The University of Oklahoma offers the following educational opportunities for our students:

**A. (FEd) THE FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND COUNSELING CENTER**

FEd provides free financial counseling to students for managing personal finances through college, and offers workshops and information about financial aid and scholarship opportunities. FEd’s short-term goal is to assist students in graduating with as little debt as possible; with a long-term goal of equipping citizens with financial knowledge so they may create a stable future for themselves and their families and improve quality of life. For more information, visit financialed.ou.edu or call (405) 325-4183.

**B. NINE THINGS EVERY COLLEGE STUDENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MONEY**

OU Financial Aid services offers a seminar to assist students in preparing a budget while in college, including making smart choices when borrowing money and using credit. The seminar also is presented in all “Gateway to OU” courses – which helps students transition from high school to college – as well as in a 16-week Personal Finance Class. For more information, visit financialed.ou.edu or call (405) 325-4183.

**C. CASH COURSE**

OU joined efforts with CashCourse, a 24/7 national website that assists college students in making informed financial decisions throughout their college years and into their professional life. OU students will learn financial basics such as budgeting and finance planning, dealing with debit and credit cards and preventing identity theft; paying for college including financial aid and scholarships; college expenses such as living costs and textbooks; work opportunities; and tips for surviving the current state of the economy. For more information, visit cashcourse.org/ou or financialed.ou.edu or call (405) 325-4183.

**STUDENT SUPPORT**

The cost of attending college can be overwhelming for many people. In a just released study by the Higher Education Research Institute, about two-thirds of freshmen across the nation report feeling either somewhat or very worried about their ability to finance a college education.

While an OU education remains a relative bargain, with tuition and fees near the bottom of the Big 12, we understand many students and their families need as much financial assistance as possible as they work toward completing a degree.

OU is committed to keeping the doors of opportunity open for all qualified students by keeping costs as low as possible and by offering numerous opportunities for financial aid. **Annually, over 60% of OU students receive some type of aid** – representing a combination of scholarships, grants, loans, work-study and tuition waivers – which totaled more than $165 million.

**THE FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND COUNSELING CENTER**

The Princeton Review ranks OU as one of its **TOP 10 BEST VALUE Public Colleges for 2010!**

As a result of these efforts, OU is consistently recognized for its outstanding value and academic excellence.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1 SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS!
Thousands of new scholarships are available to OU students due to the overwhelming success of the University’s Campaign for Scholarships, which has raised over $150 million in total gifts and pledges to date and has enabled OU to double the number of scholarships given to students in just five years. New scholarships were created for incoming students, and many current students benefit from Sooner Heritage Scholarships which help students with special needs and circumstances as well as those whose family income does not qualify for federal and state grants but is not enough to help cover college costs. For more information, incoming students may visit ou.edu, scholarships.ou.edu, financialaid.ou.edu or call (405) 325-2151.

2 SOONER PROMISE
An Oklahoma’s Promise Partnership
Established to supplement Oklahoma’s Promise, this program serves moderate and lower income Oklahomans by providing students with funding for higher education. Each year, OU gives Sooner Promise scholarships to approximately 1,500 OU students. Sooner Promise is a funding commitment for Oklahoma Promise students made by OU. Eligible students receive an annual funding commitment for four years if the student meets the program requirements. For more information, visit the Sooner Promise link at financialaid.ou.edu or call (405) 325-2151, (800) 234-6868.

3 ROOM AND BOARD PROGRAM
Each year, 100-150 students take advantage of this innovative employment program for students living in the OU residence halls and Traditions Square apartments. In exchange for about 18 hours of work per week in one of OU’s food service operations, OU Housing & Food Services will pay a student’s room and board costs. This works out to be a wage of approximately $10 per hour for students. Hours are flexible and can be arranged around a student’s class schedule. Preference is given to students who qualify for the Federal Work Study program. For more information, visit housing.ou.edu or call (405) 325-5128. For more information about student jobs on campus, visit jobs.ou.edu

4 GOT TEXTBOOKS?
Bizzell Memorial Library’s collection of reserve textbooks was established with a $200,000 gift from OU President David Boren. The collection offers selected required textbooks – primarily for general education courses that have the highest enrollments as well as courses that have comparatively high cost textbooks – free of charge to OU students. The program is one of many new initiatives implemented to help alleviate the burden of textbook costs on students. For more information, please visit libraries.ou.edu or call (405) 325-4142.

5 BOOK VOUCHERS
Eligible students whose financial aid is not available at the beginning of a semester should visit OU Financial Aid Services to request a book voucher. You must have an OU Sooner ID card with you to obtain a book voucher. A book voucher may be used to charge textbooks and required supplies at the University Bookstore. Book vouchers help many students purchase their books before their financial aid is ready for disbursement. For more information, visit financialaid.ou.edu and type Book Voucher in the Ask the Sooners search or call (405) 325-4521.

6 STUDENT WORKER ASSISTANT TEAM (SWAT)
Established to provide an opportunity for more Federal Work-Study student employment at OU, SWAT allows departments to hire additional work study students for special events or during times of high work flow at no cost to them. In addition to easing intense workloads for many departments, students are able to earn extra money while gaining valuable professional networking experience. For more information, visit financialaid.ou.edu or call (405) 325-4183.

7 SHORT TERM LOANS (Emergency Loans)
OU students experiencing an unexpected immediate need for cash may request an advance of their financial aid up to $500 through Financial Aid Services. For more information, visit financialaid.ou.edu and type Short Term Loan in the Ask the Sooners search or call (405) 325-4521.

8 INSTITUTIONAL LOANS
OU administers several institutional loan funds which are available to help students with expenses above and beyond those covered by federal student aid eligibility. For more information including the application when available, visit financialaid.ou.edu and type Institutional Loan in the Ask the Sooners search or call (405) 325-4521.

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