weekends, during the daytime and in the evening, during the academic quarter and during break periods.
3. Liaisons: Each participant is matched with a liaison from the League. Liaisons assist the partners in keeping track of community service hours and provide support and encouragement for participants.
4. Supportive Services: The Social Service Administrator will maintain contact with each Partner on a once a month basis to assist his/her progress and provide any assistance needed.

What are the qualifications for the program?

Individuals must live in the geographical boundaries of the Bellevue School District and be enrolled in a public college, technical, or vocational school. (Applicants need not be attending at the time of application, but do need to be enrolled at the time assistance is provided.) Applicant must be a United States citizen, a refugee or registered alien awaiting eligibility for US citizenship. Applicants must be able to show responsible and realistic educational goals, motivation, and good character, as well as financial need.



How can I become part of Partnership for Independence?

1. Application: Interested individuals should fill out an application form. Applications are accepted at any time, but must meet the deadlines listed in the application to be considered for any particular quarter.
2. Homevisit: After Overlake Service League has received a complete application, the Social Service Administrator will arrange an appointment for a homevisit. At the homevisit, the Social Service Administrator will review the application and obtain any other additional information or verification needed. The Social Service Administrator will also go over the program itself, the remaining application process, and any other questions the applicant might have about the program or Overlake Service League.
3. Interview: Applicants will be scheduled for an interview with the Partnership for Independence Committee when an opening in the program exists. (Due to the long-term nature of individual's participation in the program, openings may or may not be available in any given quarter. Information on when new applicants might be taken into the program can be obtained by contacting the Social Service Administrator at 425-451-1175.) Applicants will be notified about their status within several days following the interview.



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Personal Data:

Today's Date: _____

Social Security #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (day) _____ (evening)

What is the highest educational level you plan to complete?

- Certificate
- 2-year college degree
- 4-year college
- Graduate degree

College or Vocational School: _____

Major(s)/Program: _____

Expected Completion Date: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Household Members:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>M/F</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL



Financial Information

Please estimate your expenses for next **quarter** and how you hope to meet them.

SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR NEXT QUARTER

Tuition and required fees: \$ _____

Books and supplies: \$ _____

TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES \$ _____

MONTHLY FAMILY EXPENSES

Monthly Rent: \$ _____

Transportation: \$ _____

Child Care: \$ _____

Personal expenses: \$ _____

Other expenses (specify below): \$ _____

TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES \$ _____

Specify "other expenses": _____

MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME

Employment: \$ _____

TANF/GAU: \$ _____

Unemployment: \$ _____

SS/SSI/SSD: \$ _____

Alimony/Child Support: \$ _____

Other (please specify below): \$ _____

TOTAL INCOME \$ _____

Specify "other income": _____



FINANCIAL AID

Have you applied for financial aid? _____ Date applied? _____

Will you be receiving Federal or State Government financial aid? _____

How much aid will you receive?

State or Federal Grants: \$ _____

Loans: \$ _____

Work Study: \$ _____

TOTAL AWARD \$ _____

If you did not receive government aid, please explain the circumstances which prevented your award.

Are you receiving any other scholarships or awards? _____

If yes, please describe the type of award and amount: _____

Please explain any additional financial pressures that will affect your ability to pay for school this quarter: _____



References

Please provide the following information on two personal references not related to you that we could contact.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____ Time known applicant: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____ Time known applicant: _____

Attachments

Please include the following items with your application:

- a recent photo
- a copy of your most recent transcript (if not yet attending college or vocational school, please enclose a high school transcript)
- a copy of each W-2 form for the previous tax year included in your family income
- a copy of your financial aid award, if received
- a page describing your career and educational goals
- 3 letters of Recommendation (see following pages) completed by personal or professional references

Signature: _____ Date: _____

