



## Are you...

- A good student with a 3.0 GPA or higher?
- A determined person who works hard to achieve your goals?
- Interested in the idea of attending college?
- Possibly the first person in your family to consider attending college?
- Facing financial hurdles or other challenges that might keep you from applying to or attending college?

**If you said yes to many of the questions above, we encourage you to apply!**

## What is The Office Group?

The Office Group is a private, non-profit organization that helps hard working, under-resourced students realize their college dreams.

- We serve high school students in the Bend-La Pine School District
- Students must submit the following application for consideration
- If admitted, members spend a minimum of 2-3 hours each week at The Office Group
- Members also participate in group enrichment activities a few times per year

Services are offered FREE to Office Group members and include college counseling, academic monitoring, tutoring, and social mentorship. We serve roughly 25 high school students per year and continue to mentor our members throughout college.

## Anticipated Outcomes

### Success in High School

- Improved grades, test scores & academic planning
- Development of organizational and study skills
- Increased social awareness and personal responsibility
- Participation in community service and extracurricular activities

### College Opportunities

- Members and parents recognize college is an option, both academically and financially
- Members are well prepared to apply (and be accepted) to higher education institutions
- Members maximize financial aid and scholarship funding
- Members are poised for success in college and beyond



Academic Monitoring, Tutoring, College Counseling,  
and Social Mentorship

## Application 2025-26 School Year Due Date: March 14<sup>th</sup>

**All questions must be answered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Please list a reference we may contact (teacher, coach, counselor, mentor, or TOG member):

Reference Name:

Contact number:

Student Name:

Grade (Fall '24):

New or                  Returning Applicant

Address:

Phone Number:

Student email:

Date of Birth:

Current Cumulative GPA:

Parent/Guardian name(s):

Phone number:

Parent Email:

The Office Group would like to better understand your current situation, goals for the future and obstacles that might keep you from reaching those goals. Please answer thoughtfully in 4-5 sentences per question (550 character limit).

1. In 10 years, what goals do you hope to have accomplished?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What obstacles will you have to overcome to achieve those goals? Why do you think you can overcome those obstacles?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Who in your life wants you to succeed? Who do you turn to when you need support?

4. Define GRIT in your own words and provide two examples of how you have demonstrated or witnessed grit in either yourself or in a family member.
  
5. Have you noticed any changes in your mental health or motivation in high school? If so, how did you go about dealing with those changes?
  
6. What extracurricular activities, including paid work, do you currently participate in? How have these shaped the person you are today?

<b>Please rate your traits:</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Consistently</b>
Have a positive, curious approach to learning				
Am willing to put in extra effort and time				
Show leadership and resist peer pressure				
Complete and turn in homework on time				
How often do you miss school or scheduled activities?				

**Do you want to attend college?**

- Yes
- No

**Do you have a college fund or family money to help pay for college?**

- Yes
- No

**Highest level of education of parent(s)/guardian(s):**

- Dad
  
- Mom

**Where would you like to attend college?**

- Stay in Central Oregon
- Somewhere in Oregon or the Northwest
- Open to anywhere in the U.S.

**Are your parents/guardians:**

- Married
- Divorced
- Other

**Approximate combined household income:**

- Less than \$30,000
- \$30,000 - \$50,000
- \$50,000 - \$75,000
- \$75,000 - \$100,000
- Greater than \$100,000

**With whom do you live?**

- Both Parents
- Mother
- Father
- Other

**Do you have siblings?**

Yes

No

**If you have siblings, how many?**

Ages?

**How many people live in your household?**

**Do your parent(s)/guardian(s):**

Own a home

Rent a home

**Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch?**

Yes

No

Unsure

**Have you been to the dentist in the last 2 years?**

Yes

No

**Have you been to the doctor in the last 2 years?**

Yes

No

**Are you on an IEP or 504 plan?**

Yes

No

(If yes, please email a copy to [corben.theofficegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corben.theofficegroup@gmail.com))

**The office Group asks members to participate in a few activities each year. Are you willing and able to attend these activities to get to know your fellow members and community?**

Yes

No

If no, why not?

**A minimum of 2-3 hours at The Office Group is required each week. Many members spend much more time in the office to complete homework, meet with tutors or work on college applications. Are you willing to make that commitment every week during the school year?**

Yes

No

If no, why not?

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

**NEXT STEPS TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:**

Email the following to [corben.theofficegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corben.theofficegroup@gmail.com).

\*remember to use your personal email as school emails do not go to gmail accounts

1. this PDF application
2. your transcript (from StudentVUE)
3. a copy of your IEP/504 (only if you have one)

**Thank you for applying to The Office Group. We look forward to learning more about you!**