



Quick Answers to Know for College Applications

- Valid Email Address _____
- Full Legal Name _____
- Name of Custodial Parents/Guardians _____
- Current Mailing Address _____
- Permanent Address/Parent's Address _____
- Emergency Contact/Next of Kin _____
- Social Security # _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Country of Birth _____
 - **Citizen Status** -- Are you a U.S. Citizen? If your answer is "no," make sure to bring copies of your documentation status for the U.S. to include with your application.
- Religious Preference/Denomination _____
- Do you have a parent who is active duty military, a military veteran, retired from the military, etc.? If so, list name of veteran and branch of service. _____
- Ethnicity _____
- Are you a resident of Oklahoma? _____
- How long have you lived in Oklahoma? _____
- Current County of Residence in Oklahoma? _____
- Term you expect to enroll in college _____
- Intended major or area of study _____
- Are you a high school graduate? Date (anticipated) of high school graduation _____



College Admissions Tips

- It's okay to apply to colleges before you've made a final choice! You need several options to choose from when selecting a college, and applying early helps ensure you're a good fit.
- It's wise to apply to more than one school. Make sure at least one is a school where you know you'll be admitted, can pay for it, and feel you fit. Most students apply to between two and five colleges.
- You want to represent yourself in the best manner possible, so be sure that your online profiles (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) show the positive decisions you make.
- Get to know your GEAR UP education specialist and college liaison. They can help you through the process and ensure that you have everything you need to complete admission to their school.
- Visiting campus is the single best way to determine if a college is right for you. Use college visit days or breaks to visit college campuses. When you're there, ask lots of questions!
- Don't let finances keep you from applying. You may be eligible for scholarships or other financial aid that may help you afford college. If you have questions, talk with your parents or school counselor. You can also visit https://secure.okcollegestart.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/default.aspx to learn the basics about paying for college.

It's okay to feel confused about admissions and financial aid. We're here to help! Your school counselor is a great resource as is your GEAR UP education specialist.



Sample College Application Essay Questions

Colleges use your writing sample to learn more about you as a person. Below are examples of essay topics you may see on Oklahoma college applications or The Common Application, which is included in your folder.

- How can you contribute to diversity?
- Why do you believe this college is a good fit for you?
- Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
- Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
- Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
- Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
- A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.



Admissions Application Checklist

It's important to gather all of the information you'll need before you begin the application process. Use this folder to collect those materials so you're well-prepared on College Application Day! Review the following list for items you'll need to complete most admissions applications.

- Your own biographical information:** Colleges will ask you questions like name, address, valid e-mail address, telephone number, etc. It's important that you know your Social Security number, not only to make application for college but also for when you file the FAFSA.
- Your parents' biographical information:** Because you're still considered a minor, colleges need to know about your parents when you apply. Be sure to know where they work, whether they went to college, and, if they did, where they went. Valid e-mail addresses and phone numbers are also necessary.

Tip—A good way to ensure you have all of the biographical information required is to print off a copy of your selected college's application and fill it out on paper before applying online. Keep a copy of your "practice application" in this folder so you have it handy on College Application Day.

- ACT/SAT score:** Colleges use your ACT or SAT score to determine how prepared you are to attend their college. Be sure to have a copy of your highest or most recent score with you on College Application Day. If you need a copy of your report, your school counselor can help you get it.
- High School Transcript:** Colleges need to review the work you've done in high school. Be sure to have your school counselor send your college an official copy of your transcript. (**Note:** Many times, if your ACT score is printed on the transcript, you will not have to submit your scores separately.)
- College Résumé:** College résumés are a great way to illustrate how active you are in clubs, organizations and your community. Have yours created, edited and on-hand on College Application Day. (**Note:** A great way to create a college résumé is to use your Individual Learning Plan [ILP]. If you're not familiar with the résumé function, ask your counselor for help.)



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- ❑ **College Admissions Essay:** Many colleges evaluate students' writing abilities by requiring a college admissions essay with their application. Never submit a college essay unless you've revised it and had some people you trust (a parent, peer, teacher, counselor) read it and give you feedback. You want this to be an example of your best work, so make sure it's polished!

Tip—Because you'll need your college résumé and admissions essay on hand when you submit your application online, you may want to save both documents to a thumb drive to bring with you on College Application Day.

- ❑ **Letters of Recommendation:** Many colleges ask for letters of recommendation to learn more about you. Choose people whom you trust and feel confident can say great things about you, such as your school counselor or a favorite teacher. Don't ask a family member, since most schools want these letters to be from someone who isn't related to you. Be sure to give your references plenty of time to write and submit your letters before your application deadline. It is also wise to provide them with a copy of your college résumé so they can cite specific things you've done in your high school career.
- ❑ **Payment:** Some colleges still require an application fee even if you apply online. When you arrive on College Application Day, be sure to have a method of payment, such as a credit card number, for your application fee. You can find out how much the fee is by checking the school's website. If you are having problems with the admissions application fee, please see your school counselor for options.



Where do you qualify?

Research/Comprehensive Universities

Oklahoma State University – Score a 24 ACT or 1090 SAT **OR** have a 3.0 GPA and rank in the top 33 percent of your class **OR** have a 3.0 GPA in the 15-unit core and a 21 ACT or 980 SAT **OR** score a 22 ACT or 1020 SAT or have an unweighted high school core curriculum GPA of 3.0 plus undergo review of cognitive and non-cognitive factors⁵.
Registration Fee: \$40

*University of Oklahoma (Resident)*³ – Score a 24 ACT or 1090 SAT and have a 3.0 GPA or rank in the top 50 percent² of your class **OR** have a 3.0 GPA and rank in the top 25 percent² of your class **OR** have a 3.0 GPA in the 15-unit core and a 22 ACT or 1020 SAT².
Registration Fee: \$40

University of Oklahoma (Non-resident) – Score a 26 ACT or 1170 SAT and have a 3.0 GPA or rank in the top 50 percent of your class^{2,3} **OR** have a 3.5 GPA and rank in the top 25 percent³ of your class **OR** have a 3.0 GPA¹ in the 15-unit core and a 22 ACT or 1020 SAT⁴.
Registration Fee: \$40

Regional Universities

Score a 20 ACT or 940 SAT **OR** have a 2.7 GPA and rank in the top 50 percent of your class **OR** have a 2.7 GPA¹ in the 15-unit core.

University	Location	Registration Fee
Cameron University	Lawton	\$15
East Central University	Ada	\$20
Langston University	Langston	\$25
Northeastern Oklahoma State University	Tahlequah	\$25
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Alva	\$15
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Enid	\$15
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Woodward	\$15
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Goodwell	No charge
Rogers State University	Claremore	No charge
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	Durant	\$20
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Weatherford	\$15
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Sayre	\$15
University of Central Oklahoma	Edmond	\$40



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Public Liberal Arts University

University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma – Score a 24 ACT or 1090 SAT and have a 3.0 GPA or rank in the top 50 percent of your class **OR** have a 3.0 GPA and rank in the top 25 percent of your class **OR** have a 3.0 GPA¹ in the 15-unit core and an 22 ACT or 1020 SAT.

Registration Fee: \$25

Community Colleges

You don't need to make certain scores, but you should fulfill the following requirements: take required high school classes **AND** graduate from an accredited high school or have a GED **AND** take the ACT exam.

College	Location	Registration Fee
Carl Albert State College	Poteau	No charge
Connors State College	Warner	No charge
Eastern Oklahoma State College	Wilburton	\$15
Murray State College	Tishomingo	No charge
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	Miami	No charge
Northern Oklahoma College	Tonkawa	\$25
Oklahoma City Community College	Oklahoma City	\$25
Redlands Community College	El Reno	\$25
Rose State College	Midwest City	\$15
Seminole State College	Seminole	\$15
Tulsa Community College	Tulsa	\$20
Western Oklahoma State College	Altus	No charge

¹ Additional weighting (1.0) will be added to GPAs of students who take the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) and higher-level International Baccalaureate (IB) courses.

² Cognitive factors include noted academic admission standards; quality, quantity and level of coursework throughout the entire high school program; completion of a progressively challenging math sequence, demonstrated by performance; and class rank taken in context with academic rigor and class size of high school attended. Non-cognitive factors include positive self-concept, realistic self-appraisal, long-term goals, leadership experience, community and knowledge in an acquired field. Cognitive factors will be weighted at 60 percent and non-cognitive at 40 percent.

³ Students meeting the following requirements under each admission option will be placed on a waiting list and evaluated according to stated policy: Option 1 - students with the required ACT score but less than a 3.0 GPA and lower than the top 50 percent of the high school class; Option 2 - students in the top 26-30 percent of their high school class with at least a 3.0 GPA; and Option 3 - all students.

⁴ Non-resident students not meeting these standards but otherwise meeting admission standards for resident students may be placed on a waiting list and evaluated according to stated policy.

⁵ Non-resident students meeting standards in this category will be placed on a waiting list and evaluated according to stated policy.

Note: If you want to go to a state university, but you don't meet the course and grade requirements, ask your counselor about [right-to-try provisions](#).



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College Choices

Narrow your college search to schools that you feel would be good choices for you. Use this space to list the schools you may apply to and some important information about them. You can also visit okcollegestart.org to help you choose which Oklahoma colleges and universities best meet your needs.

Choice 1

College/University _____

City, State _____

Website _____

Tuition, Room, Board, and Fees _____

Major _____

Choice 2

College/University _____

City, State _____

Website _____

Tuition, Room, Board, and Fees _____

Major _____

Choice 3

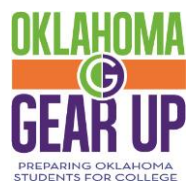
College/University _____

City, State _____

Website _____

Tuition, Room, Board, and Fees _____

Major _____



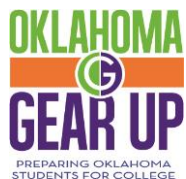


School Evaluation

Students, if you are still deciding on which college is right for you, fill out this evaluation form using each college's website. Use Oklahoma's online Matching Assistant at

https://secure.okcollegestart.org/College_Planning/Explore_Schools/Explore_Schools.aspx

School name			
Internet address			
Visit date scheduled			
General Information			
Type of school			
My program of study			
Degrees offered			
Enrollment			
Location			
Admission requirements			
Student-teacher ratio			
Up-do-date facilities and technology?			
Success of previous graduates in my program			
Job placement/career office			
Graduating starting salary in my program			
Will credits transfer to another school			
Costs			
Tuition and fees			
Room and board			
Books and supplies			
Other expenses			
Financial Aid			
Types of aid available			
Approved for federal and state financial aid programs			
Required applications			
Deadlines			
Application			
Financial aid			



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Discover how much college really costs

College is an investment in your future for which you should start planning now. Fortunately, the cost of attending an Oklahoma state college or university is among the lowest in the nation, and many sources of financial aid are available to help manage the cost.

As you might imagine, various factors can affect college expenses, including the type of college or university, the number of courses a student takes, the student's major, and his or her personal lifestyle. One way to prepare for the cost is for you and your parents to begin saving for college as soon as possible because the more you save, the less you'll need when you start college.

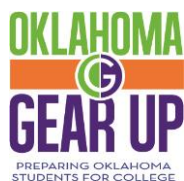
Applying for financial aid is a very important step for many students. There are resources available to guide you through the application process if you need help or have questions. Visit https://secure.okcollegestart.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/_default.aspx for more information.

2014-2015 Estimated Costs for Resident Students at Oklahoma Public Colleges and Universities

The estimated cost of attending Oklahoma colleges and universities is calculated below for full-time **resident** undergraduate students enrolled in 30 semester credit hours during the 2014-15 academic year. Costs for room and board and books and supplies are based on Fiscal Year 2015 estimated costs and may be rounded to the nearest dollar. For per credit hour rates by institution, visit https://secure.okcollegestart.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/Financial_Aid_101/Oklahoma_Tuition_Breakdown.aspx.

Expenses	Research Universities	Regional Universities	Community Colleges	Technical Branches
Tuition	\$4,277	\$4,311	\$2,573	\$3,175
Mandatory Fees	\$3,292	\$1,331	\$966	\$961
Average Academic Service Fees	\$1,098	\$393	\$145	\$248
Room and Board*	\$7,733	\$5,162	\$5,044	\$5,336
Books and Supplies	\$875	\$1,235	\$1,151	\$1,450
TOTAL	\$17,275	\$12,432	\$9,879	\$11,170

**Note: Room and board estimates are based on a student living in a traditional dormitory with a roommate and participating in a 20-meal-per-week plan. Many institutions offer a wide variety of room and board plans, and costs may differ from the average reported above.*



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Oklahoma Public Colleges and Universities Tuition and Mandatory Fees Per Credit Hour for 2014-15

The cost of a college or university course is determined by the number of credit hours awarded for completing the class. Usually, one credit hour represents one hour of in-class instruction per week for 16 weeks in a specific subject. Therefore, the cost for one course is determined by multiplying the number of credit hours the class is worth by the total tuition and mandatory fees per credit hour.

For more information on college costs, email studentinfo@osrhe.edu or call the Student Information Hotline at 800.858.1840 (225.9239 in OKC).

Research Universities	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total Per Credit Hour
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater and Tulsa	\$147.50	\$100.55	\$248.05
University of Oklahoma, Norman	\$137.60	\$118.88	\$256.48
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center	\$137.60	\$73.00	\$210.60

Regional Universities	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total Per Credit Hour
Cameron University	\$124.00	\$54.00	\$178.00
East Central University, Ada	\$141.20	\$43.77	\$184.97
Langston University, Langston	\$110.16	\$49.88	\$160.04
Langston University, Oklahoma City	\$110.16	\$41.55	\$151.71
Langston University, Tulsa	\$101.16	\$41.55	\$151.71
Northeastern State University	\$138.75	\$37.40	\$176.15
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	\$163.26	\$21.75	\$185.00
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	\$134.75	\$81.80	\$216.55
Rogers State University	\$117.35	\$73.45	\$190.80
Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant	\$168.50	\$21.10	\$189.60
Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Idabel and McAlester (lower-division courses)	\$168.50	\$0	\$168.50
Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Grayson County, Texas	\$168.50	\$0	\$168.50
Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford	\$148.50	\$36.50	\$185.00
Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Sayre	\$148.50	\$33.50	\$182.00
University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond	\$164.25	\$29.30	\$193.55





Public Liberal Arts University	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total Per Credit Hour
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha	\$170.00	\$39.00	\$209.00

Community Colleges	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total Per Credit Hour
Carl Albert State College	\$69.10	\$31.00	\$100.10
Connors State College	\$80.00	\$40.75	\$120.75
Eastern Oklahoma State College	\$89.41	\$36.13	\$125.54
Murray State College	\$110.00	\$19.67	\$129.67
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	\$77.00	\$44.75	\$121.75
Northern Oklahoma College	\$74.00	\$29.30	\$103.30
Northern Oklahoma College - Gateway Program -Stillwater	\$74.00	\$100.77	\$174.77
Oklahoma City Community College	\$82.55	\$25.45	\$108.00
Redlands Community College	\$123.37	\$0	\$123.37
Rose State College	\$86.50	\$21.47	\$107.97
Seminole State College	\$79.50	\$41.50	\$121.00
Tulsa Community College	\$87.22	\$29.78	\$117.00
Western Oklahoma State College	\$70.60	\$34.35	\$104.95

Note: In addition to tuition and mandatory fees, academic service fees are required for certain courses and services.

Technical Colleges	Location	Registration Fee	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total Per Credit Hour
Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, Okmulgee	Okmulgee	No charge	\$115.50	\$38	\$153.50
Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City	No charge	\$91.90	\$26.03	\$117.93



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