

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FALL 2012 FRESHMEN

To be considered for scholarships, entering freshmen must apply to the university by **March 1, 2012**. If you meet this deadline, you will automatically be considered for OU scholarships. Awards are based on the student's academic record, including GPA, at the time of admission. International students are not eligible for scholarships, except where reflected.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Scholarship awards are based on the applicant's grade point average at the time of admission to the university.
- Students do not apply for Academic Merit Scholarships; recipients are independently chosen by the university. The university will notify you if you are eligible and have been selected to receive one of the scholarships.
- Scholarships are available only to entering freshmen. "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 scholarships for the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, not to exceed eight 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 advance placement exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program (CLEP) and/or course competency examinations.
- Students in a community college partnership program who receive an academic merit scholarship must enroll full time at Oakland during the fall semester of their admission year 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.
- Freshman students who wish to be considered for merit scholarships, the Geographic Region Award and the Oakland University Housing Grant must apply for admission by March 1, 2012.

Presidential Scholar Award: Full tuition

Entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.90 or greater and an ACT composite score of 31 or greater are awarded tuition for four years.

Distinguished Scholar Award: \$20,000 for four years (\$5,000 per year)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.80-3.89 and an ACT composite score of 27 or higher, or high school GPA of 3.90 or greater and an ACT composite score of 27-30.

Talented Scholar Award: \$12,000 for four years (\$3,000 per year)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.70-3.79 and an ACT composite score of 27 or greater, or with a high school GPA of 3.80 or greater and an ACT composite score equal to 25 or 26.

Academic Achievement Award: \$8,000 for four years (\$2,000 per year)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.40 or greater and an ACT composite score of 23-24, with a high school GPA of 3.40-3.79 and an ACT composite score equal to 25 or 26, or with a high school GPA of 3.40-3.69 and an ACT composite score of 27 or greater.

University Recognition Award: \$6,000 for four years (\$1,500 per year)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.20-3.39 and an ACT composite score of 22 or greater, or with a 3.40 or greater GPA and ACT equal to 22.

Geographic Region Award: \$8,000 for four years (\$2,000 per year)

(Not pictured on chart)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher residing in Michigan counties outside of Macomb, Oakland or Wayne. Students receiving this award are required to live in on-campus housing for the first two years.

OUT-OF-STATE AWARDS

Freshmen who are not residents of Michigan may qualify for one of the following awards:

Opportunity Award

(Not pictured on chart)

Entering freshmen who are not Michigan residents may qualify for the Opportunity Award. Citizens of Canada and Mexico also qualify. Students must meet Oakland admissions criteria and live in university housing for two years. The scholarship allows students to pay in-state tuition rates and applies to fall, winter and summer semesters.

Academic Award

(Not pictured on chart)

Entering freshmen who are not Michigan residents and who have an incoming high school GPA of 3.5 or higher may qualify for the Academic Award. Citizens of Canada and Mexico also qualify. Students must meet Oakland admissions criteria and live in university housing for two years. The scholarship allows students to pay in-state tuition rates and applies to fall, winter and summer semesters.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL CRITERIA

The university will renew scholarships annually, up to a maximum of six successive fall, winter and summer semesters, for students who meet the following criteria:

- Maintain a cumulative university GPA of 3.0 (*except for the Opportunity Award*).
- 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.
- Earn at least 28 credits over the fall and winter semester of their first year.
- Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP).
- Students in a community college partnership program must complete full-time 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.

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CRITERIA FOR ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

GPA on a 4.0 scale	ACT Composite or SAT Equivalent									
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31 or greater
3.90 or greater										Presidential Scholar (full tuition)
3.80 to 3.89										Distinguished Scholar \$5,000 Award
3.70 to 3.79										Talented Scholar \$3,000 Award
3.60 to 3.69										
3.50 to 3.59										Academic Achievement \$2,000
3.40 to 3.49										
3.20 to 3.39										University Recognition Award \$1,500

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

OU has eliminated all loans for need-based freshman students entering the university in fall 2012. This means that entering freshmen with financial need can attend OU loan-free with the 100% Tuition Grant.

In addition to the 100% Tuition Grant, Oakland University offers additional financial assistance in the form of two grants awarded on the basis of financial need and academic merit. These grants do not require repayment. Students who wish to be considered for a grant must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov in addition to their application to the university. To maximize your chance for financial assistance, you should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 for the upcoming year.

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NEED-BASED GRANTS

100% Tuition Grant

Awarded to entering freshman Michigan residents who demonstrate financial need as determined by completion of the FAFSA. Award covers up to 100% of tuition after gift aid and the expected family contribution (EFC). Average tuition award is estimated at \$2,000 per year for four years depending on need level.

Oakland University Academic Grant

Entering freshman Michigan residents with a high school GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale, an ACT composite score of 20 or higher or SAT equivalent and demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA are awarded up to \$20,000 for four years depending on need level (\$5,000 per year).

Oakland University Housing Grant

Entering freshman Michigan residents with a high school GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale, an ACT composite score of 20 or higher or SAT equivalent and demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA are awarded up to \$20,000 for four years depending on need level (\$5,000 per year). Students receiving this award are required to live in on-campus housing and have on-campus housing charges not covered by another housing award.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Students who apply for financial aid using a FAFSA will automatically be considered for need-based grants. The university will notify you if you are eligible and have been selected to receive one of the grants.
- Grants are available only to entering freshmen. "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 grants for the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, not to exceed eight semesters total.
- Grant recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students at the university during both the fall and winter semesters for which they receive the grant. 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 advance placement exams, international baccalaureate exams, the College-Level Exam Program® (CLEP) and/or course competency examinations.
- Students wishing to be considered for an academic grant must apply to the university by March 1, 2012 and submit the FAFSA by July 1, 2012.
- Grants available to Michigan residents only.
- Students in a community college partnership program who receive a need-based grant must enroll full time at Oakland during the fall semester of their admission year in order to receive the grant. Grant funds can only be used for full-time enrollment in Oakland classes.

NEED-BASED GRANT

RENEWAL CRITERIA

The university will renew grants annually, up to a maximum of six successive fall, winter and summer semesters, for students who meet the following criteria:

- Maintain a cumulative university grade point average of 2.5*.
- Enroll full time at the university during the fall, winter and summer semesters for which they receive the grants.
- Complete all credits for which they were enrolled as a full-time student in the prior fall, winter and summer semesters.
- Earn at least 28 credits over the fall and winter semesters of their first year. Meet the requirements of Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP).
- Documented financial need by annual completion of the FAFSA and fulfill all financial aid requirements by July 1.
- Students in a community college partnership program must complete full-time credits during each fall and winter semester at OU and/or their partner school. Grant funds can only be used for full-time enrollment in Oakland classes.

*Grade point average does not apply to the 100% Tuition Grant.

EMERGENCY FUNDS

OU created a special assistance fund for students whose declining financial circumstances have put their ability to pay for college in jeopardy. To see if you qualify for this special fund, contact OU's Financial Aid Office at (248) 370-2550 or email finaid@oakland.edu.



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