

This timeline can assist you as you plan for your education at OSU. Incoming freshmen should complete the combined application for admission and scholarships, including essay response and leadership and involvement resume, and ensure test scores (if available) and transcripts are postmarked prior to the deadlines listed below.

SPRING TIMELINE
STUDENTS ENTERING DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER:

The timeline for the FAFSA is the same for students entering OSU during the spring semester as it is for students entering in the fall semester. If you include OSU on the FAFSA in the fall, please notify the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid of your plans to begin attendance in the spring semester.

▶ **OCT. 15**
PRIORITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Applications received before this date will be considered for all available scholarship programs.

▶ **THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS AT OSU**

FINAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Test scores and updated transcripts must be submitted and all information postmarked prior to the Friday before the spring semester begins at OSU.

Summer-entering students must complete the FAFSA and answer the summer enrollment question on their student portal.

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WE WANT YOU TO BE AN OSU COWBOY. LET US HELP YOU MAKE IT A FINANCIAL REALITY!

Whether you still need to complete your application at OSU and file the FAFSA, or you're ready to review and accept your financial aid package, our Start2Finish guide will help you navigate the process. Visit okla.st/start2finish for more information.

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Paying for College
IN-STATE



(STUDENTS ENTERING DURING THE FALL SEMESTER)

OSU SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

OCT. 1
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available
 We encourage all students to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible using OSU's school code, 003170. Starting Oct. 1, the 2025-26 FAFSA will open for a limited number of students and will become fully available to all students and families by Dec. 1. Priority for programs with limited funds is given to students who file the FAFSA early and respond promptly to any additional information requests.

NOV. 1
Early Opportunity Scholarship Deadline
 Students who apply before this date and are admitted will be considered for the highest level of academic scholarships.

FEB. 1
Priority Scholarship Deadline
 Applications received before this date will be considered for all available scholarship programs.

FINANCIAL AID 101

About 85% of current OSU students receive some sort of financial aid. Get all the facts before you make one of the biggest decisions of your life. Your costs may be less than you think!

WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Money from outside the household that helps pay college expenses.

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an online form that must be completed to apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study and loans. The FAFSA is also used to determine eligibility for state and school aid. Visit fafsa.gov to complete the form.

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

- The federal government is the largest source of grants, loans and work-study.
- OSU offers many scholarships based on need and/or merit (i.e., test scores and GPA).
- For more details about possible financial awards, visit okla.st/types-of-aid.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN CEHS

The College of Education and Human Sciences annually awards more than \$1 million in student scholarships, with over \$130,000 for first-year students. Complete the leadership resume and essay response as a part of your OSU undergraduate admissions application, and you'll automatically be considered for these awards. Criteria vary by award, but most recipients are selected based on academic performance, community service, extracurricular involvement, career goals and/or financial need. Additional opportunities to apply for college-specific scholarships will be available to you in subsequent years.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUCCEED

OSU's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid can help you navigate the process to take advantage of all your options. OSU awards more than \$320 million in scholarships, grants and financial aid each year. To maximize your financial aid options, file your FAFSA as soon as it opens and submit your complete application. We encourage you to call or visit the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid while on campus so our financial aid counselors can help you find the best solution for your individual situation.

ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

Based on our block-rate tuition, Oklahoma's Promise at OSU can provide you with more than \$6,420 per year in assistance toward tuition and other costs, such as books and supplies or housing and food. This includes an additional \$1,000 award, called Cowboy Covenant, that you'll receive as an admitted Oklahoma's Promise student. Your Oklahoma's Promise award can be combined with other scholarships you may receive.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Your next step is to confirm your materials are up to date by logging in to okla.st/portal prior to the Nov. 1 Early Opportunity Scholarship Deadline.



ESTIMATED COSTS

Estimated expenses are shown below for on-campus students for the 2025-26 school year. Your actual costs will vary. These estimates are based on block rate tuition, which charges a single rate for students taking 12 to 18 credit hours per semester. The block rate is a great tool for you to make the most of your tuition dollars and finish college on time. For additional information, visit okla.st/tuition-fees.

Tuition and Fees	\$29,440
Housing and Food	\$11,780
Books and Supplies*	\$1,400
Total Direct Expenses	\$42,620

*Estimated costs include books, course materials, supplies and equipment.

WORK FOR IT

Getting a part-time job is a great way to build your résumé with work experience while developing time management skills and helping cover costs and personal expenses. There are more than 5,000 on-campus jobs available to OSU students. On-campus jobs usually offer 12 to 20 hours of work per week. Many jobs are available in the Stillwater community, too. Finding a job is as easy as applying online at careerservices.okstate.edu. Jobs will be available for search after enrollment.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Check with your high school counselor to seek out opportunities in your community and online. Many students receive a number of local scholarships to help pay for college. Visit the OSU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid website at financialaid.okstate.edu for additional information.

UNIVERSITY ASSURED	AWARD	TEST SCORE	+ 3.75-4.0+ GPA	3.5-3.74 GPA	3.0-3.49 GPA
	ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD	32+ ACT or 1420+ SAT	\$3,000 (\$12,000 four-year total)	\$2,500 (\$10,000 four-year total)	\$2,000 (\$8,000 four-year total)
Students with unmet need (as determined by the FAFSA) will receive an additional \$250 or \$500 per year, depending on their level of need.	A four-year partial tuition waiver.	30-31 ACT or 1360-1410 SAT	\$2,750 (\$11,000 four-year total)	\$2,250 (\$9,000 four-year total)	\$1,750 (\$7,000 four-year total)
		28-29 ACT or 1300-1350 SAT	\$2,500 (\$10,000 four-year total)	\$2,000 (\$8,000 four-year total)	\$1,500 (\$6,000 four-year total)
		26-27 ACT or 1230-1290 SAT	\$2,250 (\$9,000 four-year total)	\$1,750 (\$7,000 four-year total)	\$1,250 (\$5,000 four-year total)
		24-25 ACT or 1160-1220 SAT	\$2,000 (\$8,000 four-year total)	\$1,500 (\$6,000 four-year total)	\$1,000 (\$4,000 four-year total)
	ELIGIBILITY	3.5-4.0+ GPA	3.25-3.49 GPA		
	GPA ONLY: No test score required	\$1,000 (\$4,000 four-year total)	\$750 (\$3,000 four-year total)		

	AWARD	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	ELIGIBILITY
PARTNERED	COWBOY COVENANT - AN OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE PARTNERSHIP	Oklahoma's Promise is a state scholarship program for registered participants that covers tuition at OSU. Cowboy Covenant is a four-year cash award funded by OSU.	Full tuition (Oklahoma's Promise) AND \$1,000 per year (\$4,000 four-year total)	Available to Oklahoma's Promise recipients who are fully admitted to OSU and demonstrate financial need (as determined by the FAFSA). See okpromise.org for details.
	OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS' INSTITUTIONAL NOMINEE (OSRHE)	A five-year full tuition waiver and four-year cash award funded by the state. Limited number available.	Up to \$43,100 total	Qualifying criteria set annually by the State Regents in late fall. See okhighered.org/academic-scholars for details.
	OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS' AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER	A five-year full tuition waiver and four-year cash award funded by the state.	Up to \$53,100 total	Based on ACT/SAT scores at or above the 99.5 percentile for OK residents. Additional criteria set annually by the State Regents. See okhighered.org/academic-scholars for details.
	NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP	A five-year full tuition waiver and a combination of state, university and National Merit funding.	Up to \$72,100 total	The National Merit Scholarship Corporation determines requirements and eligibility. National Merit Finalists must select OSU as their first choice. See nationalmerit.org and okla.st/nationalmerit-ok for details.

UNIVERSITY COMPETITIVE	AWARD	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	ELIGIBILITY
	ACADEMIC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS	Value and terms vary by academic college and department.	Varied	Based on the major students indicate on their application for admission, OSU academic colleges award scholarships. Selection may be based on a number of factors, including test scores and GPA, leadership and community service, written essay, interviews and/or auditions.
	PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP	A four-year cash award.	Up to \$2,500 per year (Up to \$10,000 four-year total)	Highly competitive selection. Requires a minimum 3.75 GPA, a 27 ACT or 1260 SAT score and a strong record of leadership as indicated on the application for admission.
	PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC) SCHOLARSHIP	A one-year cash award. Students serve on the President's Leadership Council.	\$1,500 total	Highly competitive selection. Requires a strong record of leadership and community service as indicated on the application for admission.

Students may only receive the award with the highest value they are eligible for from the University Assured Scholarship or Partnered Scholarship categories. Exceptions include Oklahoma's Promise and Cowboy Covenant, which can be combined with one award in the University Assured Scholarship or Partnered Scholarship categories. If selected, students may receive either the President's Distinguished Scholarship or the President's Leadership Council Scholarship. Either award may be combined with other university scholarships. Students must maintain a minimum GPA and number of credit hours per semester to renew assured scholarship opportunities each year. Renewable scholarship qualifications may vary.

Oklahoma State University uses the highest cumulative GPA (weighted or unweighted based on a 4.0 scale) indicated on a student's official high school transcript for admission and scholarship purposes. GPAs not using a 4.0 scale will be converted to a 4.0 scale.

ACT and SAT scores are computed without the essay score. OSU will accept the official superscore provided by ACT for both admission and scholarship consideration. Deadlines, figures and admission requirements are subject to change. Visit okstate.edu for the most up-to-date information on admission and scholarships at Oklahoma State University.

Consider the BIG PICTURE



BUDGETING

The best way to manage your money over the course of a semester is to sit down and map out a budget. Sometimes you don't realize how much you spend, even on the little things. OSU's financial planning coaches can help you get started. Learn more at okla.st/fpc.



TUITION AND FEES

Create a game plan to ensure you graduate college on time. At OSU, the average number of credit hours to complete a degree is 120 credit hours. To graduate in four years, you must complete 30 credit hours per year. Staying on track with your degree plan and graduating on time can save you money and ensure you start your career sooner.



HOUSING AND FOOD

If possible, consider less expensive housing options. This may include selecting a less expensive housing style preference and meal plan, or you may decide to apply for a position as a community mentor to reduce costs after your freshman year.



BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

You can reduce the amount you pay for books and supplies if you rent or buy used books and carefully consider what course materials are necessary. Students who purchase their books from the OSU Student Union Bookstore can use the textbook buyback option each semester, or you may consider using the library's textbook reserve option.



PERSONAL EXPENSES

Watch these expenses closely. Create a budget and set spending limits for yourself. Saving up from a summer job and budgeting for the year ahead are great ways to set yourself up for success.



OSU BURSAR ACCOUNT

Your student bursar account is a record of charges, payments and applied financial assistance. The Office of the Bursar bills and collects all university-related charges for a student. Our payment plan option provides flexibility to pay expenses in regular monthly installments, rather than one lump sum.



TRAVEL EXPENSES

Utilize OSU's bus system on campus and in Stillwater, which is free to students. A shuttle service is also available between OSU campuses in Stillwater and Tulsa. Consider riding a bike when possible, use discount airline fares and other inexpensive travel methods for your trips to and from school.