

# UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

OAKLAND  
UNIVERSITY

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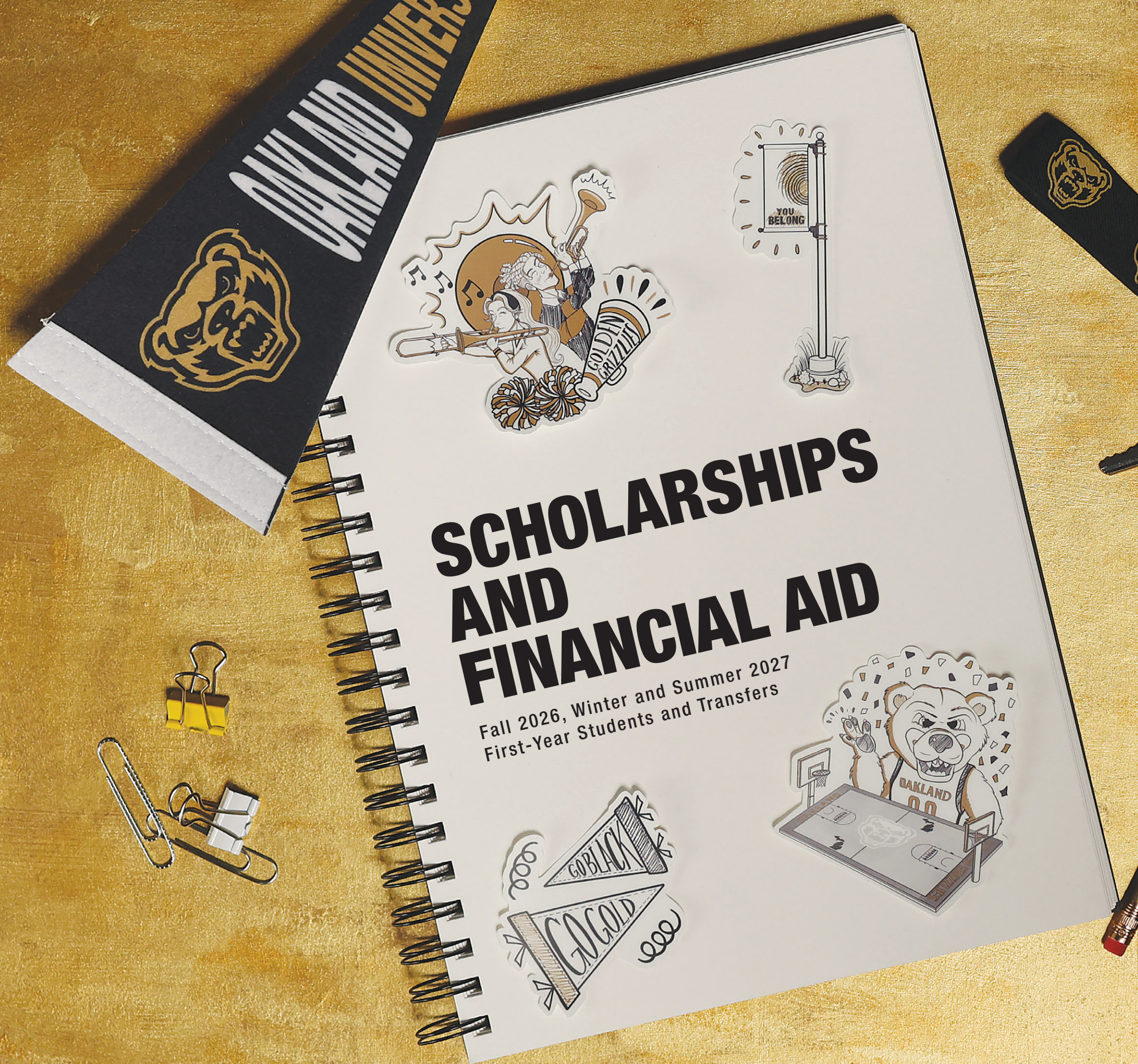
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# GOLDEN GUARANTEE

## FREE TUITION

FOR ELIGIBLE INCOMING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Incoming first-year students, who are eligible for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, and have family incomes of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets less than \$50,000 will automatically be considered for the Golden Guarantee. The total amount of Oakland University institutional awards and tuition waiver benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition (the OU Housing Grant is not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits).

OU  
Tuition

— Gift aid\*

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Remaining  
balance

The Golden Guarantee  
covers this!

Eligible incoming first-year students 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. Find out if you qualify today.

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

OU HOUSING GRANT

UP TO \$20,000 FOR FOUR YEARS  
(UP TO \$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 family incomes of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets less than \$50,000.

As the cost of on-campus housing continues to rise across the state, Oakland University remains committed to making the residential experience affordable for students.

Factor in the savings you'll see in transportation and gas, and free amenities such as laundry, parking and wireless internet, and living on campus may be the smartest financial decision for you.

## ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

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, 2026 for fall, December 1, 2026 for winter and July 1, 2027 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. Students may only receive one academic merit scholarship (except for the Non-Resident Award, if applicable).

**PLATINUM PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR AWARD**  
**\$48,000 FOR FOUR YEARS (\$12,000 PER YEAR)**  
Awarded to entering first-year students with a high school GPA of 3.90 or higher and a score of 1450 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 first-year students 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 first-year students with a high school GPA of 3.80-3.89 and a score of 1300 or higher on the SAT (an 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 first-year students with a high school GPA of 3.80 or higher and a score of 1200 to 1290 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 3.9 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 first-year students 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 3.69 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 incoming first-year students 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).

**NON-RESIDENT AWARD**  
**IN-STATE TUITION RATES** (Not pictured on chart)  
Awarded to entering first-year students 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. May be earned in addition to the above awards.

## CRITERIA FOR ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

GPA on a 4.0 scale	No test score submitted	Up to 1120 SAT	1130 to 1190 SAT	1200 to 1220 SAT	1230 to 1250 SAT	1260 to 1290 SAT	1300 to 1320 SAT	1330 to 1350 SAT	1360 to 1380 SAT	1390 to 1440 SAT	1450+ SAT
		Up to 22 ACT	23 to 24 ACT	25 ACT	26 ACT	27 ACT	28 ACT	29 ACT	30 ACT	31-32 ACT	33+ ACT
3.9+	Talented Scholar Annual Award \$3,500									Gold Presidential Scholar \$9,000	Platinum Presidential Scholar \$12,000
3.85 to 3.89								Distinguished Scholar Annual Award \$5,500			
3.8 to 3.84											
3.7 to 3.79	Academic Achievement Annual Award \$2,000					Talented Scholar Annual Award \$3,500					
3.6 to 3.69											
3.5 to 3.59					Academic Achievement Annual Award \$2,000						
3.4 to 3.49	University Recognition Annual Award \$1,000										
3.0 to 3.39					University Recognition Annual Award \$1,000						

SAT ranges reflect combined Math and Evidence-Based Reading & Writing scores from the SAT.





## ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND NEED-BASED GRANTS FOR TRANSFERS

To be considered for scholarships, entering Fall 2026 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by **August 1, 2026**; entering Winter 2027 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by **December 1, 2026**; entering Summer 2027 transfer students must apply and submit all admission materials by **July 1, 2027**.

If you meet these deadlines, you will automatically be considered for OU scholarships and grants. 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).

### 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 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

**\$4,000 FOR TWO YEARS (\$2,000 PER YEAR)**

Awarded to new transfer students with family incomes of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets of less than \$50,000, 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.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT TRANSFER AWARDS

	24 - 55 Credits	56+ Credits
GPA		
3.8 - 4.0	Phi Theta Kappa Award \$2,500	Presidential Transfer Award \$5,000
3.5 - 3.79	Phi Theta Kappa Award \$2,500	Phi Theta Kappa Award \$2,500
3.0 - 3.49	Talented Transfer Award \$1,000	Talented Transfer Award \$1,000

### FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENT TRANSFER AWARDS

	24+ Credits
GPA	
3.5 - 4.0	Phi Theta Kappa Award \$2,500
3.0 - 3.49	Talented Transfer Award \$1,000



# SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE AWARDS

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

Please visit [oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions](https://oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions) or contact the School of Music, Theatre and Dance for audition dates.

Students must apply online by March 1 for their desired program  
music students: [oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions](https://oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions)  
theatre students: [oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions](https://oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions)  
dance students: [oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions](https://oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions)



## QUESTIONS?

Visit [oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions](https://oakland.edu/smtadmissions-and-auditions)  
Email [smtadmissions@oakland.edu](mailto:smtadmissions@oakland.edu)  
Phone (248) 370-2030



# OU VALEDICTORIAN OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

\$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 first-year students.

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.



# OU ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Oakland University is proud to offer more than 350 annual endowed scholarships through academic and student service departments for admitted and current students. Beginning December 1, admitted and current students should complete the application to apply for OU annual scholarships to use in the next academic year. The application closes March 1.

Students can search available scholarships on [oakland.edu](https://oakland.edu) year round and based on student information provided to OU, students can view scholarships for which they qualify. When students complete the application, the list of eligible scholarship matches expands based on the information provided on the application. [oakland.edu/financialaid/available-financial-assistance](https://oakland.edu/financialaid/available-financial-assistance)

# 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, 2026 for the freshman award and July 1, 2026 for the transfer award. For complete details and to apply, visit [oakland.edu/alumni/awards](https://oakland.edu/alumni/awards).

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

**\$2,000 (ONE-TIME AWARD)**  
Entering first-year students 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.





# FINANCIAL AID TOOLS

Oakland University offers help in learning about, applying for, and understanding financial aid. To receive financial aid from any source, you must be admitted and enrolled at Oakland University.

All students must apply for admission to OU and are encouraged to use the Net Price Calculator (NPC) tool at [oakland.edu/npc](http://oakland.edu/npc) to obtain an estimate of OU's direct, billable charges (tuition and housing & food for on-campus residents) and indirect, non-billable expenses (the average cost of books, commuting, housing and food for off-campus living, and personal living expenses). The NPC results will also show an estimate of financial aid that may be available to you.

# FINANCIAL AID EVENTS

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships also offers events to get financial aid help. Students and families are encouraged to register for a Paying for College Presentation to learn more about the financial aid process, applying for aid, and the best tips for maximizing your financial aid opportunities. Beginning in the student's senior year of high school, student applicants and contributors to a FAFSA can get help completing the application during our FAFSA Workshops. Once you receive a financial aid offer, students can attend a Financial Aid Offer Workshop to get help understanding their aid and taking the next steps to confirm their attendance at Oakland University. The following pages contain the handouts for these events. Register to attend each event at [oakland.edu/financialevnts](http://oakland.edu/financialevnts).



# APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships, grants, student employment funds (federal work-study), and loans are included in the term "financial aid." In order to be considered for financial aid available from Oakland University, the federal and State of Michigan governments, and private organizations and companies, you'll need to apply.

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

Complete the FAFSA in the student's senior year of high school and annually thereafter. Several sources of financial aid use the FAFSA to offer aid, including Oakland University, the federal government, and the State of Michigan.

## MICHIGAN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS (MISSG) STUDENT PORTAL

While most State of Michigan aid requires the FAFSA, there are additional applications for some of their aid in the MiSSG student portal. Students can visit [Michigan.gov/missg](http://Michigan.gov/missg) to create their student portal account, view partial eligibility, apply for other State of MI aid, and manage their final college choice.

## OU AID

Some OU scholarships and grants are offered automatically to incoming first-year and transfer students through the admissions process and when a FAFSA is processed by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Additionally, OU Annual Scholarships are endowed scholarships offered through academic and student service departments, and require an annual single-profile application, available December 1 – March 1, to be completed by newly admitted and currently enrolled students.

## PRIVATE AID

Private aid is generally considered aid received from a source other than the university, state or federal governments. Private aid can be scholarships from organizations, foundations, and/or businesses. Private loans can come from a bank, credit union, or other private lender of your choice.



# PAYING FOR COLLEGE PRESENTATION OUTLINE

To view the presentation and download handouts, please visit [oakland.edu/financialevnts](http://oakland.edu/financialevnts)

# ELEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AID

## FOUR TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID:

1. Scholarships – eligibility based on academic accomplishments
2. Grants – eligibility based on financial components on FAFSA
3. Student employment (federal work-study) – eligibility based on Financial Need calculation and availability of funds
4. Loans – loan type eligibility based on Financial Need (sub loan) and non-need based (unsub loan) calculation

## FOUR SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID:

1. Federal government
2. State government
3. College or university
4. Private sources - orgs and companies

# APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA):

- Each student and each contributor (biological/step/adoptive parent or student's spouse) in the household (unless married filing jointly) must create an account (FSA ID) at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).
- File FAFSA as soon as it is available in the senior year in high school and every year thereafter at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/fafsa).
- The Student Aid Index (SAI) is calculated using the information entered on the FAFSA. The SAI is used to determine eligibility for the Michigan Achievement award, federal work-study, and subsidized student loans.
- Review the FAFSA Submission Summary after the FAFSA has been processed. Make any necessary corrections.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

- Most awards require the FAFSA.
- Students in the State of Michigan should create an MiSSG student portal at [michigan.gov/mistudentaid/missg](http://michigan.gov/mistudentaid/missg).
- Access the MiSSG student portal to view your state aid eligibility, access applications for state aid, and submit your final college of choice selection.

## COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY (INSTITUTIONAL) AID

Check the college/university website for application and awarding processes, deadlines, and availability of funds.

## PRIVATE SOURCES

- Students should search and apply for private scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school until they graduate from college. These are scholarship searches Oakland University recommends:
  - [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)
  - [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)
  - [michigan.gov/mistudentaid/students-fams](http://michigan.gov/mistudentaid/students-fams)
- Private loans are available through any bank or private lender, but should be used as a very last resort.

# NEXT STEPS

- Apply for private scholarships regularly.
- Use the Net Price Calculator to get an estimated Cost of Attendance and estimated financial aid offer.
- Create an FSA ID ([studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) login) for the student and each parent in the household - log into [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) regularly to prepare for the transition to college.
- Set calendar reminders to submit FAFSA every October 1 until you graduate from college.
- Visit [oakland.edu/financialevnts](http://oakland.edu/financialevnts) for more financial aid help.
- Create your MiSSG student portal account.

## 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 continue attending college in jeopardy. If you have extenuating financial circumstances, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at (248) 370-2550 to discuss your options with an adviser.



LOG IN CREDENTIALS AND FAFSA WORKSHEET

STEP ONE

Create studentaid.gov and MiSSG accounts.  
Each student applicant, student's spouse, and parent contributor to the FAFSA must create their own account (FSA ID) at studentaid.gov.  
Students in Michigan should also create an MiSSG student portal account at michigan.gov/mistudentaid/missg.

Student's FSA ID Information (do not use school email):

Personal email

Username

Mobile number

Password

Student's MiSSG Student Portal Information (do not use school email):

Username

Password

Parent's or Student's Spouse's FSA ID Information:

Personal email

Username

Mobile number

Password

Parent's FSA ID Information:

Personal email

Username

Mobile number

Password

STEP TWO - Available FAFSA Assistance and FAFSA Checklist for Contributors

File the FAFSA at studentaid.gov/afsa when it becomes available each year. Make sure you are completing a FAFSA for the correct academic year.  
Register to attend a FAFSA Workshop hosted by Oakland University at oakland.edu/financialevnts. You will need the following to complete the FAFSA:

- Your studentaid.gov account login information (FSA ID).
- Your A-number if you are not a US Citizen.
- Federal income tax returns, records of child support received, and your current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts.  
Please note: You must provide consent and approval to disclose your federal tax information to be eligible for federal student aid.
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable), net worth of investmetns, businesses, and farms.
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable).

STEP THREE - Student Steps After the FAFSA is Processed

Review Your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)  
Within 1-3 days of submitting the FAFSA, the student will receive an email notification indicating the FSS is available to view on studentaid.gov.  
If there are any errors, login to studentaid.gov, make the necessary corrections, and resubmit the FAFSA.

Receive Your Financial Aid Offers

Colleges and universities where you’ve been admitted and sent your FAFSA will send comprehensive financial aid offers to students. Review the letter carefully and contact the financial aid office at that school with any questions. Visit our website, oakland.edu/financialevnts and click on the Financial Aid Offer Evaluation tab to download the worksheet.

Respond to Financial Aid Requirements

Once you have received your financial aid offer from a college or university, check your accounts at that school regularly and complete any requirements within the designated time period requested. Make sure your financial aid offer has been confirmed by completing all requirements at every school you’re considering. Once you have decided where you will attend, notify all financial aid offices at the other institutions you will not attend.

FINANCIAL AID OFFER WORKSHEET

Financial aid offers are based on an estimated cost of attendance, calculated by the college or university, which includes estimated billable/direct charges and estimated non-billable/indirect expenses you may have to pay for related to your education. While expenses vary depending on the level of enrollment and the lifestyle of the student, average costs are reflected in the estimated cost of attendance and used to determine the amount and type of financial assistance offered.

Use the Cost of Attendance and award information for each school you wish to evaluate. Enter the name of the school at the top of each column and fill in the information below to determine if your financial assistance will cover your billable charges and non-billable expenses.

	School 1	School 2	School 3
Estimated Billable Items			
Tuition and Fees			
On-Campus Housing and Food (enter 0 if living off-campus or with parents)			
Total Billable Items (A)			
Financial Aid			
Scholarships and Grants (college/federal/state)			
Federal Student Loans			
Total Financial Aid (B)			
A positive result (+) indicates a balance you will owe to the school by the payment due date. A negative result (-) indicates a refund of excess financial aid to help pay for non-billable items. Total (A) - Total (B) = Total C			
Estimated Non-billable Items (based on the average student, your personal budget may be different)			
Books, Materials, Equipment and Supplies			
Personal Miscellaneous Expenses (including housing and general living expenses)			
Transportation			
Loan Fees			
Professional Licensure, Certification, Credential			
Total Non-Billable Items (D)			
Other Financial Aid (additional options to pay for billable and/or non-billable items)			
Parent PLUS Loan			
Private Student Loan			
Other Financial Resources			
Employment Wages (work-study or regular employment wages)			
MET/MESP/Other 529 Plans			
Personal Savings			
Other Financial Resources (E)			
Total (D) - Total (E) = Total F			
A positive result (+) indicates the need to adjust your budget, pay expenses out of savings, or find additional financial assistance in private scholarships or loans to pay for indirect expenses not covered by scholarships, grants, and student loans. A negative (-) result indicates an excess amount of financial aid and the need to consider reducing loans.			
Total (C) + Total (F) = Grand Total G			
The grand total represents your overall estimated costs and what your financial aid and other financial resources will pay. You may experience excess financial resources or the need to find additional resources or reduce your costs.			





## TUITION AND OTHER COST ESTIMATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

### TUITION ESTIMATES

*In-state and out-of-state with the Non-Resident Award<sup>1</sup>*

First-year students and sophomores \$16,176

Juniors and seniors \$17,888

*International and out-of-state<sup>2</sup>*

First-year students and sophomores \$22,950

Juniors and seniors \$23,618

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

### ON-CAMPUS HOUSING ESTIMATE<sup>3</sup>

\$11,621

3. The cost reflects double occupancy on-campus housing and a meal plan for the year. For additional information, please visit [oakland.edu/housing/cost](http://oakland.edu/housing/cost).

### BOOK ESTIMATE<sup>4</sup>

\$700

4. The cost of books, equipment, materials and supplies will vary depending on the course you take.

For more information about tuition or to estimate your total cost of attendance, visit [oakland.edu/tuition](http://oakland.edu/tuition).

## THE FINE PRINT

The University notifies students of scholarship awards through official scholarship award letters sent to students via United States mail. Oakland University reserves the right to make changes to award eligibility and renewal criteria.

### ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

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

#### Terms and Conditions

- Scholarship awards are based on the applicant's grade point average and highest SAT or ACT composite score (if applicable) at the time of admission to the university. Updated transcripts and/or test scores may be submitted for scholarship reconsideration through the scholarship deadline.
- 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 are available only to entering freshmen. "Entering freshmen" refers to students who are in college for the first time and enroll full time at OU. Students must apply to the university and submit all required materials (including transcripts and SAT or ACT scores) by the scholarship deadline.
- 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, financial aid eligible credits, as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students, in financial aid eligible credits, at the university. Advanced Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program® (CLEP), credit for prior learning, transfer credit and/or course competency examinations do not count toward the full-time credits.
- OU offers and renews 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.
- 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 is not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits.

#### Renewal Criteria

After the first year at OU, the university will renew grants and scholarships annually for students who meet the following criteria:

- Students first entering OU in the fall semester must attempt at least 28, financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits between their first fall and winter semesters. Students first entering OU in the winter or summer semesters must attempt at least 12, financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits during their first semester.
- Students first entering in the fall semester must earn at least 24 credits between their first fall, winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the winter semester must earn at least 12 credits between winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the summer semester must earn at least 24 credits by the end of the following summer semester. AP, IB, CLEP, transfer credits, credit for prior learning, non-matriculated credits and repeated courses will not be considered toward the earned credits. After the first review for renewal of awards, students must earn 24 credits in each academic year thereafter.
- Beyond the first year, continuous full-time enrollment in financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits each fall and winter semester.
- Maintain a cumulative university GPA of 3.0 (except for the Non-Resident Award for which you must maintain a cumulative university GPA of 2.0). Maintain a cumulative university GPA of 3.5 for the Presidential Scholar Awards. Presidential Scholar Award recipients whose cumulative GPA falls between 3.0 and 3.49 will be re-awarded the Distinguished Scholar Award and must meet all renewal criteria for that award.
- Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP).
- Students who continue full-time enrollment during the summer semester can receive the award. Receipt of the award during a summer semester is applicable to the maximum allowable semesters for renewal.

### OU VALEDICTORIAN OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

#### Terms and Conditions

- Scholarship awards are 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 freshmen" refers to students who are in college for the first time and enroll full time at OU.
- 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, financial aid eligible credits, as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students, in financial aid eligible credits, at the university. Advanced Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program® (CLEP), credit for prior learning, transfer credit and/or course competency examinations do not count toward the full-time credits.
- 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 and meeting renewal criteria.
- 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 is not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits.

#### Renewal Criteria

After the first year at OU, the university will renew grants and scholarships annually for students who meet the following criteria:

- Students first entering OU in the fall semester must attempt at least 28, financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits between their first fall and winter semesters. Students first entering OU in the winter or summer semesters must attempt at least 12, financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits during their first semester.
- Students first entering in the fall semester must earn at least 24 credits between their first fall, winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the winter semester must earn at least 12 credits between winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the summer semester must earn at least 24 credits by the end of the following summer semester. AP, IB, CLEP, transfer credits, credit for prior learning, non-matriculated credits and repeated courses will not be considered toward the earned credits. After the first review for renewal of awards, students must earn 24 credits in each academic year thereafter.
- Beyond the first year, continuous full-time enrollment in financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits during each fall and winter semester.
- Maintain a cumulative university GPA of 3.0.
- Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP).
- Students who continue full-time enrollment during the summer semester can receive the award. Receipt of the award during a summer semester is applicable to the maximum allowable semesters for renewal.



LEGACY AWARD FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

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 conferred 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 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, defined as students who are in college for the first time and enroll full time at OU in the first fall semester immediately following high school graduation.
- Students may use scholarships for the fall and winter semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, not to exceed eight semesters total. Continuous full-time enrollment in OU undergraduate, financial aid eligible credits, as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students, in financial aid eligible credits, at the university. Advanced 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 is not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits.

LEGACY TRANSFER AWARD

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 conferred 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 following the award application deadline.
- Students must apply for the award; recipients are selected by an alumni committee and notified by the Office of Alumni Engagement.
- Scholarships apply only to the fall and winter semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, and are available only to new transfer students who enroll full time in OU undergraduate credits as an undergraduate student in their first semester of admission.
- Continuous full-time enrollment in OU undergraduate, financial aid eligible credits, as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students, in financial aid eligible credits, at the university. Advanced 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 is not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits.

FINANCIAL NEED-BASED GRANT FOR TRANSFERS

(OU Transfer Grant)

Terms and Conditions

- Students who are admitted to the university, complete the FAFSA and all financial aid requirements, will automatically be considered for the OU Transfer Grant. The university notifies students who have been selected to receive the OU Transfer Grant. Students must have a family income of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets of less than \$50,000.
- Grants are based on the applicant’s number of earned credits at the time of admission to the university.
- Students may use grants for the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, not to exceed four semesters total. Continuous full-time enrollment in OU undergraduate, financial aid eligible credits as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
- Grant recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students, in financial aid eligible credits at the university. Advanced Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program (CLEP), transfer credit, repeated credits, credit for prior learning, and/or course competency examinations do not count toward the full-time credits.
- OU offers and renews grants at its sole and absolute discretion; offers and renewals are contingent upon the availability of funds, continuation of the grant program and meeting renewal criteria.
- 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.

Renewal Criteria

- The university will renew grants annually, up to a maximum of two continuous fall and winter semesters, for students who meet the following criteria:
- Students first entering in the fall semester must earn 24 credits between their first fall, winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the winter semester must earn at least 12 credits between the winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the summer semester must earn at least 24 credits by the end of the following summer semester. AP, IB, CLEP, transfer credits, credit for prior learning, non-matriculated credits and repeated courses will not be considered toward the earned credits. After the first review for renewal of awards, students must earn 24 credits in each academic year thereafter.
  - Continue to enroll full time, in financial aid eligible credits, at the university during consecutive fall and winter semesters for which they receive the scholarship.
  - Beyond the first year, continuous full-time enrollment in financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits during their first semester.
  - Documented financial need by annual completion of the FAFSA and fulfilled all financial aid requirements by July 1. The OU Transfer Grant requires family incomes of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets of less than \$50,000.
  - Beyond the first year, continuous full-time enrollment in financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits during their first semester.
  - Maintain a cumulative university GPA of 2.0 or higher.
  - Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP).
  - Students who continue to full-time enrollment during the summer semester can receive the award. Receipt of the award during a summer semester is applicable to the maximum allowable semesters for renewal.



FINANCIAL NEED-BASED GRANTS FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

(Housing Grant, Golden Guarantee)

Terms and Conditions

- Students who are admitted to the university, complete the FAFSA and all financial aid requirements, and are eligible for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, will automatically be considered for the Golden Guarantee. The university notifies students who have been selected to receive the Golden Guarantee. Students must have a family income of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets of less than \$50,000.
- Students who are admitted to the university and complete the FAFSA and all financial aid requirements will automatically be considered for the OU Housing Grant. The university notifies students who have been selected to receive the OU Housing Grant. Students must have a family income of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets of less than \$50,000.
- 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” refers to students who are in college for the first time and enroll full time at OU.
- 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. Continuous full-time enrollment in financial aid eligible, 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, in financial aid eligible credits, at the university. Advanced Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program (CLEP), transfer credit, repeated credits, credit for prior learning and/or course competency examinations do not count toward the full-time credits.
- OU offers and renews grants at its sole and absolute discretion; offers and renewals are contingent upon the availability of funds, continuation of the grant program and meeting renewal criteria.
- The OU Housing Grant requires living on campus and full semester on-campus housing charges.
- 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 is not included in this limitation of OU awards and benefits.

Renewal Criteria

- The university will renew scholarships annually for students who meet the following criteria:
- Students first entering OU in the fall semester must attempt at least 28, financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits between their first fall and winter semesters. Students first entering OU in the winter or summer semesters must attempt at least 12, financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits during their first semester.
  - Students first entering in the fall semester must earn 24 credits between their first fall, winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the winter semester must earn at least 12 credits between the winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the summer semester must earn at least 24 credits by the end of the following summer semester. AP, IB, CLEP, transfer credits, credit for prior learning, non-matriculated credits and repeated courses will not be considered toward the earned credits. After the first review for renewal of awards, students must earn 24 credits in each academic year thereafter.
  - Documented financial need by annual completion of the FAFSA and fulfill all financial aid requirements by July 1. The Golden Guarantee requires the continuation of receipt of the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and family incomes of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets of less than \$50,000. The OU Housing Grant requires family incomes of less than or equal to \$70,000 and family assets of less than \$50,000.
  - Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher for the OU Housing grant. The Golden Guarantee requires a GPA of 2.0.
  - Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP).
  - Students who continue to full-time enrollment during the summer semester can receive the award. Receipt of the award during a summer semester is applicable to the maximum allowable semesters for renewal.

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRANSFERS

(Presidential 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 are for the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university and are only available to new transfer students who enroll full-time at OU in their first semester of admission. Eligibility is not to exceed four semesters total and requires continuous full-time enrollment in OU undergraduate, financial aid eligible credits, as an undergraduate student is required each fall and winter semester.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students, in financial aid eligible credits, at the university. Advanced Placement exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program® (CLEP), transfer credit, repeated credits, credit for prior learning and/or course competency examinations do not count toward the full-time credits.
- 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.
- Transfer students who wish to be considered for transfer awards must submit all admission application materials, including transcripts, by August 1, 2026 for fall 2026, December 1, 2026, for winter 2027, or July 1, 2027 for Summer 2027.
- 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.

Renewal Criteria

- The university will renew scholarships annually for students who meet the following criteria:
- Maintain a minimum cumulative university GPA of 3.0 (except for the Non-Resident Award for which you must maintain an cumulative university GPA of 2.0). Maintain a minimum cumulative university GPA of 3.5 for the Presidential Transfer Award.
  - Continue to enroll full time at the university during consecutive fall and winter semesters for which they receive the scholarship.
  - Students first entering in the fall semester must earn 24 credits between their first fall, winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the winter semester must earn at least 12 credits between the winter and summer semesters. Students first entering in the summer semester must earn at least 24 credits by the end of the following summer semester. AP, IB, CLEP, transfer credits, credit for prior learning, non-matriculated credits and repeated courses will not be considered toward the earned credits. After the first review for renewal of awards, students must earn 24 credits in each academic year thereafter.
  - Beyond the first year, continuous full-time enrollment in financial aid eligible, Oakland University credits during their first semester.
  - Meet the requirements of Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy.
  - Students who continue to full-time enrollment during the summer semester can receive the award. Receipt of the award during a summer semester is applicable to the maximum allowable semesters for renewal.

