



New York State Black Occupational Therapy Caucus (NYSBOTC) founded in 1974 is a local chapter of the National Black Occupational Therapy Caucus. It is a professional organization dedicated to providing a support network for Black Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, and Students.

**Purpose:** NYSBOTC serves as a communication link between Black therapists, assistants and students. It is a mechanism to identify, share and attempt to resolve issues germane to Black Occupational Therapists and students. The Caucus also serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and resources related to educational and professional development.

**Membership:** All Black OTs, OTAs, and students are eligible for membership. Applications are available on our website or through the local chapter at scheduled meetings.

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### 2023 Delores B. Chandler Scholarship

Dear Student:

Ms. Delores B. Chandler was a founding member of NYSBOTC. She served as its first Chairperson from 1975 to 1982 and was a role model for many Black clinicians in the field of Occupational Therapy. Ms. Chandler was active in community outreach programs and conducted numerous training programs for Occupational Therapists and Assistants.

We are announcing the availability of the **Delores B. Chandler Scholarship** to be awarded to qualified Black students. These awards recognize students' academic performance and commitment to community service. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: \$2000 scholarship to a student matriculating in an accredited professional program and \$1500 to a student matriculating in an accredited occupational therapy assistant program. All interested and qualified students are encouraged to apply.

Students may obtain applications through their college occupational therapy programs or by using the following link: <https://nysbotc.wildapricot.org/Scholarship>. In addition to the completed application, students may be interviewed by board members of NYSBOTC. The deadline for applications is December 3, 2023. The scholarship will be awarded in December 2023 at the NYSBOTC's Annual Kwanzaa Celebration. Applicants will be contacted once completed applications have been reviewed.

**Qualifications:** a) Full or part-time Black students who are NY State residents and enrolled in an accredited New York State Occupational Therapy or Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, b) successful completion of **two semesters** in an OT or OTA Program with a **GPA of 3.0 or better** in the core occupational therapy courses and c) demonstrated commitment to community service in the spirit of Delores B. Chandler. Community service may include participation in student groups, tutoring, church involvement and volunteer experience. **Completed applications and supporting documents, including recommendations, must be submitted in PDF format (last name.first name followed by either application, video essay or recommendation). All documentation needs to be emailed by December 3, 2023 to [nysbotc1@gmail.com](mailto:nysbotc1@gmail.com).**

**\*\* Don't underestimate your eligibility – APPLY TODAY! \*\***