

## Freshman Scholarships

OU offers a variety of scholarships for first-time entering freshmen. An application for the six scholarship programs below is located in this book on page 10. The deadline for these scholarships is February 1, 2006. Information about other OU scholarship opportunities can be found in The Guide to Financial Aid and Scholarships. This guide is available on the Web at [www.scholarships.ou.edu](http://www.scholarships.ou.edu).

### ConocoPhillips

The University of Oklahoma and ConocoPhillips have developed a unique partnership to provide opportunities for students in higher education and in corporate America. This scholarship includes a \$1,000 cash award for the freshman year with the opportunity to reapply on a retention basis. A limited number of scholarships are available and only students majoring in the following fields are eligible: accounting, computer science, geosciences, management information systems, mechanical, chemical and petroleum engineering. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2006.

### College of Engineering Freshman Scholarships

The OU College of Engineering awards more than \$250,000 each year to recognize outstanding academic achievement and potential for success as an engineering, computer science, or environmental science major. By completing and submitting the OU Freshman Scholarship Application, students will be considered for all College of Engineering freshman scholarships including awards supporting diversity and multicultural engineering initiatives. Selection is based primarily on academic achievement as demonstrated by ACT/SAT performance, GPA, and class rank. Many awards will also take into account leadership, community involvement, and achievements related to math, science, or technology. For full consideration students should declare an engineering, computer science, or environmental science major. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2006.

### OU Scholars

The OU Scholars Program is the largest source of academic-based scholarships for freshmen. Students may qualify for one of five levels of scholarships based on ACT/SAT and class rank/GPA:

#### Regents' Scholar

#### Award of Excellence<sup>1</sup>

#### Honor Scholar<sup>1</sup>

#### Valedictorian<sup>1</sup> (Oklahoma residents only - limited number awarded)

#### University Scholar

Selection is competitively based on the applicant's academic achievement as reflected by (1) the applicant's high school performance measured by either rank in class or unweighted GPA and (2) the applicant's standardized test score on either the ACT or SAT. Only students named Oklahoma Academic Scholars by the State Regents for Higher Education will receive the Regents' Scholar award. Because of limited funding, ACT/SAT scores will be used to make



final selection of the Valedictorian scholarship (limited number awarded to Oklahoma residents only). Students may retake the ACT or SAT through April 30, 2006; however, the scholarship application must be received by Feb. 1, 2006. For scholarship purposes, we must have your unweighted, cumulative high school GPA on a 4.00 scale, your class rank and your ACT/SAT scores.

Please remember that the OU Scholars Program has limited scholarship funds. The program may stop making offers prior to Feb. 1, 2006, and may not be able to upgrade scholarship offers through April 30, 2006. If you receive a scholarship offer from the OU Scholars Program, you will receive written notification. The OU Scholars Selection Committee will meet regularly beginning in November 2005 to select OU Scholars. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2006

### President's Leadership Class (PLC)

Established in 1961 to attract outstanding student leaders to OU, the President's Leadership Class has become one of the most dynamic scholarship programs in the nation. Participants are required to attend weekly leadership-related programs and seminars throughout the freshman year. Selection for PLC is based on (1) national, state, schoolwide, classwide or club leadership, (2) volunteer activities in the church or community, (3) honors and awards, and (4) a written statement regarding leadership. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2006.

### President's Community Scholars (PCS)

President's Community Scholars is a leadership program that builds upon the principles of community service and citizenship. PCS challenges students to act upon their spirit of volunteerism and make a positive difference in their communities. Selection to PCS is based on (1) academic performance, (2) community/cultural involvement, (3) leadership involvement, and (4) a written statement regarding leadership. Students chosen are required to attend mandatory meetings for both fall and spring semesters, participate in community service projects, and to attend various programs throughout the calendar year. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2006.

### State Regents' Institutional Nominee

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education allow Oklahoma colleges and universities to nominate top students for the Academic Scholars Program scholarship who do not meet the automatic qualifying criteria (ACT/SAT scores in top one half of 1 percent for Oklahoma students or National Merit Finalist standing). Minimum qualifying criteria and award amounts for the Institutional Nominee scholarship are set annually by the State Regents. Priority deadline: Feb. 1, 2006.

<sup>1</sup>Scholarship recipients are expected to earn 28 OU hours and maintain at least a 2.8 cumulative grade point average by the end of the academic year to renew these multi-year academic scholarships. The academic year begins with the regular fall semester, includes spring and summer semesters, December and May intersession periods and concludes with August intersession.

## Other OU Scholarships

OU offers over 11,000 merit-based scholarships to various qualifying students. In fact, information on more than 1,000 OU scholarships and other financial aid programs is published in OU's *Guide to Financial Aid and Scholarships*. Scholarship programs listed in the guide include awards based on merit as well as scholarships for interests, activities, talents, majors and financial need. The guide is available on the Web at [www.scholarships.ou.edu](http://www.scholarships.ou.edu).

### American Indian Scholars Scholarship

The American Indian Scholars scholarship is an undergraduate non-resident tuition waiver available to those with documented affiliation to one of the 39 federally recognized American Indian tribes of Oklahoma. The waiver has academic requirements and a required participation component. The waiver is renewable each semester for eight semesters. For more information, contact Prospective Student Services at [ou-pss@ou.edu](mailto:ou-pss@ou.edu), (405) 325-2151 or (800) 234-6868, or contact the Center for Student Life at (405) 325-6873. Deadline: April 1, 2006.

### Henderson Scholars Program

The George Henderson scholarships are awarded to entering freshmen who demonstrate high academic achievement and a strong interest in community service and cultural diversity. The Henderson Scholars Program is open to all students who demonstrate an ability to meet the program's goals as well as the following preferred minimum qualifications: 2006 High School graduate; a high school GPA of 3.25/4.0 (or above); a class ranking in the upper 25%; and test scores of 26 for ACT or 1170 for SAT. For more information on this scholarship contact The Henderson Scholars Program, (405) 325-0850; FAX (405) 325-5274; email [hsp@ou.edu](mailto:hsp@ou.edu); Web page: [hsp.ou.edu](http://hsp.ou.edu)

### OU Alumni Club Scholarships

The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, through its various support clubs, has established local scholarships for students planning to attend OU. Each recipient is selected by each club's scholarship committee from an area specified by the club. These scholarships vary in amount and come from clubs across the United States. These scholarships are listed in *The Guide to Financial Aid and Scholarships*. The guide is available on the Web at [www.scholarships.ou.edu](http://www.scholarships.ou.edu). Deadlines vary.

## Transfer Scholarships

OU offers a variety of scholarships for transfer students, including awards based on academic performance, leadership, and community and campus involvement. An application for the three scholarship programs below is located on page 12 of this book. The deadline for application is March 1, 2006. The one-year scholarships are awarded only in the fall semester of each year. Students who transfer to OU in mid-year may apply for a transfer scholarship for the following semester. Transfer students may apply for more than one program, but they may be awarded only one general tuition waiver.

Additional scholarships are offered from many sources, including national, state, community and university programs. Recipients

are selected by differing criteria, although grades are always considered. Approximately 1,000 scholarships are listed in *The Guide to Financial Aid and Scholarships*. The guide is available on the Web at [www.scholarships.ou.edu](http://www.scholarships.ou.edu).

### Transfer Leadership Class (TLC)

The Transfer Leadership Class recognizes transfer students who have demonstrated high academic performance and leadership abilities. TLC members are required to attend weekly leadership/academic-related programs and seminars throughout the year. They also assist in recruitment efforts for transfer students. Applicants must have completed at least 40 hours of college credit by the time they enter OU. Students with a 3.25 GPA or higher will be given first consideration. Deadline: March 1, 2006.

### Transfer Academic Excellence (TAE)

Based on academic performance, the Transfer Academic Excellence scholarship may be awarded to full-time students (minimum 12-hour enrollment). Applicants must have completed 24 hours of college credit by the time they enter OU. Students with a 3.50 GPA or higher will be given first consideration. Deadline: March 1, 2006.

### Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Association awards scholarships based on academic achievement, participation in community or college activities and membership in Phi Theta Kappa. Selected PTK scholarship recipients must have a 3.50 GPA and more than 24 hours at a two-year institution by the time they enter OU. Deadline: March 1, 2006.

## More Scholarship Sources

### Activities and Talents

There are literally thousands of scholarships available in the private and non-profit sectors based on activities, skills and talents. Check with your counselors, teachers, coaches and activity leaders about local talent-based scholarship opportunities. Register with free scholarship search sites such as [www.collegeplanning.nelnet.net](http://www.collegeplanning.nelnet.net) and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for national talent- and activity-based scholarships.

### Local Scholarships

Check with groups such as your local Rotary Club, church and/or Chamber of Commerce for community and civic scholarships that might exist in your area.

### Employers

Your parents' employers or your employer also may be sources of scholarships. Have your parents ask at work if a scholarship program is available through their companies.

### Ethnic Heritage

There are many scholarships based on ethnic heritage. Apply for national awards such as the Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) and the UNCF Corporate Scholars Program at [www.uncf.org/scholarship/CorporateScholars.asp](http://www.uncf.org/scholarship/CorporateScholars.asp). Register with free scholarship search sites such as [www.collegeplanning.nelnet.net](http://www.collegeplanning.nelnet.net) for opportunities.

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# Freshman Scholarship Application The University of Oklahoma

**Only Information on This Form Will Be Considered - No Attachments Will Be Accepted**

By filling out this application, you will be considered for:

ConocoPhillips Scholars, College of Engineering Freshman Scholarships, the OU Scholars Program, President's Leadership Class,  
President's Community Scholars and State Regents' Institutional Nominee.  
OSRHE Institutional Nominee, Conoco Phillips Scholars,  
and College of Engineering Freshman Scholarships.

All scholarship applications must be RECEIVED in the Office of Admissions by: **February 1, 2006**

We encourage you to apply early, especially to increase opportunity to receive an academic award.

**Please Type or Print in Black Ink**

Social Security Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Preferred

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
City State ZIP Code Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town

My academic interests include: ☐ Accounting ☐ Art ☐ Dance ☐ Drama ☐ Computer Science ☐ Engineering  
☐ Journalism ☐ Math ☐ Music ☐ Physics ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be the first person in your family to graduate from college? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you work? Yes ☐ No ☐ Number of hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

Which group best describes you? (This question is optional.)

White ☐ Black ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐

\_\_\_\_\_  
List the following: elected offices, clubs and organizations, and years involved (9, 10, 11, 12).

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List the following: community activities, cultural activities, honors, awards, and work experience.

\*Required for IRS reporting and Financial Aid. Social Security number will not be used as a permanent student ID. You will be notified of your permanent Sooner ID at a later date, once it has been assigned.

Describe your most significant leadership experience.

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Please list any additional information you would like us to consider.

(e.g. personal or financial challenges, exceptional achievements, talents, extraordinary circumstances, intellectual interests, academic research experience)

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Describe one of the following:

how you can contribute to the diversity of the University; the value you see in service to the community; or why you plan a career in your chosen field.

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I affirm by my signature that I have furnished all information requested in this application. I understand that submitting any false information to the University, including but not limited to false transcripts, test scores or any information contained on this form or withholding information about my previous academic history will make my scholarship application for the University of Oklahoma, as well as any future scholarship applications, subject to denial.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Some scholarships require interviews, auditions, portfolios, or other supplemental information. You will be contacted if you need to provide more information or schedule an appointment for an interview or audition.

For questions, please contact Prospective Student Services at (405) 325-2151 or toll free at (800) 234-6868.

**Mail To: Office of Admissions and Records, 1000 Asp Ave., Norman, OK 73019-4076**

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**\*NO attachments to this application will be accepted\***