OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS' RISING SCHOLARS AWARD

FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS ENTERING FALL 2027

OKLAHOMA RISING SCHOLARS PROGRAM — $96,000

- $12,000 per semester/$24,000 per year for four years to help offset the costs of fees, books, or housing and food.
- 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 at OU (min. 12 hours/semester), 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.**

TUITION WAIVER — $27,660

(est. value)

- Waives 100% of resident tuition for five years (fall and spring semesters).
- Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, be enrolled full time at OU (min. 12 hours/semester), 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.**

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 at an OU International Study Center, in a faculty-led program, or at one of OU's many partner universities worldwide.

Total: $125,660

KEEP IN MIND:

- Students offered the Regent's Award prior to May 1 must have their Rising Scholars Application submitted to the OSRHE by May 15. Failure to meet the submission deadline could result in ineligibility for scholarship. The online application is available at **go2.ou.edu/oas-apply** or by scanning the QR code.
- Students who are not approved by the State Regents' office will be re-evaluated for academic scholarship eligibility.

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All amounts are subject to change. This scholarship does not guarantee coverage of the full cost of attendance. If you receive outside scholarships, those awards will be added to the above $125,660 offer. Overall aid awarded by OU cannot exceed financial aid cost of attendance. Updated October 2026.

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TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Please note: This is not the comprehensive Terms of Scholarship for the Oklahoma State Regents' Rising Scholar Package at OU. More detailed terms are sent directly to students who choose to enroll at OU. You must submit the completed Rising Scholar Application to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for them to determine your scholarship eligibility. This online application is available at go2.ou.edu/oas-apply.

If you are within the duration of your Regents' Oklahoma Rising Scholar 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 the appropriate forms/determine eligibility. The OU graduate or OU pre-professional program must be consecutive to completion of undergraduate degree. Your Regents' Oklahoma Rising Scholar award 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 the following semester to have received 24 hours over the academic year. You will receive course credit for a grade above an F.

REGENTS' SCHOLAR 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 and spring semesters (starting fall 2027).
- 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.

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- Annual cash stipend $24,000; $12,000 each fall and spring for four consecutive academic years (starting fall 2027).
- 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.

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) at an OU International Study Center, in a faculty-led program, or at one of OU's many partner universities worldwide. The stipend is not automatic — you must fill out the appropriate request form. 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: November 15, Summer and Fall: April 15.

ACADEMIC PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- If a student's cumulative GPA 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 Rising Scholars Program Award:** If a student falls below the minimum GPA or 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, this portion of the award will be reinstated.