In addition to the Scholar Awards, we also administer the state's largest independent scholarship program. For more information please visit www.occf.org/scholarshipdirectory.

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SCHOLAR AWARDS



Important information for counselors, students and parents about:

Community Foundation Scholars and Foundation of Promise Scholars





Requirements for all scholarships awarded:

- 1. Must be utilized within one year of high school graduation.
- 2. Applicable to full-time enrollment only.
- 3. Disbursed only to academically accredited not for profit institutions in the United States for payment of student tuition, academic fees and textbooks.

Community Foundation Scholars

In 1997, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustees developed the Community Foundation Scholar Award program to raise the expectations and commitment of central Oklahoma high school students to pursue educational opportunities beyond high school. Now in its 15th year, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has awarded 1,258 scholarships to worthy seniors.

Participating high schools will accept applications for the 2012 program in November of 2011.

If you meet the following criteria then you should apply for this \$1,500 scholarship.

- Spring semester 2012 graduate of a high school participating in the Central Oklahoma Guidance Network.
- Ability to benefit from additional education as demonstrated by a GPA between 3.25 and 3.79.
- Demonstrated commitment to education as reflected in the written scholarship application.
- Demonstrated commitment in school or community activities outside the classroom as reflected in the written scholarship application.
- Do not qualify for other academic or performance-based scholarship/tuition awards.



My family and I are extremely grateful for your gracious contribution toward my education. Your scholarship is a blessing for us because I will be the first of my family to attend college. Furthermore, your financial support serves as motivation for me to succeed in order to pay it forward and help other young adults continue their education.

Francisco Moran Harding Charter Preparatory School 2011 Foundation of Promise Scholar



Thank you for awarding me a Community
Foundation Scholar award last year. Something
I've learned after a year of college is the little
things add up in a big way. The scholarship,
adding with others, made the difference between
taking out a loan or not. Basically, it added up
for me and I highly appreciate it.

Daniela McCormick Piedmont High School 2009 Community Foundation Scholar

To verify if your high school participates in the Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network or if you require additional information about the Community Foundation Scholar or Foundation of Promise Scholar programs, please contact Linda Keefe at 1.keefe@occf.org or 405/606-2909.

Foundation of Promise Scholars for First Generation Scholars

Foundation of Promise scholarships began in 2000. Students apply for this scholarship program in their junior year of high school.

If accepted to the program, the student and their parent sign a "Letter of Understanding" agreeing to complete a series of guidance activities by February 15 of their senior year. Students successfully completing the required activities receive a scholarship.

In the past 10 years, 734 students completed their required activities and were awarded scholarships.

If you meet the following criteria then you should apply for this \$1,500 scholarship.

- A student in the junior class of a high school participating in the Central Oklahoma Guidance Network.
- The first generation of your family to attend college: Please talk with your school's participating Guidance Counselor for specific information on definition of "first generation."