



NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST PACKAGE

FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS ENTERING FALL 2025

Scholarship consideration is guaranteed to students who apply to OU by December 15, 2024; this package is available to admitted Finalists who name OU by April 30, 2025, the NMSC® deadline. See nationalmerit.org for competition rules.

NATIONAL MERIT TUITION WAIVER

\$26,100

(est. value)

- Waives 100% of resident tuition
- May be used for five years (fall, spring, and summer)
- Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, be enrolled full time, and complete at least 24 OU credit hours each academic year
- Can be used toward any graduate/professional program at OU if funds remain after completion of undergraduate degree. Student must be admitted to graduate program on own merit

OKLAHOMA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

\$26,000

- \$3,250 per semester/\$6,500 per year for four years to help reduce the cost of fees
- Funded by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and is subject to change
- Must maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA, be enrolled full-time, and complete at least 24 OU credit hours each academic year
- Can be used toward any graduate/professional program at OU if funds remain after completion of undergraduate degree. Student must be admitted to graduate program on own merit

PRESIDENT'S AWARD CASH STIPEND

\$10,000

- \$1,250 per semester/\$2,500 per year for four years to help reduce the cost of fees
- Must maintain a 3.25 GPA, be enrolled full-time, and complete at least 24 OU credit hours each academic year
- Can be used toward any graduate/professional program at OU if funds remain after completion of undergraduate degree. Student must be admitted to graduate program on own merit

NATIONAL MERIT CASH STIPEND

\$5,000

- National Merit Finalists are offered one of three possible awards: College Sponsored, National Merit Sponsored, or Corporate Sponsored. OU will award funding to ensure a total value of \$5,000. See back for additional information on awards and disbursement
- Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, be enrolled full time, and complete at least 24 OU credit hours each academic year
- This cash stipend cannot be used toward any graduate/professional program at OU

HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP

\$6,000

- Must live in the OU residence halls to receive this award. Available first year only

FIRST-YEAR ASSOCIATES SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000

- One-time award applied to Bursar account at the beginning of the first year

RESEARCH & STUDY ABROAD STIPEND

\$1,000

- Can be used for an approved undergraduate for-credit research experience or as a one-time travel-study stipend when you enroll full-time in one of OU's many partner universities worldwide

Resident Total:

\$75,100

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All amounts are subject to change. This scholarship does not cover the full cost of attendance. If you receive outside scholarships, those awards will be added to the above \$75,100 offer. Overall aid awarded by OU cannot exceed financial aid cost of attendance. Updated October 2024.

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TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Please note: This is not the comprehensive Terms of Scholarship for the National Merit Finalist Scholarship Package at OU. More detailed terms are sent directly to students who choose to enroll at OU.

Institutions are not notified of students' standing in the National Merit Competition beyond Semifinalist. If you are named a Finalist and applied to OU by December 15, 2024, you must notify OU Admissions & Recruitment so we can update your scholarship offering to the Finalist package above. Receiving this finalist scholarship package is contingent upon you naming OU as your college choice with NMSC® by April 30, 2025. Students who do not advance to Finalist standing must also notify OU Admissions & Recruitment so that they may be considered for other awards.

If you are within the duration of your National Merit Finalist Scholarship tuition waiver and stipend and plan to apply either award towards an OU graduate program or an OU pre-professional program, you must contact OU Admissions and Recruitment to complete appropriate paperwork/determine eligibility. The OU graduate or OU pre-professional program must be consecutive to completion of undergraduate degree. Your National Merit Finalist Scholarship cannot be applied to any Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program (OSLEP), distance learning courses, correspondence courses, independent study, non-reciprocal study abroad programs, and Professional and Continuing Studies programs both in undergraduate and/or graduate studies. Eligible students may take a leave of absence (LOA) for up to one year from the program for a period during which you are not enrolled in college courses. In order to be granted a LOA, students need to submit required documentation for approval. We will review LOA requests on a semester-by-semester basis. A LOA may not be used to remedy a grade point average or credit hour deficiency. The following are the amounts, duration, and criteria for maintaining eligibility for each part of your award:

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Must be enrolled full-time (at least 12 hours) at the end of the second week of classes each fall and spring semester.
- Must complete at least 24 OU credit hours each academic year.
- If you do not successfully complete 12 credit hours in a semester, you will need to enroll in and successfully complete enough hours in the following semester to have received 24 hours over the academic year. You will receive course credit for a grade above an F.

NATIONAL MERIT RESIDENT TUITION WAIVER

- 100% of the resident tuition is waived, regardless of how many hours for which you enroll each semester (as long as you are full-time enrolled and complete at least 24 OU credit hours each academic year) for five consecutive academic years during the fall, spring, and summer semesters (starting fall 2025).
- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of each academic semester.
- Funds will be deposited into Bursar account the week before classes start.

Note: If tuition increases while in school, the tuition waiver will continue to cover the increased amount.

OKLAHOMA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- Annual cash stipend \$6,500; \$3,250 each fall and spring for four consecutive academic years (starting fall 2025)
- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 at the end of each academic semester.
- Funds will be deposited into Bursar account after the second week of classes.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD CASH STIPEND

- Annual cash stipend \$2,500; \$1,250 for the fall and spring for four consecutive academic years (starting fall 2025)
- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 at the end of each academic semester.
- Funds will be deposited into Bursar account after the second week of classes.

NATIONAL MERIT CASH STIPEND

- National Merit Finalists are offered one of three possible awards:
 - **College Sponsored (OU Sponsored):** Students will receive \$1,250 per year over four years (\$625 per semester) in funding, total value of \$5,000.
 - **National Merit Sponsored:** Students will receive a one-time \$2,500 scholarship from National Merit their first-year fall semester. OU will award an additional \$2,500 for scholars during their first-year spring semester, total value of \$5,000.
 - **Corporate Sponsored:** Awards can vary in duration and value. Scholars receiving less than \$5,000 will receive supplemental funding from OU to ensure total value of \$5,000.
- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of each academic semester.

HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP

- \$6,000 for first-year students living in OU Campus Housing. One must live in approved OU Campus Housing to receive this award.
- Funds will be disbursed \$3,000 for the fall and spring (as long as you are enrolled full-time) for fall 2025 and spring 2026 only.

FIRST-YEAR ASSOCIATES SCHOLARSHIP

- Your one-time \$1,000 scholarship will be added to your Bursar account by the first week of classes for your first semester, freshman year.

RESEARCH & STUDY ABROAD STIPEND

- The one-time stipend must be used within your five consecutive years as an enrolled student (starting from the term you enter OU) for an approved undergraduate for-credit research experience or as a one-time travel-study stipend when you enroll full-time (full-time enrollment over summer term not required) in one of OU's many partner universities worldwide. The stipend is not automatic — you must fill out the appropriate paperwork. You must notify **OU Admissions & Recruitment** by the following deadlines so that our office can request the stipend for you. Please note: your travel-study stipend is not guaranteed to be available prior to departure or the start of the semester. **Deadlines:** spring: December 1, summer and fall: April 1.

ACADEMIC PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- If a student's cumulative GPA and/or enrolled credit hours fall below the GPA or enrolled credit hours requirements for the tuition waiver and/or scholarship stipend, they will be notified by **OU Admissions & Recruitment** to receive a student success plan as detailed below.
- **Tuition Waiver:** If a student falls below the minimum requirements, they will be placed on probation for one semester, at which time they will still receive their tuition waiver. During the paid probationary semester, the student must raise their cumulative GPA and/or hours enrolled to the minimum requirements to continue receiving their award. If the award minimums are not met, the student has one additional semester of probation (unpaid) to meet the minimum requirements. A student has a maximum of one year to meet the award requirements. If the minimum requirements are not met after one year of probation, the award is discontinued.
- **Oklahoma Academic Scholar Program Award, President's Award Cash Stipend, National Merit Cash Stipend:** If a student falls below the minimum GPA and enrollment requirements, they will be placed on unpaid probation from receiving this portion of their award for up to one year. After a maximum of a one-year unpaid probationary period, this portion of the student's scholarship will be discontinued if award minimums are not met. At any point within the probationary year that award minimums are met, these portions of the award will be reinstated.

Institutional scholarships, combined with other federal, state, and/or institutional aid, should not exceed the published cost of attendance.