

2026 Valentino Physics Academic Achievement Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: Friday March 13, 2026

Instructions for those who are providing a letter of recommendation for an applicant.

The Physics Valentino Academic Achievement Scholarship is given to one incoming OSU physics or engineering physics freshmen per year (out of an incoming class of ~100 students). This scholarship is intended for the best and brightest students interested in physics.

When the committee reviews applications, it is very helpful for us to have the following information from the letter writers:

- How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity have you worked with him or her?
- How does this applicant compare to other students you've taught or worked with? If applicable, how does this student compare to other students who have gone to OSU?
- Please evaluate the applicant's math and science abilities.
- In your opinion, why is this student a good choice for the scholarship?
- If applicable, please include additional information you'd like the committee to know that will help distinguish the student from other applicants.

Please include the above information on letterhead along with your contact information. The letter can be emailed to Ms. Lindsey Thaler (thaler.21@osu.edu) **or** it can be mailed to the address below before the deadline.

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