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Academic Scholars Program (ASP)

- Established in 1988
- Oklahoma’s Merit Based Scholarship Program
- Open to high school seniors planning to attend any Oklahoma college
Academic Scholars Program (ASP)

Academic Scholars Program Participants 2007-2017
Oklahoma Public and Private Colleges and Universities

Non-residents
Residents

2112 2137 2214 2322 2281 2299 2242 2339 2335 2430 2500

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How does a student qualify for ASP?
- National Merit Scholars*
- National Merit Finalists*
- Presidential Scholars*
- Oklahoma Test Takers at or above the 99.5 percentile on the ACT or SAT
- Institutional Nominee*

*Out of state participation is limited
How does a student apply for ASP?

- ACT and SAT Automatic Qualifiers complete the application and mail it to OSRHE
- National Merit Finalists, National Merit Scholars, and Presidential Scholars should contact their institution to apply
- Students who do not automatically qualify should contact the institution’s financial aid office for more information on the nomination process
# Academic Scholars Program (ASP)

Institutional Nominees will be required to meet at least one of the two minimum standards listed in the table below:

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<th>Tier</th>
<th>ACT or SAT Equivalent</th>
<th>GPA and Class Rank</th>
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<td>Research Universities</td>
<td>32 or SAT Equivalent</td>
<td>3.9 &amp; either top 2% or rank 1st or 2nd in graduating class</td>
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<td>Regional Universities</td>
<td>30 or SAT Equivalent</td>
<td>3.8 &amp; either top 4% or rank 1st or 2nd in graduating class</td>
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<td>Two-Year Community Colleges</td>
<td>29 or SAT Equivalent</td>
<td>3.7 &amp; either top 5% or rank 1st or 2nd in graduating class</td>
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**Academic Scholars Program (ASP)**

**Automatic Qualifiers**
- $5,500 at Research Universities
- $4,000 at Regional Universities
- $3,500 at Community Colleges

**Institutional Nominees**
- $2,800 at Research Universities
- $2,000 at Regional Universities
- $1,800 at Community Colleges
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- Retention Requirements
  - Full-time Enrollment Each Semester
  - Maintain a 3.25 Cumulative GPA
  - Complete 24 Credit Hours Each Year
  - Renewable for Eight Semesters
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- **Administrative Rules**
  - Maintained by the Office of Administrative Rules of the Oklahoma Secretary of State
  - On the OAR site, click the blue "Search Code" button on the left and enter "academic scholars program" in the search box.
Academic Scholars Program (ASP)

- Program Rules
  - A student must enter the program the fall semester immediately after his/her class graduates from high school
  - Students are eligible for consideration as an Institutional Nominee no later than the fall semester immediately following the graduation of their high school class
Program Rules (con’t)

- Renewable for eight semesters
- Additional semesters available only for extraordinary circumstances or undergraduate academic programs that cannot be completed in eight semesters
Extension Requests to the eight semester limit on Academic Scholars awards:

- Extension requests will not be given for students pursuing double majors, second undergraduate degrees, or graduate degrees.
- Students with extraordinary circumstances or who enter a professional degree program that does not require an undergraduate degree will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
The guidelines shown below will be used to review requests for extensions to the eight semester limit on Academic Scholars awards:

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<th>Hours Required for Undergraduate Degree</th>
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<td>124-129</td>
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<td>130-135</td>
<td>½ semester extension</td>
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<td>136-141</td>
<td>1 semester extension</td>
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<td>1 ½ semester extension</td>
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<td>148 &amp; above</td>
<td>2 semester extension</td>
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Program Rules (con’t)
- To receive payment for enrollment in a summer term, the student must submit the summer term application to the State Regents’ office by the application deadline.
Transfer Rules

- An Institutional Nominee of a two-year college cannot transfer to a four-year institution until completion of an associate’s degree or 48 credit hours.
- An Institutional Nominee of a two-year college must attend the nominating institution for the first year.
Transfer Rules (con’t)

- Students receiving the scholarship as an Institutional Nominee of a four-year university are eligible for transfer to another Oklahoma institution after one year of attendance at the nominating institution.

- Non-resident scholars wishing to transfer the scholarship are required to receive approval from the institution to which they intend to transfer.
Leave of Absence
- Students may take a leave of absence if not enrolled
- Studying abroad
  - Student can take a leave of absence or request scholarship assistance
  - If the student requests scholarship assistance while studying abroad, he/she is required to meet all enrollment and GPA requirements
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Non-Resident Participation

- The statutes governing the Academic Scholars Program (Title 70, Section 2404) limit non-resident student participation to 25% of awards or funding.
Non-Resident Participation

- Beginning in 2008–09, institutions exceeding 25% in non-resident payments were required to refund the program.
- Regents limited non-resident participation to 20% of awards or funding beginning with fall 2012.
- Regents further limited non-resident participation to 10% of awards or funding beginning with fall 2017.
- Effective with the 2018–2019 academic year, funding for non-resident student scholarships was eliminated.
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Institutional Nominee Slots
- Institutional Nominee slots and award amounts are authorized annually (subject to change)
- Presidents of Institutions are notified of authorization by letter from Chancellor.
Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Program (RUBS)
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- Established in 1994
- To enable public regional universities to provide four years of scholarship support to academically promising Oklahoma students enrolled in a baccalaureate program
- To enhance academic quality in public regional universities
Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Program (RUBS)

- Program Rules (Eligibility):
  - Composite score of 30 on the ACT and a GPA and class rank which are exceptional as determined by the institution
  OR
  - National Merit Semifinalist or National Merit Commended Student
  - Student must be an Oklahoma resident
Program Rules

- Renewable for up to eight semesters or until a baccalaureate degree is received, whichever comes first.
- Scholarship is not transferable to another university.
- Recipients must maintain a 3.25 cumulative grade point average for continued eligibility.
- Recipients must also maintain full-time enrollment each semester.
Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Program (RUBS)

- RUBS freshmen slots
  - Freshmen slots and award amounts are approved annually. (subject to change)
  - Presidents are notified of annual authorization by letter from Chancellor.
William P. Willis Scholarship Program
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- Scholarship was established by the 1986 Oklahoma Legislature
- The goal is to provide scholarships to low income, full-time undergraduates attending institutions in the Oklahoma state System of Higher Education
Program Rules (Eligibility):
- Nominee must be a full-time undergraduate
- Must have an effective income of $32,000 or less per year (AGI—standard or itemized deductions and allowable personal exemptions)
- Must be an Oklahoma resident
- Each institution nominates one student except NSU which nominates two students.
William P. Willis Scholarship

Award Levels:

- $3,000 at Research Universities
- $2,400 at Regional Universities
- $2,000 at Community Colleges
Program Rules

- Scholarship award is not-transferable
- The student may receive the award for no more than four years
- Must be making satisfactory academic progress
Heroes Promise
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The program is available to certain students that are a child of any person killed after January 1, 2000, in the line of duty in any branch of the United States Armed Forces or who died after January 1, 2000, as a result of an injury sustained while in the line of duty and the person who was killed or died filed an individual or joint Oklahoma income tax return for the tax year prior to the year during which the person was killed or died.
Heroes Promise

Program Rules (Eligibility):
- Students must be Oklahoma residents and can sign up for the program up to the age of 21.
- The student must also begin postsecondary education by age 21.
- Heroes Promise students are not subject to the Oklahoma’s Promise high school academic requirements or the family income requirements.
- Students must be approved for admission to an Oklahoma college or university.
Heroes Promise

- Once eligibility is established and the student begins postsecondary education, the award is the same as Oklahoma’s Promise and the continuing eligibility requirements and limits are also the same.
- Heroes Promise students will appear on the Oklahoma’s Promise eligibility list. A separate claim will not be required.
- Heroes Promise students are not subject to the high school requirements, they will not appear on the “potential” eligibility list.
Independent Living Tuition Waiver
The Independent Living Act was established by the 2000 Oklahoma Legislature to ensure that eligible individuals who have been or are in the foster care program of the Department of Human Services receive services that include housing, medical coverage and education.
Independent Living Tuition Waiver

- Student must be a resident of Oklahoma
- Student must have graduated within the previous three years from a State Board of Education–accredited high school, the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics or a high school bordering Oklahoma as approved by the State Board of Education OR the student must have completed the General Educational Development (GED) requirements.
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- The student must have been in DHS custody for at least nine months between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Students must be enrolled in a public college or university or certain programs at technology centers.
- Tuition waivers will be made available to eligible students up to 26 years of age or upon completion of a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first.
Questions?
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