



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

Any student who plans to be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours*) at OPSU for the upcoming year and meets the requirements of the specific scholarship.

How do I know which scholarships to apply for?

Read through the entire Panhandle State Foundation Scholarship List or at least the categories that apply to you. Don't forget to look at the scholarships available in the General Section.

If you are currently a senior in HS, look for scholarship criteria open to "Freshman" or "OPSU students". If you are a current college student, look for criteria that matches your anticipated Fall classification = a current junior should apply for scholarships available to "Seniors" or "OPSU students". If a concurrent student has enough hours to be considered a sophomore, the student can apply for both Freshman and Sophomore scholarships since this will be his/her first year of full time college enrollment.

I submitted my transcript and ACT score to OPSU. Can you get a copy from them?

No, OPSU and Panhandle State Foundation are completely separate entities. Panhandle State Foundation does NOT have access to your OPSU records.

How many Foundation scholarships can one student apply for?

Students should apply for all scholarships that they meet the requirements for.

What if I meet some of the requirements, but not all of the requirements?

We recommend you applying for the scholarship if you meet most of the requirements.

Can I apply for all the scholarships?

Check marking ALL the scholarships is not recommended. The selection committees will see that you did not attempt to determine your own eligibility. Please read through the list and mark only the scholarships you are eligible for.

Should I apply if I plan to graduate in December?

We recommend applying for Foundation scholarships even if you are graduating in December. If you are selected, you will receive the first semester scholarship distribution. The second semester scholarship distribution will go to the next in line alternate.

If I am graduating in December, can I have all my scholarship funds distributed the first semester?

Only if the scholarship you were awarded was set up by the donor to be paid in full the first semester.

What will happen if my application is late or incomplete?

Late applications will not be accepted and incomplete applications will not be considered.

How and when will I be notified of the selection results?

Notification is sent to the email address provided on the application after all scholarship selections have been made. Letters are usually emailed in April. All scholarship selection results will be included in one letter. Please add opsufoundation@opsu.edu to your trusted sender list. Panhandle State Foundation is not responsible for missed emails.

What do I do if I am selected for a scholarship?

The email notification will contain directions to claim your scholarship by submitting a thank you letter and picture by the deadline stated in the email. Scholarships not claimed by the deadline will be rescinded and offered to the next in line alternate.

What if I am selected as the alternate?

As an alternate, you are next in line to receive the scholarship if the recipient becomes ineligible for any reason, either semester. We will send notification to you using the email address you provided if/when you have been elevated from alternate status to recipient.

Do you report Foundation scholarships to the OPSU Financial Aid Office?

Yes.

What do you do with my applications after the process is over?

Applications are destroyed.

When and how will I get my scholarship funds?

Scholarships awarded through Panhandle State Foundation are paid directly to the student's OPSU account each semester, if all scholarship requirements have been met. Most scholarships are paid one-half each semester, but some are paid in full in the Fall semester. Payment schedule is noted on your award email. First semester funds are usually transferred in late August or early September and second semester funds are transferred in late January or early February. You will be notified by email each semester when your funds have been transferred to your student account. Foundation scholarships are not posted to student accounts until the funds are transferred. If more than one Foundation scholarship was received, the combined total may be listed on your OPSU portal, rather than each individual scholarship.

Who do I ask if I have questions about Foundation scholarships?

Feel free to stop by the office in Hefley Hall Room 104 on the OPSU campus, or call 580-349-1392 or email opsufoundation@opsu.edu.