

FIRST YEAR FOCUS AWARD

ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Oakland University is committed to supporting and recognizing the academic success of our students. That's why we are providing **another scholarship opportunity for students who did not earn an OU academic merit scholarship as entering freshmen in fall 2013**. To be eligible, students must attempt and complete 28 or more OU credits in the fall and winter semesters of their first academic year and achieve a 3.0 or greater cumulative GPA. Eligible students will receive the First Year Focus Award **worth \$3,000 (\$1,000 per year for three years)** provided all renewal criteria are met.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Students do not apply for this academic merit scholarship; recipients are independently chosen by the university. The university will notify you if you are eligible and have been selected to receive this scholarship.
- "Entering freshmen" refers to freshman students who are in college for the first time and enroll full time at OU the first fall semester immediately following high school graduation. Students must apply to the university and submit all required materials (including transcripts and ACT scores) by March 31, 2013.
- Students may use this scholarship for the fall, winter and summer semesters in the single academic year designated by the university, not to exceed six semesters total. Continuous full-time enrollment in OU credits is required each fall and winter semester.
- Scholarship recipients are required to be enrolled as full-time students at the university. Advanced Placement (AP) exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, the College-Level Exam Program® (CLEP), transfer credit and/or course competency examinations do not count toward the full-time credits.
- Students in a community college partnership program (M20, Mott20, O20 or SC20) must earn a minimum of 14 of the required 28 credits at Oakland University. The combined cumulative GPA at Oakland and the partner school during freshman year must be 3.0 in order to be eligible to receive the award.
- Students in a community college partnership program (M20, Mott20, O20 or SC20) who receive this award must enroll full time at Oakland University during the following fall semester in order to receive the scholarship. Scholarship funds can only be used for full-time enrollment in Oakland University classes.
- OU offers and renews scholarships at its sole and absolute discretion; offers and renewals are contingent upon the availability of funds and continuation of the scholarship program.
- Half of the annual award is available each semester.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL CRITERIA

After the first year at OU, the university will renew scholarships annually for two additional academic years or up to a maximum of four successive fall, winter and summer semesters for students who meet the following criteria:

- Must remain in good academic standing
- Continue to enroll full time at the university during consecutive fall and winter semesters for which they receive the scholarship
- Complete full-time credits each prior fall and winter semester, and summer, if applicable
- Meet the requirements of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy
- Students in a community college partnership program (M20, Mott20, O20 or SC20) must complete full-time transferable credits during each fall and winter semester at OU and/or their partner school. Scholarship funds can only be used for full-time enrollment in Oakland University classes during fall, winter and summer semesters.

We understand the financial hardships families are facing, and we want to do all we can to help make an exceptional education affordable. At OU, most students qualify for some form of financial assistance. The First Year Focus Award represents only one of the opportunities available. For more information, visit oakland.edu/financialaid. Also, be sure to apply for federal financial aid at fafsa.gov.

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