SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Fall 2023 and Winter and Summer 2024 Freshmen
Winter, Summer and Fall 2023 Transfers

Complete your FAFSA beginning October 1 at fafsa.gov.
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AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, WE’RE DOING ALL WE CAN TO HELP MAKE AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AFFORDABLE.

Today, more than half of all OU students receive financial assistance totaling more than $200 million annually. You can benefit from those funds, too — you just have to apply. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually beginning every October 1.

Read more to learn how to support your best investment with financial assistance from OU.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships based on academic merit (high school GPA and SAT or ACT scores for freshmen, and college GPA for transfer students) are provided by Oakland University, State of Michigan and other external agencies. Scholarships given to eligible students in their first year at OU, whether as freshmen or transfer students, require no additional application beyond the admission application, are eligible for renewal, and do not require repayment. Additional OU scholarships are available through academic and student service departments, funded by endowed or annual funds provided through generous private donors. Some department scholarships may require an application; eligibility criteria and applications can be viewed at oakland.edu/financialassistance.

GRANTS
Grants based on financial need are provided by Oakland University, State of Michigan and the U.S. Department of Education. Students must complete the FAFSA each academic year to establish eligibility based on financial need. OU grants are given automatically to eligible undergraduate students, are eligible for renewal, and do not require repayment. View eligibility criteria at oakland.edu/financialassistance. State of Michigan grants also require the FAFSA and an application available through the MISSG Student Portal at michigan.gov/studentsaid. Federal grants provided by the U.S. Department of Education require the FAFSA each year and recipients are automatically identified by OU and the U.S. Department of Education.

LOANS
Student loans are available from Federal Direct Loans as a result of completing a FAFSA. Loans must be repaid after students graduate or no longer attend, however there is no penalty for early repayment. Subsidized loans are based on financial need and do not accrue interest until loan repayment. Unsubsidized loans are not based on financial need and interest begins to accrue immediately upon disbursement of the loan. Parents of undergraduate students may be eligible for the Parent PLUS loan, a credit-worthy loan used to supplement the student’s financial aid. FAFSA is required to be offered the loan and if borrowed, interest begins to accrue immediately upon disbursement of the loan.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Students are encouraged to supplement their in-class learning with student employment experience while earning a paycheck. Oakland University academic and student service departments hire students in various positions around campus. Students earn at least minimum wage, learn new skills, network and gain valuable experiences helpful in their future careers. Some students may receive federal work-study as part of their financial assistance. These funds are used to supplement OU funds used to pay students’ wages. All on-campus student employment opportunities can be found on Handshake at oakland.edu/careerservices/handshake.

EMERGENCY FUNDS
OU has special assistance funds, including the Student Emergency Relief Fund, for students whose declining financial circumstances while in school have put their ability to pay for college in jeopardy. If you have extenuating financial circumstances, contact Student Financial Services at (248) 370-2550 or email finservices@oakland.edu to discuss your circumstances.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH
Additional scholarships may be available through various academic departments or programs. Start your OU scholarship search by visiting oakland.edu/financialservices. Applications for these additional awards are available from October 1 to March 1.

oakland.edu/financialservices
We’re here to help. For more information about financial aid, contact OU Student Financial Services at (248) 370-2550 or email finservices@oakland.edu.

For full scholarship and grant terms, conditions and renewal criteria, visit oakland.edu/scholarships.
To help completing the FAFSA, register for a FAFSA appointment at oakland.edu/financialaid.

COMPLETE THE FAFSA

Beginning October 1, each year students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for OU, federal, and state financial assistance. You could be eligible for grants, work-study opportunities, and loans as a result of completing the FAFSA. Most applicants who apply for financial aid are required to complete the FAFSA. Parents of dependent students will also need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

To submit your FAFSA online, you’ll need to create an FSA ID, your username and password to access and sign the FAFSA electronically. Create your FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov or at least one week prior to completing the FAFSA. Students of dependent students will also need to create their own FSA ID.

**OU NET PRICE CALCULATOR**

Use the Net Price Calculator (NPC) at oakland.edu to obtain an estimate of OU’s direct billable charges (tuition, room and board) for on-campus residents and indirect non-billable expenses (an estimate of a student’s costs for books, off-campus housing or living at home with parents, commuting, and some living expenses). The NPC also offers an estimated financial aid package based on the GPA and SAT/ACT score of incoming freshmen.

**PLATINUM PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR AWARD**

$48,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($12,000 PER YEAR)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.90 or higher and a score of 1500 or higher on the SAT (ACT composite score of 33 or higher).

**GOLD PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR AWARD**

$36,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($9,000 PER YEAR)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.90 or higher and a score of 1390 to 1440 on the SAT (ACT composite score of 31 or 32).

**DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD**

$22,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($5,500 PER YEAR)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.80-3.89 and a score of 1300 or higher on the SAT (ACT composite score of 28 or higher). OR a high school GPA of 3.80 or higher and a score of 1300 to 1380 on the SAT (ACT composite score of 28-30).

**TALENTED SCHOLAR AWARD**

$14,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($3,500 PER YEAR)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.80 or higher and a score of 1200 to 1230 on the SAT (ACT composite score of 25 to 27). OR a high school GPA of 3.7 to 3.79 and a score of 1200 or higher on the SAT (ACT composite score of 25 or higher). OR a high school GPA of 3.8 or higher with no test score (or a score of up to 1120 on the SAT / 22 on the ACT).

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

$8,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($2,000 PER YEAR)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.4 to 3.89 and a score of 1130 to 1190 on the SAT (ACT composite score of 23 or 24). OR a high school GPA of 3.4 to 3.89 and a score of 1200 or higher on the SAT (ACT composite score of 25 or higher). OR a high school GPA of 3.5 - 3.89 with no test score (or a score of up to 1120 on the SAT / 22 on the ACT).

**UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION AWARD**

$4,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($1,000 PER YEAR)

Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.0 - 3.49 with no test score (OR a score of up to 1120 on the SAT / 22 on the ACT). OR a high school GPA of 3.0 to 3.39 and a score of 1130 or higher on the SAT (ACT composite score of 23).

**GEOGRAPHIC REGION AWARD**

$6,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($1,500 PER YEAR) (Not pictured on chart)

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The university notifies students of scholarship awards through official scholarship award letters sent to students via United States mail.
NEED-BASED GRANTS
FOR FRESHMEN

Eligible incoming freshman Michigan residents who have financial need (as determined by completion of the FAFSA) and fulfill all financial aid requirements will automatically be considered for OU need-based grants. The total amount of Oakland University institutional awards and tuition waiver benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition (the OU Housing Grant and the Geographic Region Award are not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits).

GOLDEN GRIZZLIES TUITION GUARANTEE AWARD

100% TUITION FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS, AFTER EFC AND GIFT AID

Eligible incoming freshmen can attend Oakland University free for four years. That means you can focus on your degree and your future — without worrying about how to pay for it. Recipients must have an expected family contribution (EFC) less than $8,000. Find out if you qualify today.

Expected family contribution as determined by the FAFSA

Remaining balance

OU Tuition - Gift aid

* Gift aid includes federal, state, OU and external scholarships, grants and other awards, and excludes OU housing awards.

OU GOLDEN GRANT
UP TO $16,000 FOR FOUR YEARS
(UP TO $4,000 PER YEAR)**

Awarded to students with a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. Recipients must have an expected family contribution (EFC) less than $8,000 (as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA).

OU HOUSING GRANT
UP TO $16,000 FOR FOUR YEARS
(UP TO $4,000 PER YEAR)**

Awarded to students with a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. Recipients must live in on-campus housing, with full semester on-campus housing charges not covered by another housing award, and have an expected family contribution (EFC) less than $8,000. Recipients of the Geographic Region Award will have the OU Housing Grant reduced by that award amount.

**Grant amounts are dependent upon financial need established by completing the FAFSA.

URBAN AND RURAL SCHOOLS VALEDICTORIAN AWARD
FOR FRESHMEN

$40,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($10,000 PER YEAR)

Certified valedictorians with at least a 3.5 high school GPA and a score of 1030 or higher on the SAT (ACT Composite score of 20 or higher) are automatically considered. Recipients do not qualify for other academic merit scholarship awards for freshmen (excluding the Geographic Region Award, if applicable).

To promote this commitment and to support the academic success of superior academic achievements, OU offers a scholarship award to eligible high school valedictorians graduating from identified Michigan public school districts and charter schools primarily serving low-income students.
To be considered for scholarships, entering winter 2023 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by December 1, 2022; entering summer 2023 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by July 1, 2023; entering fall 2023 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by August 1, 2023.

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND NEED-BASED GRANTS FOR TRANSFERS

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSFER AWARD
$10,000 FOR TWO YEARS ($5,000 PER YEAR)
Awarded to new transfer students from a Michigan community college with a GPA of 3.8 or higher and 56 or more transferable credits. Note that 56 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

PHI THETA KAPPA AWARD
$5,000 FOR TWO YEARS ($2,500 PER YEAR)
Awarded to new community college transfer students with a GPA of 3.8 or above and 24 - 55 transferable credits, OR with a GPA of 3.5 - 3.79 and 24 or more transferable credits. Also awarded to new transfer students from a four-year college or university with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and 24 or more transferable credits. Note that 24 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

TALENTED TRANSFER AWARD
$2,000 FOR TWO YEARS ($1,000 PER YEAR)
Awarded to new transfer students with a college GPA of 3.0 - 3.49 and 24 or more transferable credits. Note that 24 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND NEED-BASED GRANTS FOR TRANSFERS

NON-RESIDENT AWARD
IN-STATE TUITION RATES FOR TWO YEARS
Awarded to transfer students with a college GPA of 2.5 or higher who are not Michigan residents and allows them to pay in-state tuition rates. Citizens and permanent residents of Canada and Mexico may also qualify. Note that 24 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

OU TRANSFER GRANT
$2,000 FOR TWO YEARS ($1,000 PER YEAR)
Awarded to new transfer students with an estimated family contribution (EFC) of $0, and 24 or more transferable credits. Eligible incoming transfer students who have financial need (as determined by completion of the FAFSA) and fulfill all financial aid requirements will automatically be considered for OU need-based grants.

FRONTLINE WORKERS SCHOLARSHIP
$2,500 FOR TWO YEARS ($1,250 PER YEAR)
OU’s Frontline Workers Scholarship supports workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic in their educational journey, including the pursuit of their bachelor’s degree. Awarded to students who participated in Michigan’s Futures for Frontliners program. Students must complete an associate’s degree from any of the 28 Michigan community colleges, or have earned a minimum of 62 credits, at the time of enrollment at OU.

If you meet these deadlines, you will automatically be considered for OU scholarships. Awards are based on your academic record, including GPA, at the time of application. International students are not eligible for scholarships, except where reflected. Students may only receive one academic merit scholarship (except the non-resident award, if applicable). The total amount of Oakland University institutional awards and tuition waiver benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition.
Please visit oakland.edu/smtd/admissions-and-auditions for the most up-to-date virtual and in-person audition dates for students entering OU in fall 2023. Students entering OU in winter or summer 2023 should contact the School of Music, Theatre and Dance for audition dates.

Students in OU’s School of Music, Theatre and Dance may also qualify for merit scholarships (awarded through audition). Applications for auditions are separate and in addition to the application to the university.

Students must apply online by March 1 for their desired program:
- Music students: oakland.edu/smtd/music
- Theatre students: oakland.edu/smtd/theatre
- Dance students: oakland.edu/smtd/dance

QUESTIONS?
Visit oakland.edu/smtd
Email smtdadmissions@oakland.edu
Phone (248) 370-2030

SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE AWARDS

Academic Merit Scholarships for Legacy Students
The Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) offers the following scholarships to “legacy students” (immediate family as defined by grandparents, parents, siblings, son/daughter, spouse). These awards are not automatic. To be considered for OUAA scholarships, you must apply by March 1, 2023 for the freshman award and July 1, 2023 for the transfer award. For complete details and to apply, visit oakland.edu/alumni/awards.

Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship
$2,000 (One-Time Award)
Entering freshman legacy students with a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher are eligible to apply.

Alumni Association Legacy Transfer Scholarship
$2,000 (One-Time Award)
New transfer legacy students with a college GPA of 3.0 or higher, 24 or more transferable credits and have at least two years remaining in their undergraduate program are eligible to apply. Note: 24 transferable credits must be earned by the fall semester following the award application deadline.

Questions?
Visit oakland.edu/smtd
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... And the Help Continues
The scholarship opportunities continue once you take classes at OU. There are more than 300 departmental scholarships available for current students, including awards for specific majors, athletes and returning alumni, community service, and more. oakland.edu/financialassistance
The costs of books and supplies will vary depending on the courses you take. The estimated cost is $600 per year.

To estimate your total cost of attendance, visit oakland.edu/costofattendance.
LEGACY AWARD FOR FRESHMEN
Terms and Conditions
- Awards are offered through the Oakland University Alumni Association’s Scholarship Program.
- Scholarship eligibility is based on legacy status (immediate family as defined by grandparents, parents, siblings, son/daughter, spouse). Alumni status must be confirmed at the time of application. Eligibility is also based on the applicant’s grade-point average and 24 minimum earned credits by the fall semester of their first year. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Students must apply for the award; recipients are selected by an alumni committee and notified by the Office of Alumni Engagement.
- Awards are available to entering freshmen who are in college for the first time and enroll full time at OU in the first fall semester following their high school graduation.
- Students may use scholarships for the fall and winter semesters in the single academic year designated by the university and, not to exceed eight semesters total. Continuous full-time enrollment in OU undergraduate credits as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students at the university. Advance Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program (CLEP) transfer credit and/or course competency examinations do not count toward the full-time credits.
- OU offers scholarships at its sole and absolute discretion; offers are contingent upon the availability of funds and continuation of the scholarship program.
- Half of the annual award is available each semester.
- The total amount of Oakland University institutional awards and tuition waiver benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition:
  - The OU Housing Grant and the OU Geographic Region Award are not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits.
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LEGACY TRANSFER AWARD
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FINANCIAL NEED-BASED GRANTS FOR FRESHMEN
(Tuition Guarantee, Golden Grant, Golden Grizzlies Tuition Guarantee)
Terms and Conditions
- Students who are admitted to the university and complete the FAFSA, and all financial aid requirements will automatically be considered for grants. The university reviews applications for all students who have been selected to receive a need-based grant. Students must have an EFC less than $8,000.
- Grants are based on the applicant’s grade point average at the time of admission to the university.
- Grants are available only to entering freshmen who are Michigan residents. “Entering freshmen” refer to students who are in college for the first time and enroll full time at OU.
- Students may use scholarships for the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, and not to exceed eight semesters total. Continuous full-time enrollment in OU undergraduate credits as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
- Grant recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students at the university, and maintain a minimum cumulative university GPA of 2.0. Advance Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program (CLEP) transfer credit, and course competency examinations do not count toward the full-time credits.
- OU offers financial aid at its sole and absolute discretion; offers are contingent upon the availability of funds, continuation of the grant program, and meeting renewal criteria.
- The OU Housing Grant and the Geographic Region Award require living on campus and full-time enrollment semester on-campus housing charges.
- Half of the annual award is available each semester.
- The OU Golden Grant and the OU Housing Grant are awarded as follows: students with a 0 EFC earn $4,000 per year; students who are eligible for a federal Pell Grant but have an EFC up to 7,999 earn $2,000 per year.
- Recipients of the Regional Geographic Awards will have the OU Housing Grant reduced by that award amount.

Renewal Criteria
- The university will renew grants annually, up to a maximum of six continuous fall and winter semesters, for students who meet the following criteria:
  - Maintains a minimum cumulative university GPA of 2.0 for the Non-Resident Award. Maintain a minimum cumulative university GPA of 3.0 for the Presidential Transfer Award.
  - Continuous full-time enrollment in OU undergraduate credits as an undergraduate student each fall, winter and summer semester.
  - Student must have met all financial aid requirements by July 1. Grants require an EFC less than $8,000.
  - Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher for the OU Housing Grant. The OU Golden Grant and the Golden Grizzlies Tuition Guarantee require a GPA of 2.0.
  - Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP).

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRANSFERS
(Teachers Transfer Award, Talented Transfer Award, Non-Resident Award, Phi Theta Kappa Award)
Terms and Conditions
- Scholarship awards are based on the applicant’s college grade point average and number of earned credits at the time of application to the university.
- Students do not apply for academic merit scholarships; recipients are independently chosen by the university. The university notifies students who are eligible and have been selected to receive one of the scholarships.
- Scholarships apply only to the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, and are available only to new transfer students who enroll full time at OU in their first semester.
- The OU Golden Grant and the OU Geographic Region Award are not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits.

Renewal Criteria
- The university will renew scholarships annually, up to a maximum of two additional and successive fall, winter and summer semesters for students who meet the following criteria:
  - Enroll full-time at the university during consecutive fall and winter semesters for which they receive the scholarship.
  - Complete full-time credits each fall and winter semester, and summer if applicable, excluding repeated credits.
  - Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP).

- Students who enroll full-time during the summer semester can receive the award if all renewal criteria are met after the summer semester. Receipt of the award during a summer semester is applicable to the maximum allowable semesters for renewal. Students must complete full-time credits and maintain the award GPA requirements to receive the award in the upcoming fall semester.