



Our Time Has Come Program Application

The Our Time Has Come (OTHC) Program at Syracuse University offers an enriching experience centered on leadership development, cohort engagement, and personal growth. Students become part of a vibrant network of ambitious peers, supported by dedicated alumni and partners who share similar backgrounds and experiences. OTHC is dedicated to increasing academic persistence and retention and to ensuring strong post-graduation outcomes through student-alumni engagement.

Program Highlights:

Leadership Development & Mentorship: Tailored opportunities to grow as leaders through Leadership Seminars, alumni conversations, and guidance.

Community Engagement: Active participation in events and cohort meetings that foster connection and collaboration.

Career Connections Across Generations: Students engage with alumni at every stage of their professional journey, from early-career professionals to seasoned executives. These interactions offer insights, inspiration, and real-world advice.

Professional Networking: Corporate immersions and alumni interactions that expand students' career horizons.

Philanthropic Engagement: Students connect with OTHC donors or potential donors through special events, gaining firsthand insight into the power of giving and the role philanthropy plays in creating opportunity and driving change.

Personalized Support: Individualized advising helps students navigate academic and career goals.

Scholarship Opportunity: Program participants may be eligible to receive an Our Time Has Come Scholarship, which provides financial support and recognizes academic achievement, leadership, and community involvement.

Eligibility Criteria:

Must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA.

Must be on campus (in person) for the first year in the program.

Open to full-time and part-time students, undergraduate and graduate students.

Incoming and Transfer students are welcome to apply.

NOTE: YOU CANNOT SAVE YOUR PROGRESS when completing this application. You MUST complete it at one time.

Therefore, draft your responses to the essay questions below in a separate document. Then, when you are ready to complete your application, attached your essays before you submit.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59PM ET on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Applicant information

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Email Address: *

(SU students required to use Syracuse University email)

Phone Number: *

(xxx-xxx-xxxx)

SUID#: *

(first 9 digits)

Hometown (City) *

Hometown (State) *

Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? *

- U.S. Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Not Applicable

Which best describe your current military connected status. Check all that apply. *

- Active Duty/Current Serving
- Student Veteran
- Spouse or family member
- Army ROTC
- Air Force ROTC
- N/A

Are you a first-generation college student? *

- Yes
- No

Did you transfer from another institution? *

- Yes
- No

Please select your enrollment (Full-time students are enrolled in 12 or more credits, Part-time students are enrolled in 11 or less credits) *

- Full-time student
- Part-time Student

What is your class standing for Fall 2026? *

- First-year
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate student (Masters, Doctoral, Law)

Anticipated Graduation *

- Fall 2026
- Spring 2027
- Summer 2027
- Fall 2027
- 2028
- 2029
- 2030

Cumulative GPA: *

School/College (Check all that apply). *

- School of Architecture
- The College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Education
- The College of Engineering and Computer Science
- School of Information Studies
- The David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics
- College of Law
- The Martin J. Whitman School of Management
- Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
- S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications
- College of Visual and Performing Arts
- College of Professional Studies

List your major(s): *

List your minor(s):

What is your career interest? (example: medicine, law, education) (200 max) *

Are you part of any the following departments/programs in the Center For Student Excellence? *

- HEOP
- McNair
- CSTEP
- First year Seminar
- CLASS (tutors and coaches only)
- Center For Fellowship and Scholarship Advising (CFSA)
- Shaw Center
- Syracuse Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Engagement (SOURCE)
- Remembrance Scholar
- Phanstiel Scholar
- Living Learning Community
- I am not part of a CSE department

Are you a participant in another Syracuse University Program *

- Wells Link
- Full Circle
- Dimensions
- POSSE
- Kessler
- FOSAC
- I'm not part of another program at Syracuse University
- Other

Essays

REMEMBER: You CANNOT save your application form and return to it. You must complete it all at once. Therefore, first draft your answers to the two open response questions below in a separate document so that you can have a copy on your own computer or cloud storage account. Then, when you are ready to complete your application, input your essays below.

NOTE REGARDING AI: Your responses to the following questions will assist the OTHC review committee in understanding your motivations for applying for this award and your alignment with the selection criteria. Using AI to generate content for your responses may lead to an application that does not accurately reflect you, your goals, or your potential to contribute to the Our Time Has Come program making it difficult for reviewers to assess your fit for the program. On the other hand, AI may be helpful in assisting with revisions to spelling, grammar, and sentence structure. So, while the use of AI is not prohibited as you develop your responses, it should not be used to generate original content.

Resume *

Please upload a .pdf file of your resume. This should include honors and awards, all work experience (on or off campus), academic activity, extracurricular involvement, and service to the community.

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Essay 1 – Personal Statement *

Choose one question (max 500 words, .pdf file)

Reflect on moments when you had to adapt to new challenges. How did these experiences shape your ability to learn, grow, and succeed academically or professionally, and how will they help you contribute to OTHC?

Discuss a challenge you encountered while pursuing your academic or extracurricular interests. How did you overcome it, and what did you learn that will support your academic and career development as part of OTHC?

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Essay 2 – Leadership *

Choose one question (max 500 words, .pdf file)

Explain your long-term career goals and how you plan to make a positive impact in your community and beyond. How does participating in OTHC support these aspirations and your academic development?

Reflect on a personal or professional experience where you demonstrated leadership. What did you learn about yourself, and how will this experience help you grow academically and professionally while contributing to OTHC?

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Video Interview *

Please answer the following questions in no more than 5 minutes.

What do you know about the Our Time Has Come (OTHC) Program, and how do your academic and professional goals align with its purpose? Why do you believe you are a strong candidate for this opportunity?

Choose one of the following and explain how the experience shaped your leadership, community engagement, and academic or professional development. Please share a different example different than what was shared in your essay:

- Describe a time when you demonstrated resilience and adaptability in the face of adversity. How did this experience influence your ability to lead, collaborate, and succeed academically or professionally?
- Share a time when you actively advocated for positive change or justice in your community (on campus, at home, broadly). What motivated you, what impact did your actions have, and how did this experience inform your academic or career aspirations?

Is there anything about your background, experiences, or aspirations—especially related to your academic or professional development—that you would like us to know, which is not included in your application?

Instructions for Upload: Please upload to the online platform of your choosing (i.e. your Google Drive, Dropbox account, etc.) and provide a direct link in the response field below. **Make sure any links are viewable by the committee by reviewing and testing the "share" options of your chosen platform.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT RECOMMENDATIONS:

This application will automatically send your recommenders a prompt to complete the required recommendation form. As the applicant, you are responsible for following up with your recommenders. If you need to update your reference or resend the form, you may share the link with them directly.

[Our Time Has Come Recommendation Form](#)

The deadline for your recommenders to submit recommendations is 11:59 pm ET on March 15, 2026. Only applications with complete recommendations will be eligible for consideration.

FERPA Release *

- I waive my right to access my recommendations.
- I retain my right to access recommendations.

Recommender 1: (First and Last Name) *

Recommender 1: Email *

Recommender 2: (First and Last Name) *

Recommender 2: Email *

Acknowledgements

Participation Acknowledgement *

I understand that as OTHC student, I am required to participate in activities that include, but are not limited to the following:

OTHC Leadership Seminar (Monthly, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.)-TED Talk-style presentations given by successful alumni or other professionals who share their career journeys or offer specific skills training.

OTHC Community Meetings (Monthly, Friday, 3:15-4:30 p.m.)-students connect, share ideas, and encourage each other; additional workshops throughout the semester during this time.

Meet with the Assistant Director of Scholarship Programs (at least once each semester)

Volunteering to support leadership and philanthropic events hosted by OTHC and in collaboration with the institution.

First Year Requirement *

I understand if I am selected to be an OTHC student I am expected to be in person my first year in the program

Transcript Acknowledgement *

I understand the OTHC review committee will request and review Syracuse University academic transcripts to determine eligibility.

Community Standards Acknowledgement *

I understand the OTHC review committee will request and review reports from Community Standards as part of the evaluation process.

Additional Questions

Please briefly share the reason you applied to the Our Time Has Come Program (100 words).

How did you hear about the Our Time Has Come Program? - Selected Choice

- Syracuse University Website
- OTHC Student
- Faculty/Staff
- Alumni
- Syracuse University Student
- Other

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