SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Oakland University

Fall 2021 and Winter and Summer 2022 Freshmen

Winter, Summer and Fall 2021 Transfers

Oakland University
A COLLEGE EDUCATION IS A GREAT INVESTMENT

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 $190 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/financialservices on the OU Grants and Scholarships tab.

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/financialservices. State of Michigan grants also require the FAFSA and an application available through the MESSS Student Portal at michigan.gov/mystudentaid. 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.

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 open on October 1.

EMERGENCY FUNDS

OU created a special assistance 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.

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.
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 1300 or higher on the SAT (ACT composite score of 29 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 3.85 - 3.89 and a score of 1290 or higher on the SAT (ACT composite score of 28 or higher).

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 1200 to 1290 on the SAT (ACT composite score of 28 or higher), OR a high school GPA of 3.90 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 1290 on the SAT (ACT composite score of 28 to 29), OR a high school GPA of 3.90 or higher and a score of 1300 to 1380 on the SAT (ACT composite score of 28-30).

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FRESHMEN
To be considered for scholarships, Oakland University must receive your admission application, transcript and SAT or ACT score (if applicable) by the priority deadline of March 1, 2021 for fall, December 1, 2021 for winter and July 1, 2022 for summer. If you meet this deadline, you will automatically be considered for OU scholarships. Scholarship awards are based on your academic record, including GPA and SAT or ACT score (if applicable), at the time of admission. You may submit updated transcripts and/or test scores for scholarship reconsideration until the scholarship deadline. International students are not eligible for OU scholarships, except where reflected. The total amount of Oakland University institutional awards and benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition (the Geographic Region Award is not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits). Students may only receive one academic merit scholarship (except for the Non-Resident Award or Geographic Region Award, if applicable).

OU NET PRICE CALCULATOR
Use the Net Price Calculator (NPC) at oakland.edu/financialaid to obtain an estimate of OUT's direct billable charges (tuition and 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.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
$8,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($2,000 PER YEAR)
Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.7 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 3.9 to 3.99 and a score of 1130 or higher on the SAT (ACT composite score of 23 or higher), OR a high school GPA of 3.85 - 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 incoming freshmen with a high school GPA of 3.0 - 3.84. No test score is required.

GEOGRAPHIC REGION AWARD
$6,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($1,500 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 and Oakland who wish to live on campus. Recipients must live in university housing for four years. May be earned in addition to the above awards.

NON-RESIDENT AWARD
IN-STATE TUITION RATES (Not pictured on chart)
Awarded to entering freshmen with a high school 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. Recipients must live in university housing for their first two years. May be earned in addition to the above awards.

To get help completing the FAFSA, register for a FAFSA appointment at oakland.edu/financialaid.
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 benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition (the OU Housing Grant is 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.

OU Tuition - Gift aid - Expected family contribution = Remaining balance

Golden Grizzlies Tuition Guarantee covers this!

OU GOLDEN GRANT

UP TO $20,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($5,000 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.

OU HOUSING GRANT

UP TO $20,000 FOR FOUR YEARS ($5,000 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.

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.
ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND NEED-BASED GRANT FOR TRANSFERS

To be considered for scholarships, entering winter 2021 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by December 1, 2020; entering summer 2021 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by July 1, 2021; entering fall 2021 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by August 1, 2021.

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 benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition.

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 credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

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 allow 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.
Audition days for students entering OU in fall 2021
January 23 (music, theatre and dance)
February 13 (music, theatre and dance)
March 6 (music and theatre only)
March 20 (music and dance only)

Students entering OU in winter or summer 2021 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/futurestudents
Email smtdadmissions@oakland.edu
Phone (248) 370-2030

SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE AWARDS

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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, 2021 for the freshman award and July 1, 2021 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.

AND THE HELP CONTINUES

The scholarship opportunities continue once you take classes at OU. There are several scholarships available for current students, including awards for specific majors, athletes and returning alumni, community service, and more. oakland.edu/financialassistance
Double occupancy on-campus per year. The estimated cost is $784 on the courses you take.

• Juniors & Seniors $25,598
• Seniors $16,640
• Juniors $16,325
• Sophomores $13,690
• Freshmen $13,580

SCHOOL OF NURSING

1. Many students qualify for a scholarship that would cover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition. Citizens of Canada and Mexico may also qualify. Rate on chart reflects this award.

2. Students who plan to attend OU as a student visa (F-1) or an exchange visa (J-1).

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ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FRESHMEN

(Presidential Scholar Award, Distinguished Scholar Award, Talented Scholar Award, Academic Achievement Award, University Recognition Award, Geographic Region Award, Non-Resident Award)

Terms and Conditions

- Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant’s grade point average and highest SAT or ACT composite score at the time of application to the university.
- Scholarships are available only to entering freshmen. “Entering freshman” refers to students who are in college for the first time and enroll full time on campus at OU in the upcoming fall semester.
- High school principals in identified public urban school districts will be asked to provide the name of the graduating senior valedictorian. The university will notify the student once eligibility and certification is determined.
- In order to qualify for the award, the student valedictorian must have a 3.5 cumulative high school GPA and a score of 1030 or higher on the SAT (ACT score of 20 or higher).
- Scholarships are for the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, 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 meet all renewal criteria for the full academic year designated by the university, 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.
- OU offers and renewals scholarships at its sole and absolute discretion; offers and renewals are contingent upon the availability of funds, continuation of the scholarship program and meeting renewal criteria.
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Renewal Criteria

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- 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.
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LEGAL 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, or/daughter, spouse). Alumni status must be confirmed at the time of application. Eligibility is also based on the applicant’s grade point average and ACT or SAT composite score at the time of application to the university.
- Students may apply for the award; recipients are selected by an alumni committee and notified by the Office of Alumni Engagement.

LEGACY TRANSFER AWARD

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FINANCIAL NEED-BASED GRANTS FOR FRESHMEN

(Housing Grant, Golden Grant, Golden Grantee 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. Students who are eligible for the need-based grant. Students must have an OU EFC less than $8,000.
- Grants are based on the applicants grade point average at the time of admission to the university.
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- Scholarships are available only to the fall and winter semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, not for repeat eight semesters total. Continuous full-time enrollment in OU undergraduate credits as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
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FINANCIAL NEED-BASED GRANTS FOR TRANSFERS

(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.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students at the university.
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ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRANSFERS

(Presidential Transfer Award, Talent Transfer Award, Non-Resident Award, Phi Theta Kappa Award)

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Complete your FAFSA beginning October 1 at fafsa.gov.
OU’s school code: 002307

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Net Price Calculator oakland.edu/npc

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