

FIRST YEAR FOCUS AWARD

Oakland University is committed to supporting and recognizing the academic success of our students. That's why we are providing a **new scholarship for students who did not earn an OU academic merit scholarship as entering freshmen in fall 2012**. To be eligible, students must attempt and complete 28 or more credits in their first academic year beginning with the fall semester and achieve a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA at the end of winter semester. Eligible students will receive the First Year Focus Award **worth \$3,000 (\$1,000 per year for three years)** provided all renewal criteria are met.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Students do not apply for this academic merit scholarship; recipients are independently chosen by the university. The university will notify you if you are eligible and have been selected to receive this scholarship.
- "Entering freshmen" refers to freshman students who are in college for the first time and enroll at OU the first semester out of high school.
- Students may use this scholarship for the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, not to exceed six semesters total.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students at the university during any semester for which they receive the scholarship. Students are considered full time if they are enrolled in classes totaling 12 or more credit hours per semester, not including credits granted for satisfactory completion of Advanced Placement exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program (CLEP) and/or course competency examinations.
- Students in a community college partnership program (M2O, Mott2O, O2O or SC2O) must earn a minimum of 14 of the required 28 credits at Oakland. The combined cumulative GPA at Oakland and the partner school during freshman year must be 3.0 in order to be eligible to receive the award.
- Students in a community college partnership program (M2O, Mott2O, O2O or SC2O) who receive this award must enroll full time at Oakland during the following fall semester in order to receive the scholarship. Scholarship funds can only be used for full-time enrollment in Oakland classes.
- OU offers and renews scholarships at its sole and absolute discretion; offers and renewals are contingent upon the availability of funds and continuation of the scholarship program.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL CRITERIA

The university will renew scholarships annually for two additional academic years or up to a maximum of four successive fall, winter and summer semesters for students who meet the following criteria:

- Must remain in good academic standing.
- Enroll full time at the university during both the fall and winter semesters for which they receive the scholarship.
- Complete all credits for which they are enrolled as a full-time student in the prior fall, winter and summer semesters.
- Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy.
- Students in a community college partnership program (M2O, Mott2O, O2O or SC2O) must complete full-time transferable credits during each fall and winter semester at OU and/or their partner school. Scholarship funds can only be used for full-time enrollment in Oakland classes during fall, winter and summer semester.

We understand the financial hardships families are facing, and we want to do all we can to help make an exceptional education affordable. At OU, most students qualify for some form of financial assistance. The First Year Focus Award represents only one of the opportunities available. For more information, visit oakland.edu/financialaid. Also, be sure to apply for federal financial aid at fafsa.gov.



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