Scholarships at Oregon State

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Oregon State is committed to recruiting and retaining motivated, diverse, and driven students. In an effort to assist with the expenses involved in a high caliber education, incoming students are automatically considered for the following scholarships based on their application for admission and completion of the scholarship portion of the application at the time of admission and prior to the February 1 deadline.

Competitive Scholarship Opportunities for Oregon Residents

All Oregon students are reviewed for the following competitive scholarships and will be sent letters of offer after March 15th.

**Presidential Scholarship:** As part of Oregon State University’s commitment to excellence, the Presidential Scholarship is the most distinguished and competitive of the academic awards offered. Presidential scholars are service driven, high achieving leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to these ideals. Each year about 10% of our incoming high school Oregon freshmen are chosen for the Presidential Scholarship. The award amount is $9000 per year (up to $36,000 maximum). To be considered for the Presidential Scholarship Competition, you must be a current Oregon high school senior, have a minimum 3.85 unweighted GPA, and a minimum score of 1900 SAT or 29 ACT. In addition, applicants are evaluated on their scholarship application and insight resume responses.

**Academic Achievement Award:** The Academic Achievement Scholarship is awarded to Oregon residents who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement and dedication to their educational pursuits. They exemplify the high standards Oregon State has set for our future leaders. The award amount varies up to $3,500 per year for up to four years. To be considered for the Academic Achievement Scholarship Competition, you must be an Oregon resident. Entering Freshman have a minimum 3.75 unweighted GPA or a minimum score of 1800 SAT or 26 ACT. Transfer students must have a minimum 3.75 GPA and 36 plus college credit hours. In addition, applicants are evaluated on their scholarship application and insight resume responses.

**Diversity Achievement Award:** At Oregon State University we define diversity as seeking and realizing the richness of human difference and academic excellence. As part of Oregon State’s commitment to excellence and diversity we award the Diversity Achievement Scholarship to outstanding Oregon residents. The award amount varies up to $2,000 per year for up to four years. To be considered for the Diversity Achievement Scholarship Competition, you must be an Oregon resident. Entering Freshman or Transfer students must have a minimum 3.25 unweighted GPA and meet at least one of the following criteria; member of an under served student population or shows demonstrated financial need as defined by federal guidelines or have a documented disability. In addition, applicants are evaluated on their scholarship application and insight resume responses.

Competitive Scholarship Opportunities for Out of State Residents

**Provost Scholarship:** As part of Oregon State University’s commitment to excellence, the Provost Scholarship is the most distinguished of academic awards offered to Non-Residents. Those chosen exemplify the high standards Oregon State has set for our future leaders. The award amount is up to $7000 per year (up to four years). To be considered for the Provost Scholarship Competition, you must be an Out of State Resident. Entering Freshman have a minimum 3.75 unweighted GPA or a minimum score of 1800 SAT or 26 ACT. Transfer students must have a minimum 3.75 GPA and 36 plus college credit hours. In addition, applicants are evaluated on their scholarship application and insight resume responses.

**Tuition Grant Scholarship:** At Oregon State University we seek out variety of perspectives, experiences, and academic excellence. This scholarship is awarded to incoming Out of State Residents. The award amount is up to $3000 per year (up to four years). To be considered for the Tuition Grant Scholarship Competition, you must be an Out of State resident. Entering Freshman and Transfer students have a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA. In addition, applicants are evaluated on their scholarship application and insight resume responses.

Other Competitive Scholarship Opportunities

**National Merit Scholarship:** OSU participates with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to award merit-based scholarships to high school seniors. Students selected as finalists in the College-Sponsored program, who list Oregon State as their “first choice” school on the NMSC application, are eligible to receive a $2,000 per year stipend, renewable for up to four years with specific renewal requirements to be met by the recipient. Qualified finalists must apply for admission by February 1.

**IB Diploma Scholarship:** Students participating in an IB Diploma program at their high school may qualify for the IB Diploma Scholarship. The award amount is for $3000 per year (up to four years). To be considered for the IB Diploma Scholarship you must be an entering Freshman, have a total IB exam score of 30 or higher, and apply by February 1st. Offers are sent in July when scores are available.
APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- HAVE TRANSCRIPTS SENT PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE. Transcripts are required to be on file for evaluation.
- SEND YOUR TEST SCORES EARLY. These scores are factored into the selection process. Be sure to have them sent before the application deadline. Scores are required to be received directly from the test center.
- STAY ON TOP OF DEADLINES! Missing them means missing out as exceptions are not granted.
- TELL US YOUR STORY. Grades and test scores are important, but your voice and life story is what sets you apart. Make sure you present a strong message about who you are, what you have accomplished, and what your goals are.
- PROOFREAD YOUR APPLICATION. Read through your application for errors as well as written quality. Have someone else look over your application to catch errors or make suggestions.
- FOLLOW UP! Follow through to make sure all your information is received for your admissions and scholarship application.

Oregon State Departmental Scholarships

Some scholarship opportunities are available for freshman and transfer students within their college or major. Each department administers their own scholarships, sets deadlines, posts and reviews applications, and awards based on their established criteria. Exploring your options couldn’t be easier! Visit the Oregon State Scholarship Database at [oregonstate.edu/scholarships](http://oregonstate.edu/scholarships). Enter specific criteria or do a general search to see the opportunities available to you. Each scholarship hit will provide you with the name of the scholarship and criteria for award. Click on the hyperlinked scholarship name for information on applying and the managing entity that can provide additional information.

University Scholars Program

The University Scholars Program (USP) seeks to provide a diverse community of ambassadors committed to academic excellence, outreach and engagement, while providing opportunities to encourage our scholar’s involvement in special leadership and service options on campus and in the community, thus enhancing the complete educational experience and providing invaluable future career and personal growth opportunities.

The University Scholars Program is designed to support student success, provide opportunities, and networking. Students receiving the Presidential, Provost’s, Academic Achievement, Diversity Achievement, National Merit and IB Awards are supported by the University Scholars Program. The OSU Scholars Program provides leadership and service opportunities to assist students to become familiar with the campus community, its resources, and activities. Scholars are encouraged to be involved in special leadership and service opportunities designed to enhance their personal and academic experience. The USP coordinator is available to meet with scholars regarding their progress, community service opportunities, elite scholarship opportunities, and campus concerns.

Scholarships for Global Study

Oregon State University recognizes the value of international perspectives in its mission to promote economic, social, cultural and environmental progress for people across Oregon, the nation and the world.

The opportunity to study abroad or participate in an international internship can be a chance to gain new perspectives and skills to help you with your studies and inspire you to be a global citizen. Not only can Oregon State scholarships and financial aid be used to help fund your study abroad experience, and many program providers as well as colleges offer additional scholarships for international study or internships. Many students also take advantage of prestigious national scholarship opportunities to fund their time abroad. Visit [oregonstate.edu/international/studyabroad/finances/scholarships](http://oregonstate.edu/international/studyabroad/finances/scholarships) for more information!

Online Resources

The Oregon State Financial Aid & Scholarships webpage has a wealth of information available on financial aid, scholarships, consumer information, college costs, financial literacy and more! Also be sure to like us on Facebook & follow us on Twitter for important updates!

[financialaid.oregonstate.edu](http://financialaid.oregonstate.edu)  
[OSUFinancialAid](http://OSUFinancialAid)  
[@OSUfinancialaid](http://@OSUfinancialaid)
Undergraduate Research Opportunities

“Research” at OSU is interpreted broadly to reflect what goes on not only in laboratories and field stations, but also in libraries, art studios, and music practice rooms. Undergraduates are a part of OSU’s exciting community of discovery, creativity, and innovation from all academic disciplines within the University. Undergraduate research enhances the student learning experience and expands the intellectual vitality of Oregon State University. Undergraduate researchers tackle important, real-world questions ranging from how to improve K-12 education to improving disease prevention, from enhancing the livability of rural communities to understanding and protecting the environment. Visit Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and the Arts (URSA) at oregonstate.edu/students/research to see the opportunities that await you!

Where To Look For Other Scholarships

STATE AID in Oregon includes the Oregon Opportunity Grant (for OR residents) and many additional opportunities that can be found at the OSAC Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion getcollegefunds.org.

PRIVATE AID includes scholarships and aid given by outside agencies and organizations. They can be scholarships from community organizations, religious affiliations, or even from employers.

HIT THE BOOKS. Doing research can help you find scholarships you may not have otherwise known about. Most public and campus libraries carry scholarship guides. Ask your librarian or guidance counselor for help. Also look under “financial aid,” “student aid,” and “scholarships.”

ASK EMPLOYERS. Your parents might already be aware if scholarships are provided for children of employees. If not, the human resource department is usually the place to check to find out what is available. The staff there should be able to provide applications, deadlines, and any other information you’ll need. If you are employed, check with your employer to see if scholarships are available. Be sure to get any application forms and information about deadlines and complete the process on time.

CHECK LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS. Many community organizations, churches, and clubs offer scholarships. Your high school guidance counselor should be able to provide information about most of them, and can refer you to sponsors who can provide applications and information.

SEARCH THE NET. Using keywords you can find a wealth of free scholarship information on the World Wide Web. Some sites even allow you to apply online for scholarships. But, be careful, applying for and receiving scholarships should be free!