



UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Orangewood Foundation's Undergraduate Scholarship provides financial assistance to current and former Orange County, CA, foster youth engaging in the pursuit of higher education. Students may continue to apply 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 REQUIREMENTS:

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

- Aged 18-30
- Declared a dependent of Orange County, CA
 - o OR Young adults actively in an Orangewood Foundation program & residing in Orange County, CA
- Enrolled to an accredited university, community college, or trade/vocational school
- Meet application and supporting documentation deadlines

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 process (from application to funding – if approved) may take 4-6 weeks.*
 - <https://orangewoodfoundation.org/programs/scholarships/>
 - **Required Documents:**
 - i Ward of Court Letter/Foster Verification Letter (for brand new applicants)
 - ii Proof of Financial Aid Application/Award
 - iii Upcoming Term Schedule
 - iv 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 Dates & Deadlines:** Application and required supporting documents must be received by the Scholarship and Grants Coordinator by deadlines to be considered. *NOTE: Based on demand, the application may close prior to the listed deadline based on scholarship availability.*
 - **Fall Term Application:** August 1st – September 30th
 - **Fall Semester & Quarter Grades Due:** December 1st – January 15th
 - **Winte Quarter/Spring Semester Term Application:** January 15th – March 1st

i *There will be a modified application for those who received funding Fall term and wish to apply for continued funding*

- **Winter Quarter Grades & Spring Quarter Schedule Due:** April 1st – April 30th
 - **Spring Semester & Quarter Grades Due:** May 15th – June 30th
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, submitted grades at the end of funded terms is required to receive disbursements. Not meeting these requirements 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 will be sent to the applicant regarding funding disbursements and there will be a timeframe to respond. Recipient must select a payout form to accept the scholarship. If you do not communicate regarding your disbursements they may be forfeited and your scholarship denied.
 - Communication between applicants/recipients and staff are expected to be respectful and professional. A majority of communication will take place via email, it is important for applicants and recipients to monitor their email for communication from staff.

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.* If the program required initial fees proof of fees paid can be submitted to receive partial scholarship funding right away. All trade/vocational schools must be accredited programs.

RECIPIENT 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.
- **Fall Update:** The update form is sent out to each Fall term recipient. Reminders are also sent out leading up to the deadline of January 15th. A Fall Update must be completed in order to apply for Winter Qtr./Spring Sem. Official or Unofficial Transcripts with previous term classes, units, grades, and both term and cumulative GPA are due after each term in order to receive the end of the semester disbursement.
- **Spring Update:** The update form is sent out to each Spring 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.
 - **Post Bachelor's:** If a scholarship recipient has earned their bachelor's and wishes to continue schooling for an advanced degree or certificate we do have the Advanced Studies Fund Scholarship specifically for those scholars! Further information can be found here:
<https://orangewoodfoundation.org/programs/advanced-studies-fund/>
- **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

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

Orangewood Foundation Address	1575 E. 17 th St., Santa Ana, CA, 92705
Orangewood Foundation Website	https://orangewoodfoundation.org/programs/
Scholarships Staff	scholarships@orangewoodfoundation.org

