



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 through the local chapter at scheduled meetings.

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 people in the field of Occupational Therapy. Ms. Chandler was active in community outreach programs and conducted 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: \$800.00 scholarships will be awarded to students matriculating in an accredited professional program and \$500.00 will be awarded to students 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 request applications by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the scholarship chairperson. In addition to the completed application, students will be interviewed by board members of NYSBOTC. The deadline for applications is November 18, 2011. The scholarship will be awarded in December 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 2.5 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 should be submitted by November 18, 2011 to:**

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**** Don't underestimate your eligibility - APPLY! ****

