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# Academic scholars/other programs

2023 SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS  
WORKSHOP SERIES

JULY 20, 2023

# Scholarships

- Academic Scholars Program
- Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship
- William P. Willis Scholarship
- Heroes Promise
- Independent Living Tuition Waiver

# Academic Scholars Program (ASP)

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# Academic Scholars Program (ASP)

- Established in 1988
- Oklahoma's Merit Based Scholarship Program
- Open to high school seniors planning to attend any Oklahoma college.

# ASP Qualifications and Awards

- How does a student qualify for ASP?
  - National Merit Scholars\*
  - National Merit Finalists\*
  - Presidential Scholars\*
  - Oklahoma Test Takers at or above the 99.5 percentile on the ACT or SAT
  - Institutional Nominee\*

\*Funding for nonresident participation eliminated

# ASP Qualifications and Awards

Institutional Nominees will be required to meet at least one of the three minimum standards listed in the table below:

Minimum Criteria Options	Research Universities	Regional Universities	Community Colleges
Current ACT or SAT Equivalent	32 ACT	30 ACT	29 ACT
Current GPA/Class Rank	3.9 GPA and either top 2% or rank #1 or #2	3.8 GPA and either top 4% or rank of #1 or #2	3.7 GPA and either top 5% or rank of #1 or #2
GPA and ACT or SAT Equivalent	3.9 GPA and 30 ACT or SAT Equivalent	3.8 GPA and 28 ACT or SAT Equivalent	3.7 GPA and 26 ACT or SAT Equivalent

# ASP and ACT Supercoring

## ACT Superscore Impact

### Automatic Qualifiers

Oklahoma high school seniors can use their “superscore” to meet the ACT score requirement to automatically qualify for the program.

TEST DATE	English Score	Math Score	Reading Score	Science Score	Composite Score	Subject Sum
April	35	32	36	32	34	135
June	36	30	34	34	34	134
September	34	34	34	32	34	134
<b>Superscore</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>140</b>

# ASP Qualifications and Awards

## Institutional Nominees

\$3,500 at Research Universities

\$2,700 at Regional Universities

\$2,500 at Community Colleges

## Automatic Qualifiers

\$6,000 at Research Universities

\$4,500 at Regional Universities

\$4,000 at Community Colleges

State system institutions also provide the scholarship recipient a tuition waiver.



# ASP Qualifications and Awards

## ▶ Retention Requirements

- Full-time Enrollment Each Semester
- Maintain at least a 3.25 Cumulative GPA
- Complete at least 24 Credit Hours Each Year

# ASP Program Rules

- ▶ Administrative Rules
- ▶ <http://www.rules.ok.gov>
- ▶ Maintained by the Office of Administrative Rules of the Oklahoma Secretary of State
  - On the site, enter “academic scholars program” in the search box.

# ASP Program Rules

- A student must enter the program the fall semester immediately after his/her class graduates from high school
- Renewable for eight semesters
- Additional semesters available only for extraordinary circumstances or undergraduate academic programs that cannot be completed in eight semesters

# ASP Program Rules

The guidelines shown below will be used to review requests for extensions to the eight-semester limit on Academic Scholars awards :

<b>Hours Required for Undergraduate Degree</b>	<b>Recommended Action</b>
124-129	No extension
130-135	½ semester extension
136-141	1 semester extension
142-147	1 ½ semester extension
148 & above	2 semester extension

# ASP Program Rules

## Summer Semester

To receive payment for enrollment in a summer term, the student must submit the summer term application to the State Regents' office by the application deadline

# ASP Program Rules

## ▶ Transfer Rules

- Two-Year College

- IN must complete associate's degree or 48 credit hours to transfer to a four-year university.
- IN must attend nominating college for the 1<sup>st</sup> year.

- Four-Year University

- IN must attend nominating university for the 1<sup>st</sup> year

- Graduate Transfer

- Scholars can request to use remaining semesters of eligibility for professional or graduate school

# ASP Program Rules

## ▶ Leave of Absence

- Students may take a leave of absence if not enrolled
- Studying abroad
  - Student can take a leave of absence or request scholarship assistance
  - If the student requests scholarship assistance while studying abroad, he/she is required to meet all enrollment and GPA requirements

# ASP Institutional Nominee Slots

## ▶ Institutional Nominee Slots

- Institutional Nominee slots and award amounts are authorized annually (subject to change)
- Presidents of Institutions are notified of authorization by letter from Chancellor.



# ASP Institutional Nominees

- Institutional nominee slots are determined at the September/October State Regents meeting
- A letter from the Chancellor is sent to the university/college Presidents
  - This letter is forwarded to the institutional scholarship coordinators
  - The Institutional Nominee spreadsheet is sent to institutions at end of spring semester.
- Completed spreadsheets and authorization forms must be uploaded to O-Safe by deadline (July 21st).
- Institutional nominees are entered into our database and award letters are sent to scholars.

# ASP Process – AQ Qualifiers

- Required ACT/SAT score determined for Oklahoma test takers at or above 99.5 percentile on ACT or SAT in October for upcoming year
- In October, applications for HS seniors made available at [www.okhighered.org/academic-scholars](http://www.okhighered.org/academic-scholars)
- Completed applications sent to the OSRHE office
- Award notifications letters are sent out to scholars
- A report with incoming Automatic Qualifiers are uploaded to OSAFE during the summer

# ASP - Disbursement

- State Regents Office uploads certifications to OSAFE and email notifications are sent to institutions
  - Includes all new and continuing automatic qualifiers and institutional nominees
- Certifications are completed and uploaded back to OSAFE after add/drop (lock-in) date for semester.
- Certification records are entered in our database and a disbursement roster is uploaded to OSAFE
- After confirmation by the institution, funding is requested from the business office
- Checks are mailed or wire notifications are sent

Regional University  
Baccalaureate Scholarship  
(RUBS)  
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# Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship (RUBS)

- Established in 1994
- To enable public regional universities to provide four years of scholarship support to academically promising Oklahoma students enrolled in a baccalaureate program
- To enhance academic quality in public regional universities

# Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship (RUBS)

## ▶ Program Rules (Eligibility):

- Composite score of 30 on the ACT and a GPA and class rank which are exceptional as determined by the institution

OR

- National Merit Semifinalist or National Merit Commended Student
- Student must be an Oklahoma resident

# Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship (RUBS)

- Each regional university was authorized 15 freshman nominee slots for fall 2023
- \$3,500 annual cash award
- Regional universities are required to offer a tuition waiver while the student is receiving the cash award

# Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship (RUBS)

## ► Retention Requirements

- Full-time Enrollment Each Semester
- Maintain at least a 3.25 Cumulative GPA
- Complete at least 24 Credit Hours Each Year



# Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship (RUBS)

## ▶ Program Rules

- Renewable for up to eight semesters or until a baccalaureate degree is received, whichever comes first
- Scholarship is not transferable

# Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship (RUBS)

## Summer Semester

To receive payment for enrollment in a summer term, the student must submit the summer term application to the State Regents' office by the application deadline

# Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship (RUBS)

## ▶ RUBS freshmen slots

- Freshmen slots and award amounts are approved annually. (subject to change)
- Presidents are notified of annual authorization by letter from Chancellor.

William P. Willis Scholarship  
Program

# William P. Willis Scholarship

- Scholarship was established by the 1986 Oklahoma Legislature
- The goal is to provide scholarships to low income, full-time undergraduates attending institutions in the Oklahoma state System of Higher Education

# William P. Willis Scholarship

## ▶ Program Rules (Eligibility):

- Nominee must be a full-time undergraduate
- Must have an effective income of \$32,000 or less per year (AGI minus standard or itemized deductions)
- Must be an Oklahoma resident
- Each institution nominates one student except NSU which nominates two students

# William P. Willis Scholarship

## ▶ Award Levels:

- \$3,000 at Research Universities
- \$2,400 at Regional Universities
- \$2,000 at Community Colleges

# William P. Willis Scholarship

## ▶ Program Rules

- Scholarship award is not-transferable
- It is recommended that institutions give priority to their previous year recipient. Recipients may receive the award for no more than four years
- Must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.



Heroes Promise



# Heroes Promise

The program is available to certain students that are a child of any person killed after January 1, 2000, in the line of duty in any branch of the United States Armed Forces or who died after January 1, 2000, as a result of an injury sustained while in the line of duty and the person who was killed or died filed an individual or joint Oklahoma income tax return for the tax year prior to the year during which the person was killed or died.

# Heroes Promise

## ► Program Rules (Eligibility):

- Students must be Oklahoma residents and can sign up for the program up to the age of 21.
- The student must also begin postsecondary education by age 21.
- Heroes Promise students are not subject to the Oklahoma's Promise high school academic requirements or the family income requirements.
- Students must be approved for admission to an Oklahoma college or university.

# Heroes Promise

- Once eligibility is established and the student begins postsecondary education, the award is the same as Oklahoma's Promise and the continuing eligibility requirements and limits are also the same.
- Heroes Promise students will appear on the Oklahoma's Promise eligibility list. A separate claim will not be required.
- Heroes Promise students are not subject to the high school requirements, they will not appear on the "potential" eligibility list.

# Independent Living Tuition Waiver



# Independent Living Tuition Waiver

- ▶ The Independent Living Act was established by the 2000 Oklahoma Legislature to ensure that eligible individuals who have been or are in the foster care program of the Department of Human Services receive services that include housing, medical coverage and education.

# Independent Living Tuition Waiver

- Student must be a resident of Oklahoma
- Student must have graduated within the previous three years from a State Board of Education-accredited high school, the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics or a high school bordering Oklahoma as approved by the State Board of Education OR the student must have completed the General Educational Development (GED) requirements.

# Independent Living Tuition Waiver

- The student must have been in DHS custody for at least nine months between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Students must be enrolled in a public college or university or certain programs at technology centers.
- Tuition waivers will be made available to eligible students up to 26 years of age or upon completion of a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first.



# Independent Living Tuition Waiver

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Questions?





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