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Orange County Library System offers local adults scholarships to earn diploma through Career Online High School

(Orlando, Florida – October 18, 2021) Orange County Library System is providing scholarships to adults in Orange County to earn a private high school diploma online and gain career skills.

Through a partnership with Career Online High School (COHS), Orange County Library System supports adults with earning their high school diploma and a career certificate. The library grants scholarships as part of their adult education programming. The fully online high school program provides a 24/7 online classroom, personal academic coaches, and real-world career training.

“Libraries offer a safe, supportive environment to foster learning and community. Our online education program for adults is a natural extension of library services that empower adults to learn and grow,” said District Superintendent Dr. Howard Liebman. “COHS students receive support from Orange County Library System staff as well as from our academic coaches. Together, they help students achieve their goals.”

In addition to an accredited diploma, COHS students graduate with a certificate in their chosen career path, plus a resume, cover letter, and other tools to start or advance their careers.

“Having my high school diploma is very important, because it will help me in my future careers, as far as my dream job and my purpose in life,” said Andy Ferlay Desir, who received a high school diploma through Orange County Library System’s Career Online High School program. “I had a great experience throughout the program because my coach adviser was really supportive and helpful.”

According to the 2020 US Census Bureau report, there are approximately 68,000 adults over the age of 25 in Orange County who lack a high school diploma, making it difficult to apply to college or advance in a career. “Seventy-six percent of our graduates pursue or plan to pursue post-secondary education including community colleges, vocational schools, and bachelor’s degree programs,” said Dr. Liebman.

A fully online program accredited by Cognia/SACS/NCA/NWAC, COHS has partnered with more than 1,800 library locations across the country.

To learn more about the program, including how to enroll and available scholarship opportunities, visit ocls.info/cohs.

About Career Online High School

Career Online High School is part of Smart Horizons Career Online Education, the world's first private accredited online school district. Founded in 2009, SHCOE offers online high school diploma programs designed to re-engage adults and older youth in the educational system and prepare them for the workplace or postsecondary education. The high school program includes a vocational certificate in career pathways such as home care professional, child care, office management, security professional, commercial driving, retail customer service, food services, hospitality, and general career preparation. More than 1,800 public libraries offer scholarships for the program. For more information, visit shcoe.org.

About Orange County Library System

Orange County Library System is a public library system that operates 15 locations in Orange County, Florida. Its mission is to create a learning environment that fosters personal growth and development so that customers have opportunities to learn, explore and become the best that they can be. For more information about the Orange County Library system, visit ocls.info. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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