

## **Reba Anderson Scholarship for Post-professional Occupational Therapy Students**

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### **Award Amount:**

This is a one-time, non-renewable award of \$500 per student. The awards will be distributed equitably between the three NSU OT post-professional programs: one incoming Ph.D. student, one incoming Dr.OT student, and one incoming Dual Degree student will be awarded the Reba Anderson Scholarship, with each recipient receiving the \$500 award.

### **Deadline:**

The Reba Anderson Scholarship deadline each year is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Eligibility:**

The Reba Anderson Scholarship will be available to Post-professional students who are in the first year of their program. The scholarship is available to incoming students who started their program (e.g., Summer, Fall, or Winter semester) prior to the May award. Example: the award for 2024 will be available to students who entered in summer 2023, fall 2023, and winter 2024. Please note that this scholarship also considers financial need and whether a student is receiving any external funding (e.g. Employee tuition reimbursement) in the review process.

### **Requirements:**

1. Completed application form.
2. Completed a 500-word (or less) essay that describes why you, as a post-professional student, demonstrate leadership and innovation in the spirit of Dr. Anderson through your previous, current, and future contributions to the occupational therapy profession. Your essay should emphasize occupation as the core of your innovation and how your leadership serves the occupational therapy profession at large. In your essay, also include any details that emphasize your financial need.

Contact:

[Dr. Rick Davenport \(PhD\)\(Dual Degree Dr.OT/Ph.D.\)](#)

[Dr. Nicole Quint \(Dr.OT\)\(Dual Degree Dr.OT/Ph.D.\)](#)

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**Personal Information:**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NSU Student ID# N** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post-Professional OT Program:**  
Dr.OT \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dual Degree (Dr.OT/Ph.D.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Year & Semester you entered into your Post-Professional OT Program:**  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Semester \_\_\_\_\_

**External Funding Information (e.g. Employee tuition reimbursement):**  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe below \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay:** The Reba Anderson Scholarship requires applicants to complete a 500-word (or less) essay that describes why you, as a post-professional student, demonstrate leadership and innovation in the spirit of Dr. Anderson through your previous, current, and future contributions to the occupational therapy profession. Your essay should emphasize occupation as the core of your innovation and how your leadership serves the occupational therapy profession at large. In your essay, also include any details that emphasize your financial need.

- I certify that all information this application provides is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Application Checklist:**
- **Completed Application (deadline each year is May 15<sup>th</sup>)**
  - **Essay**

**The application package must be complete before consideration can occur.**