



Orangewood Foundation Scholarship SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Orangewood Foundation's Scholarship provides financial assistance to current and former Orange County, CA, foster youth engaging in the pursuit of higher education. Students may apply once a year until they obtain their Bachelor's degree (if that is the goal) or until they reach max funding of \$25,000 in total. *Submitting an application does not guarantee funding.* Not all applicants are eligible. Along with the Scholarship application, supporting documentation is required and eligibility will be verified.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

In order to be eligible for scholarship consideration, student applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Declared a dependent of Orange County, CA
- Young adults connected to Orangewood Foundation, residing in Orange County
- Enrolled to an accredited university, community college, or trade/vocational school
- Meet application and supporting documentation deadline (Fall Deadline: September 30th & Spring Deadline: February 28th)

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **Application & Supporting Documents:** Submit a new Orangewood Scholarship application with new supporting documents (required each academic year). Application and documents must be submitted via the online application prior to the deadline. *The entire application progress (from application to funding – if approved) may take 4-6 weeks.*
 - **Required Documents:** Ward of Court Letter/Foster Verification Letter (for new applicants), Proof of Financial Aid Application/Award, Enrollment Proof/Upcoming Term Schedule, Current Unofficial College Transcripts (for returning college students)
 - **Missing documents will create a delay in your application being processed or may cause a denial.**
2. **Application Deadline:** Application and required supporting documents must be received by the Scholarship and Grants Coordinator by September 30th in the Fall and February 28th in the Spring. Applications received after those dates may delay funding or may not be approved. The best time to apply is just prior to Fall term, or in the Winter, if planning to start in Spring.
3. **Application Approval/Denial:** Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis and funding is approved at the discretion of the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator and review committee. *Funding is not guaranteed.* The Scholarships and Grants Coordinator will contact applicants to inform them of application status and timeline for scholarship disbursements if approved.
 - Returning/new applicants must demonstrate measurable academic progress with a minimum of 2.0GPA.
 - Returning applicants must be under the 75 unit community college funding maximum
 - Returning applicants must be under the \$25,000 maximum funding amount
4. **Ongoing Communication:** Students will be required to maintain contact with the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator, there are also two periods where grades are required: the Midyear Update and the End of Year

Update. Not meeting these deadlines can have a student only be eligible for one end of semester disbursement when grades are submitted, or scholarship can be expired and no longer eligible for funds.

- **If approved, communication regarding disbursements will be given a timeframe to respond. Recipient must select a payout form to accept the scholarship, after updates recipient is also expected to confirm payout selection to accept awards. If you do not communicate regarding your disbursements they may be forfeited and your scholarship denied.**

Vocational/Trade School Applicants: Students interested in attending a vocational/trade school should first look at comparable programs through ROP or a community college. If student has a Youth Support Specialist, please consult with your YSS **prior to enrollment and prior to accepting student loans**. Vocational/trade school students can submit an Orangewood Scholarship application and supporting documents before and during enrollment, *but are not funded until after graduation/completion*. All trade/vocation schools must be accredited programs.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING BY CATEGORY:

A complete breakdown of amounts funded per unit/term is included in the annual funding table below:

Semester/ Quarter Units Enrolled and Completed with a C or better*	Maximum annual funding amounts are based on 12 unit enrollment (Fall/Spring, or Fall/Winter/Spring) and satisfactory progress. Funding is approved on an individual basis and is subject to availability. Funding amounts may vary to reflect a student’s academic performance and program status. Academic Funding Period is July 1 st - June 30 th . University students can earn up to \$5,904.00 yearly. Community College students can earn up to \$3,312.00 yearly.		
	<u>University (Semester)</u>	<u>University (Quarter)</u>	<u>Community College</u>
1 unit	\$246.00	\$164.00	\$138.00
2 units	\$492.00	\$328.01	\$276.00
3 units	\$738.00	\$492.01	\$414.00
4 units	\$984.00	\$656.02	\$552.00
5 units	\$1,230.00	\$820.02	\$690.00
6 units	&1,476.00	\$984.02	\$828.00
7 units	\$1,722.00	\$1,148.03	\$966.00
8 units	\$1,968.00	\$1,312.03	\$1,104.00
9 units	\$2,214.00	\$1,476.04	\$1,242.00
10 units	\$2,460.00	\$1,640.04	\$1,380.00
11 units	\$2,706.00	\$1,804.04	\$1,518.00
12+ units	\$2,952.00	\$1,968.05	\$1,656.00

Additional Scholarship Funding Information:

- **Previous Academic Year Funding:** The annual academic funding period/fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th. Funding does not roll over into the next funding period.
- **Eligible Purchases:** Orangewood Scholarship funding may be used for tuition for all terms including winter and summer intersessions, books, school supplies, and living needs/expenses.

- **Midyear Student Update:** The update form is sent out to each recipient. Reminders are also sent out leading up to the deadline of February 28th. Student Updates are required after the Fall term and by February 28th for the Winter quarter or Spring semester. This is required to receive the Winter or Spring disbursement, and to continue receiving funding for the year. Official or Unofficial Transcripts with previous term classes, units, grades, and both term and cumulative GPA are due after each term in order to get the end of the semester disbursement. Next terms schedule is due on the Midyear in order to get the next disbursement.
- **End of Year Update:** The update form is sent out to each recipient. Reminders are also sent out leading up to the deadline of June 30th. Student updates are required after the Spring term and by June 30th to end the funding year. This is required to receive the final disbursement of the year. Official or Unofficial Transcripts with previous term classes, units, grades, and both term and cumulative GPA are due after each term in order to get the end of the semester disbursement.
- **Driver’s Education:** Orangewood Scholarship students qualify for driver’s education funding up to an additional \$500 if they don’t currently have a driver license. Driver’s Education funding will be offered as a reimbursement to eligible students with proof of completing driver’s education and proof of their state issued driver license. When Training is purchased, receipt must be submitted to the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator. Further details will be given regarding reimbursement once Training receipt is submitted. Reimbursement is not guaranteed, it is not granted until the Driver’s License is earned within the time frame given.
- **Length of Scholarship:** The Undergraduate Scholarship will fund up to 75 units for Community College, for longer programs such as Nursing Programs exceptions can be made based on academic progress. The Undergraduate Scholarship is intended to assist scholars with earning a Certificate, Associate’s or Bachelor’s. Once a Bachelor’s degree is earned a scholar is no longer eligible for the Undergraduate Scholarship. The Undergraduate Scholarship will fund up to \$25,000 over the years to assist the youth towards the goal of a Bachelor’s.
- **Disbursements:** Undergraduate Scholarship recipients will be able to choose how they wish to receive their scholarship funding disbursements. Students will receive disbursements at the beginning of the term then at the end of the term with submission of grades. If a scholar has not shown reasonable academic progress the disbursements may be withheld and the scholarship denied.
 - **Types of Disbursements:** Check, Zelle, Direct Deposit/ACH

CONTACT US:

For questions please contact the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator:

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