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## Financial Aid In Oklahoma

### What's Your Degree?

The [Oklahoma Higher Education](http://www.okhighered.org/) (<http://www.okhighered.org/>) oversees the [Oklahoma State University System](http://www.okstate.edu/) ([www.okstate.edu/](http://www.okstate.edu/)). Within Oklahoma, two-dozen state colleges and universities are divided regionally: Northwest, Southwest, Central (including Metro Tulsa), Southeast and Metro Oklahoma City; providing educational opportunities at all collegiate levels.

Scholarships and grants are widespread, and serve as supplements to perennial federal financial aid like [Pell Grants](http://www.fpg.org/) ([www.fpg.org/](http://www.fpg.org/)) and [Federal Direct Loans](http://www.direct.ed.gov/) (<http://www.direct.ed.gov/>). As an Oklahoma college student, the [Oklahoma College Assistance Program](http://www.ocap.org/) (<http://www.ocap.org/>) (OCAP) to illuminate state financial resources and other opportunities.

### Scholarships and Grants

#### [Financial Aid Grants](#)



[www.okstate.edu/Financial\\_Aid/Types\\_of\\_Aid/Grants/Oklahoma\\_Tuition\\_Aid\\_Grant.aspx](http://www.okstate.edu/Financial_Aid/Types_of_Aid/Grants/Oklahoma_Tuition_Aid_Grant.aspx)) (OTAG) make it possible for all students to pursue college degrees – regardless of economic standing. Need-based funds are disbursed to students enrolled at

leges, universities and career technology centers. Significant financial need, as demonstrated by each applicant's contribution, is a prerequisite for qualification. For priority OTAG consideration, students are advised to file [FAFSA \(fafsa.ed.gov/\)](#) requests well in advance of federal deadlines.

[Qualization Grant \(https://www.okhighered.org/admin-fac/FinAidResources/oteg.shtml\)](https://www.okhighered.org/admin-fac/FinAidResources/oteg.shtml) provides assistance to students to prove economic need, but the grants also go to middle-income applicants. Awards are reserved for private citizens in the state who are enrolled in a full-time undergraduate programs. Qualified applicants are in line for grants worth \$1,000 per academic year.

[The Education Access Program \(http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/\)](http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/), or Oklahoma's Promise, is similar in design to the GEAR Up! Program. The mission of the initiative is to groom well-heeled students as they approach their college years. Students with annual household incomes below \$50,000 are eligible to participate in the program. Essentially, The Promise requires students to commit to positive scholastic outcomes early in their academic careers. By maintaining good grades and staying on track, successful participants earn valuable college scholarships. To foster well-prepared high school graduates, eligibility for the program requires students to enroll in specific coursework throughout high school.

Students who qualify for [Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships \(http://www2.ed.gov/programs/ld/duesbyrd/index.html\)](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/ld/duesbyrd/index.html) that are awarded to high school seniors from every state annually. Qualified students are at the top of their graduating classes in ACT scores, exhibit strong leadership and community service interests, as determined by school officials who nominate them to colleges and universities. Byrd scholarships are valued \$1,500 each, and are renewable for 3 years. The program is a partnership between the Federal Government and administered by the state education agencies that distribute funding.

[Academic Scholars Program \(http://www.okhighered.org/Financial\\_Aid/Types\\_of\\_Aid/Scholarships/State\\_Scholarship\\_Programs/Academic\\_Scholars.aspx\)](http://www.okhighered.org/Financial_Aid/Types_of_Aid/Scholarships/State_Scholarship_Programs/Academic_Scholars.aspx) rewards students for academic achievement within the state. Outstanding performers are eligible for college cash that covers books, tuition, fees and other educational expenses. Students qualify for the program automatically, by achieving National Merit Scholar status or scoring in the top 9.5 percentile on ACT or SAT.

Students attending any of 11 participating public universities are eligible for [Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarships \(https://www.okhighered.org/admin-fac/FinAidResources/rubs.shtml\)](https://www.okhighered.org/admin-fac/FinAidResources/rubs.shtml). Academically promising students are chosen for scholarship based on receiving one of fifteen nominations put-forth by each campus annually. Participating schools:

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College of Arts and Sciences of Oklahoma

to retain Oklahoma's academic talent by supporting educational pursuits of the best and brightest in-state scholastic students. Successful applicants have top tier ACT scores and maintain above average GPAs. Qualified students receive up to \$3,000 per year.

[Tuition Waiver \(http://www.okhighered.org/\)](http://www.okhighered.org/) is available to those Oklahoma students pursuing college degrees full-time who are in the state's foster care program. To qualify, each adopted or foster care students must:

- be a resident of Oklahoma
- graduate from high school within the past three years
- be in the foster care system for at least nine months, between the ages of 16-18
- be enrolled in an accredited state public college or university
- be under his or her 26th birthday
- not have earned a bachelor's degree previously

Members of the Oklahoma National Guard are eligible for an Oklahoma [National Guard Tuition Waiver \(http://www.army.mil/yellowribbon/education.htm\)](http://www.army.mil/yellowribbon/education.htm). National Guard Students are also eligible for supplementary funds from the Oklahoma National Guard Association [Scholarship Foundation \(http://www.ngaok.org/scholarship/\)](http://www.ngaok.org/scholarship/). Awards from the foundation cover books and other non-tuition expenses. Additional military-related financial aid is outlined on our [Military Scholarships \(http://collegescholarships.org/scholarships/military-students.htm\)](http://collegescholarships.org/scholarships/military-students.htm); including Federal Tuition Assistance.

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dents pursuing college credentials in high-need fields are rewarded with grants, scholarships and tuition forgiveness fields like [nursing](https://www.collegescholarships.org/nursing.htm) (<https://www.collegescholarships.org/nursing.htm>) and physician's assistant need greater staffing, use generous school financing to lure qualified students into educational programs. In return for financial aid, mes required to trade service at critical need facilities.

[www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/teaching-students.htm](http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/teaching-students.htm)) are in short supply - especially in low-income for tuition offsets, well-trained teachers commit to work serving underprivileged populations. Oklahoma maintains which mimics efforts established by [Federal TEACH Grants](http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/teach) (<http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/teach>).

lure scholarship dollars, but other industries support education too. These examples illustrate government and s to subsidize specific career pursuits in Oklahoma.

: [Shortage Employment Incentive Program](http://www.okhighered.org/otc/tseip.shtml) (<http://www.okhighered.org/otc/tseip.shtml>) provides tuition and student ions for teaching students enrolled in Oklahoma state colleges and universities. The initiative strives to recruit and d science and math teachers within the state. Qualified participants earn loan reimbursement by meeting these

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r at least five years at critical needs schools in the state.

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nce is considered as part of the selection process, and teaching commitments of at least three years are required to ; vary based on school schedule, and each applicant must be recommended by his or her college.

scholarship programs support a variety of vocations, including the [Chiropractic Education Assistance Scholarship](http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/policy-procedures/Chapter%205-2011%20Final.pdf) (<http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/policy-procedures/Chapter%205-2011%20Final.pdf>), which awards financial assistance to actic students. Winners are chosen based on scholastic standing and apply through the State Board of Regents. compete for scholarships valued at up to \$6000 each, by exhibiting these qualities:

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et forth by the [Oklahoma State Board of Chiropractic Examiners](http://ok.gov/chiropracticboard/) (<http://ok.gov/chiropracticboard/>).

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degrees to launch them toward careers in the public services sector should keep their eye on the [George and Donna](#)

[gestart.org/Financial\\_Aid/Types\\_of\\_Aid/Scholarships/State\\_Scholarship\\_Programs/Nigh\\_Public\\_Service.aspx](http://gestart.org/Financial_Aid/Types_of_Aid/Scholarships/State_Scholarship_Programs/Nigh_Public_Service.aspx)); igh Institute. Determinations are made based on academic merit. Eligible students are enrolled full-time at state cities. Participation in the scholarship program includes completion of public service seminars conducted by the Nigh nation process requires presidents of colleges and universities in Oklahoma to elect one student each year for al scholarships are worth \$1000 to each recipient.

in child care jobs are eligible for [Scholars for Excellence in Child Care](http://www.okhighered.org/scholars/) (<http://www.okhighered.org/scholars/>) funds. financial aid increases access to higher education and childcare credentials assessments for working child care ma. Stipends are issued; allowing students to gain educational certifications without income interruptions. Child arly Childhood Development programs are supported at technical and community colleges within the state. with help from [Oklahoma Child Care Services](http://www.okdhs.org/divisionsoffices/archive/visd/dcc/) (<http://www.okdhs.org/divisionsoffices/archive/visd/dcc/>). Scholarships oment Associate and Certified Childcare Professional.

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