

**2016-2017
OMEGA Scholarship Application**

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OMEGA: Opportunities for Multigenerational Engagement, Growth, and Action

Thank you for your interest in applying for the OMEGA Scholarship. Through the generous sponsorship of the New England University Transportation Center, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) AgeLab, and AARP, OMEGA is proud to offer **three \$1000 college scholarships** to recognize and reward the efforts that young adults are making to create multigenerational connections. High school juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for scholarships. Each OMEGA scholarship will award a \$1000 college scholarship to the winning student and \$1000 to the winning student's high school organization to support its activities to build relationships between teens and older adults. Three separate scholarships are available; one OMEGA scholarship will be awarded in each of the following categories: Transportation and Community; Technology; and Social Connectivity. The presentation of awards will take place at MIT in spring 2017. Read on to learn about scholarship sponsors, goals, judging criteria, and eligibility. The scholarship application follows.

Any questions for MIT AgeLab staff leading up to the submission deadline are welcome; in fact, students are highly encouraged to set up a phone call or in-person meeting with MIT AgeLab staff between January and March to discuss progress of students' projects/programs. To set up a meeting or phone call, e-mail omegamit@mit.edu or call 617-253-3506.

Background Information

About The MIT AgeLab

The MIT AgeLab invents new ideas and creatively translates technologies into practical solutions that improve people's health and enable them to "do things" throughout the lifespan. The MIT AgeLab is a multidisciplinary research program that works with business, government, and NGO's to improve the quality of life of older people and those who care for them. The AgeLab applies consumer-centered systems thinking to understand the challenges and opportunities of longevity and emerging generational lifestyles to catalyze innovation.

About The New England University Transportation Center

The New England University Transportation Center leverages the region's unique richness in both high-technology innovation and transportation expertise to conduct research activities that support the advancement of USDOT's strategic goals and research priorities. Through research and education projects across five universities, the New England University Transportation Center sponsors investigation into the national transportation system, focusing its research investments on safety and livable communities.

About AARP

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of more than 37 million, that helps people turn their goals and dreams into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for the issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment security and retirement planning. AARP advocates for consumers in the marketplace by selecting products and services of high quality and value to carry the AARP name as well as help AARP's members obtain discounts on a wide range of products, travel, and services.

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About OMEGA

OMEGA was created by the MIT AgeLab to support the development and growth of student programs and clubs that connect high school students with older adults. The goal of OMEGA is to strengthen relationships and promote connections across generations. OMEGA convenes student summits each year in an effort to encourage students to connect across generations, brainstorm and share programming ideas, and plan intergenerational programs and projects in their communities.

Scholarship Details

Judging Criteria

Creativity: The extent to which your project/program demonstrates an engaging intergenerational approach.

Impact: The extent to which your project/program creatively and effectively responds to a significant problem or need.

Sustainability: The extent to which your project/program is ongoing and repeatable in the future.

Quality: The extent to which the short answer essays are well-written, well thought-out, organized, and edited. Photos and other forms of digital media documenting your program/project are encouraged.

Recommendations: How the student's club advisor or organizational contact regard the student's contributions and leadership efforts.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be current high school juniors or seniors serving in leadership roles connecting high school students and older adults, and attending school in one of the six New England states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont.
- Applicants must be US Citizens, US Nationals, or US Permanent Residents.
- Applicants must be anticipating completion of a high school diploma at the time of application in spring 2017 or 2018, and planning to pursue a degree at an accredited US post-secondary institution.
- In any year, an applicant may apply for an award in only one category. Juniors who win an award are eligible to be considered for a second award in one of the other two categories during their senior year.
- One letter of recommendation attesting to an applicant's contributions to generational engagement and connection must accompany the application. The letter should come from the school student group advisor or from a representative of the organization serving older adults.
- Applications are due by March 31, 2017. A completed application for the scholarship must be received, including selection of the category for which the applicant would like to be considered. Applications should be based on a program/project already implemented. Scholarship awards will be given in May 2017.
- Scholarship winners will present their work at the Spring OMEGA Summit or Award Reception.

Part A: Student and High School Information

Student Name:	
Home Address:	
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:
E-mail Address:	Date of Birth:
The questions to the right are optional to complete and will in no way affect your eligibility for the OMEGA scholarship.	Gender: (Circle one) Male Female Gender non-conforming Other: _____
	Race/ethnicity (Circle one): African American Asian Latino/a White Multiracial Other: _____
High School Name:	
High School Address:	
Year of High School Graduation:	
How did you learn about the OMEGA Scholarship?	
Name of student group created or joined:	

Part B: Advisor and Community Partner Information

Name of Student Group Advisor:	
Student Group Advisor's Phone Number:	Student Group Advisor's E-mail Address:
Name of Community Partner Organization Outside of School:	
Name of Staff Member at Community Partner Organization:	
Staff Member's Phone Number:	Staff Member's E-mail Address:
Name of School Principal or Headmaster:	
Principal/Headmaster's Phone #:	Principal/Headmaster's E-mail Address:

Part C: Intergenerational Program/Project Description

To which scholarship category are you applying? Choose one.

- Transportation and Community
- Technology
- Social Connectivity

What is the goal of your intergenerational program/project?

Write a brief description of your intergenerational program/project.

What is your role in the intergenerational program/project?

Provide a detailed timeline of the activities/responsibilities you led for your intergenerational program/project. Bullets/list format is acceptable.

What outcomes/benefits have already resulted from your program/project?

How many students are/were involved in your program/project?

How many older adults are/were involved in your program/project?

How many others are/were involved in your program/project? Who are/were they?

How are you working to ensure that your program/project will continue after you graduate?

Note: In order to be eligible for the scholarship, you must also submit a signed recommendation letter from your student group advisor or organizational contact. The recommendation letter can be e-mailed to omegamit@mit.edu or mailed to MIT AgeLab: 1 Main Street E90-2078B, Cambridge, MA 02142. Supplementary materials such as photos or videos can also be sent to these addresses.