

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Future Teachers Scholarship
2015-16

Eligible Critical Shortage Areas

Science	Special Education
Mathematics	School Psychologist
Foreign Languages	English
Social Studies	Elementary Education
School Counselor	Early Childhood Education
Family and Consumer Sciences	Physical Education/Health
Music	Art

The Future Teachers Scholarship Program was established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education as an incentive to encourage the preparation of teachers in critical shortage areas in the public schools of Oklahoma.

Eligibility

1. The student must be a resident of Oklahoma.
2. The student must be nominated by the college on the basis of one of the following criteria:
 - a. Cumulative high school grade point average ranking in the top 15% of his or her high school graduating class; OR
 - b. ACT or SAT score ranking in the top 15% for high school graduates of the same year; OR
 - c. Admission to a professional education program at an accredited Oklahoma institution of higher education; OR
 - d. An undergraduate record of outstanding success, as defined by the institution.
3. Full-time and part-time students are eligible for the scholarship; however, highest priority will be given to full-time students.
4. Scholarship recipients must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
5. Each recipient must agree to teach in a shortage area in Oklahoma public schools for a minimum of three (3) consecutive years upon graduation and licensure as a teacher.
6. Recipients may receive the scholarship for not more than four years, or the equivalent of four years, of full-time study.

The Application Process

1. A new application must be submitted each academic year.
2. Application deadlines are established by individual institutions. Completed applications are to be submitted to the nominating institution. The following documentation is required:
 - a. First-time freshman must submit a copy of their high school transcript and ACT or SAT score, whichever is applicable.
 - b. Students who have attended a post-secondary institution must submit official transcripts from all institutions attended.
 - c. All students must submit the essay portion of the application on a separate sheet.
3. Institutions will submit scholarship candidates and alternates in priority order to the State Regents' office.
4. The State Regents' office will notify institutions of awards.

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Amount of Scholarship Awards

An award amount for each nominated student will be determined by the college. The following annual award limits have been set by the State Regents:

Enrollment	Hours Completed Toward Baccalaureate Degree	Maximum Annual Award
Full-time	60 hours and above	\$1,500
Full-time	Less than 60 hours	\$1,000
Part-time	60 hours and above	\$ 750
Part-time	Less than 60 hours	\$ 500

For purposes of this program, full-time enrollment means not less than 12 credit hours per semester for undergraduates and not less than 9 credit hours per semester for graduate students. Part-time enrollment means not less than 6 credit hours per semester.

Payment of Scholarship Awards

Upon enrollment and grade point average verification by the institution, the first payment of each recipient's award will be distributed during the fall semester, and the second distribution will be during the spring semester. The award will be paid directly to the institution on the student's behalf.