

## NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE INSTITUTIONAL/PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Northern Oklahoma College is an excellent investment in your future. The faculty and staff are here to help you understand the various financial aid and scholarship programs that are available and to work individually with those who face financial difficulty during their time at Northern. Overall, sixty-five percent (65%) of our students receive some type of financial assistance – which includes state, federal and college grants and awards. We are committed to providing the highest level of support to our students possible.

The Northern Oklahoma College institutional scholarship program is divided into two areas: 50% merit-based and 50% need-based. Merit-based scholarship awards recognize and reward excellence to students who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement or who have demonstrated talent in a participation program, i.e., athletics, fine arts, agriculture/livestock judging and journalism. The following scholarships are funded by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the generosity of the Northern Oklahoma College faculty, staff, alumni and friends, local businesses and civic organizations, and by the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. These awards are offered each year to qualified students whose participation, academic achievement, and/or leadership efforts merit recognition. For more information about scholarships, scholarship checklist, dates and deadlines, please contact the Scholarship Office at 580.628.6760, [scholarships@noc.edu](mailto:scholarships@noc.edu) or visit our website at [www.noc.edu/scholarships](http://www.noc.edu/scholarships).

Northern Oklahoma College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex/gender, age, religion, political beliefs or disability in admission to its programs, services or activities, in access to them, in treatment of individuals or in any aspect of their operations. Northern Oklahoma College also does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices. This notice is provided as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Questions, complaints or requests for additional information regarding these laws may be forwarded to the designated compliance coordinator: Jason Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs, 1220 East Grand Avenue, PO Box 310, Tonkawa, OK 74653-0310; telephone 580.628.6240 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### **Scholarship Policy and Procedures:**

1. Not every scholarship is available for award every year. Funding determines availability.
2. While every effort is taken to ensure that the correct information is presented, current NOC policy, State Regents' policy, NOC Foundation policy, state and federal laws, and/or the intent of the donor who established a Foundation scholarship program (as applicable) will override any outdated or erroneous information listed here.
3. To be considered for scholarships, applicants are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (Northern's Title IV Institutional Code is 003162) within 30 days of accepting a scholarship award. Failure to do so may result in scholarship being revoked. NOTE: All financial aid will be primary source of funding education. Best consideration date for financial aid is **December 1**.
4. **PRIORITY DEADLINE.** Applicants applying for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship, the NOC/OSU Gateway Ambassadors Scholarship or the State Regents Academic

Scholarship must submit an application by ***February 20***. Priority deadline for all other scholarships is February 20 with scholarships awarded to qualified applicants on a first come, first serve basis until August 25. For new or transfer students, spring deadline is January 25.

5. To be considered for scholarships, applicants must complete the Institutional Scholarship Application Form at [www.noc.edu/scholarships](http://www.noc.edu/scholarships) along with any required additional documentation and submit to the scholarship office by the stated deadline each year.
6. The scholarship committees on each campus shall determine the recipients for the scholarship awards. The Institutional Scholarship Office shall administer the scholarship awards.
7. Priority will be given to applicants who are an Oklahoma resident, United States citizen or permanent resident.
8. Students on institutional academic achievement scholarships, i.e., PLC, academic, valedictorian/salutatorian, freshman/sophomore regents, etc. must be an Oklahoma resident and enrolled full-time.
9. To align with Complete College America and the 15 to Finish model, students are encouraged to take 15 credit hours each semester/30 hours per year to graduate on time and start earning faster.
10. Maximum institutional scholarships may not exceed five (5) full-time academic semesters. This does not include summer courses.
11. To be considered for scholarships, applicants must adhere to the institutional academic standards policies, drug and alcohol policies, student conduct policies, and participation agreements. Failure to comply may result in removal of scholarship award.
12. Scholarship funds will be applied for fall and spring semesters unless otherwise stated. Students who have a remaining scholarship balance within the current academic year and have maintained scholarship retention criteria may use their remaining balance during the summer semester.
13. All students must reapply each academic year. A complete list of scholarships with criteria are available at [www.noc.edu/scholarships](http://www.noc.edu/scholarships).
14. Any student whose scholarship award has been removed from Northern Oklahoma College may appeal the removal by filling out the Scholarship Appeal Form and submitting it along with supporting documentation to the Scholarship Office.
15. Variation from any scholarship policies or procedures requires an appeal to the Scholarship Appeals Board. This subcommittee acts as a hearing body on scholarship appeals for students or programs who are not in compliance with the institutional policies affecting their scholarship awards. Members shall consist of the Vice President for Development and Community Relations, Vice President for Financial Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Scholarship Coordinator. The Appeals Board will evaluate information related to each appeal and solicit any additional documentation from the appropriate department/program representative and/or campus scholarship

committee chair when necessary. Final decisions shall be submitted in writing to the President for approval.

16. Scholarship appeals are limited to one year from the start of the semester last enrolled.
17. Recipients of participation scholarships are required to reside in campus housing in accordance with the Statement of College Housing Policy outlined in the NOC Course Catalog and Student Handbook available on the website at [www.noc.edu/course-catalog-student-handbook](http://www.noc.edu/course-catalog-student-handbook).
18. Showing gratitude is an essential part of receiving a private scholarship. It is important that recipients thank our donors. Upon accepting your private scholarship from the NOC Foundation, students must complete a thank you letter and submit to the Institutional Scholarship Office. The NOC Foundation hosts various events to connect scholarship recipients with donors. It is expected that recipients will attend these events.

#### **Administration of Scholarship Awards:**

1. Financial Aid: As a condition of this award, the student agrees to apply for federal financial aid within 30 days of signing this form at the FAFSA website: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. Failure to apply within 30 days could lead to the loss of this scholarship. State and federal financial aid grants will be the primary source of funding education.
2. Scholarship awards will be reviewed after the Financial Aid Office has determined the student's Cost of Attendance\* budget. If a student receives state and federal financial aid grants, i.e., Pell, SEOG, OTAG, OHLAP, etc. their scholarship award will be applied secondary and cannot exceed \$1,000 of the actual student bill for the current semester. Scholarships sent to the College from outside sources will be refunded up to, but not to exceed the Cost of Attendance budget. Loans will be reduced before any other aid sources.
3. Participation sponsors must collaborate with the Scholarship Office prior to making awards to students to assure maximization of resources and to avoid over-award situations resulting in post-notification adjustments. This guideline is intended to maximize the use of all college resources for scholarship and grants, as well as to assure clear and accurate communication with students.

*\*Cost of Attendance means the aggregate cost to a student to enroll in a degree program, including tuition, the cost of books, fees, and other related educational expenses, as well as the cost of on- or off-campus room and board. See current tuition costs at the website link <http://www.noc.edu/tuition>.*