

## **Academic Scholars Program Information for 2022-23 For Oklahoma High School Seniors Graduating in Spring 2022 and Entering College in Fall 2022**

The Academic Scholars Program is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and serves academically qualified resident students who will be graduating from an Oklahoma high school in spring 2022 and entering an Oklahoma college or university in fall 2022.

National Merit Scholars, National Merit Finalists, United States Presidential Scholars, and students scoring at above the 99.5 percentile on the ACT or SAT are *automatic qualifiers* for the program.

Students who are not automatic qualifiers may still qualify as *institutional nominees* of the college or university they plan to attend, if they meet *one* of the following requirements:

- 29 on the ACT or the equivalent on the SAT
- 3.7 GPA *and* either in the top 5% of their graduating class or a class rank of #1 or #2
- 3.7 GPA *and* a score of 26 on the ACT or the equivalent on the SAT

The regents allow each college or university a set number of nominations each year. For 2022, TCC may nominate up to 11 students. Students will need to apply through TCC's scholarship system to be considered.

The program provides for up to four years of study at accredited colleges and universities in Oklahoma. The amount of scholarship award varies by year and type of institution. The amount for community colleges for the 2022-23 academic year is \$2,200. The scholarship will follow students who graduate from TCC and transfer to a state university in Oklahoma.

To be considered for an institutional nomination by TCC, a student must be

- An Oklahoma resident
- A member of the high school graduating class of 2022
- Admitted to TCC by June 15, 2022

In addition, for the nomination to be certified, the nominee must be enrolled by August 1, 2022, in at least 12 credit hours of classes for the fall 2022 semester at TCC.

TCC's potential nominees will be notified by email and must respond to formally accept or decline the nomination. TCC will then submit nominations to the Regents, who make the final decisions regarding scholarship awards.

Recipients of the scholarship must

- be classified as a full-time student and maintain that status in a single institution throughout each semester to be eligible for continuation of the award. ("Full-time" is defined as 12 hours in the fall and spring semesters and 6 hours in the optional summer or January term.)
- maintain a 3.25 cumulative grade-point average.
- earn 24 semester credit hours each academic year. (If the student receives summer payment, he or she must earn 30 semester credit hours for the academic year.)

A student who receives the scholarship as an institutional nominee of a two-year college (such as TCC) is eligible for transfer to a four-year public or private Oklahoma institution after completion of an associate degree or at least 48 credit hours within the student's first two academic years at any combination of two-year colleges in the State System. In addition, the institutional nominee of a two-year college must attend the nominating institution for the first year.

**How to apply for a TCC institutional nomination:**

Complete the online TCC Foundation Scholarship Application at [www.tulsacc.edu/admissions-aid/aid/financial-aid/types-aid/scholarships](http://www.tulsacc.edu/admissions-aid/aid/financial-aid/types-aid/scholarships), including the portion devoted to the Academic Scholars scholarship, which you will be offered as a follow-up application if you meet the scholarship's high school class requirements.

The application deadline is June 15, 2022.

Applications will be evaluated primarily on the basis of the Regents' requirements listed above. If the number of applicants meeting those requirements exceeds the number of nominations allotted to TCC, evaluators may also consider additional information from the scholarship application, such as the essay, awards and honors, etc.

Note that the Academic Scholars Program is sponsored and administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, not by TCC. TCC can only submit nominees for consideration.

More information about the Academic Scholars Program, including the complete program rules, is available online at [https://secure.okcollegestart.org/Financial\\_Aid\\_Planning/Scholarships/Academic\\_Scholarships/Academic\\_Scholars\\_Program.aspx](https://secure.okcollegestart.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/Academic_Scholarships/Academic_Scholars_Program.aspx)