



OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

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Professionally Engineering the Future Scholarship

The Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (OKPELS) is excited to announce the 4th year of the *Professionally Engineering the Future* Scholarship. The scholarship's purpose is to benefit and support creative and diverse student leaders entering their first professional degree program in the field of Engineering or Engineering Technology, whose goals are directed towards *Professionally Engineering the Future* through the principled practice of engineering.

Specifically aimed at upper level engineering or engineering technology students from OSU, OU, UCO, SWOSU, ORU, Tulsa and Oklahoma Christian, **this scholarship has awarded 145 students a total of \$305,000 in scholarship money in the past three years!**

The scholarship is an endowed fund established by OKPELS and is administered through the Oklahoma City Community Foundation (OCCF). **All applications must be submitted through the OCCF website.** Detailed instructions on “*How to Apply*” can be found at www.occf.org/scholarships/.

Award:

- **\$2,000 - \$6,000** (53 scholarships were awarded last year)
- At least one recipient will be selected from each qualifying university
- Funds may be used for tuition, fees, required supplies, and book expenses
- Payments are made in two installments (fall and spring semester) each academic year directly to the student’s school after proof of enrollment has been provided to the OCCF.
- Recipients may reapply the following year
- Financial need will be considered
- Preference will be given for students who graduated from an Oklahoma high school

Eligible Applicants must:

- Be entered into an ABET accredited professional degree program for Engineering or Engineering Technology at an Oklahoma university – all disciplines of engineering qualify
- Be full-time students entering their third, fourth or fifth year of school earning their first professional degree
- Have a collegiate GPA ≥ 2.5

Application Timeline:

- **Applications open November 1, 2021**
- **Application Deadline: February 28, 2022**
- Apply at www.occf.org/scholarships/

Questions for OKPELS? Contact Mark Kirk at mkirk@pels.ok.gov or (405) 522-3355

Questions for OCCF? Contact OCCF scholarship staff at scholarships@occf.org or (405) 235-5603



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I apply for a scholarship?

Detailed instructions regarding the application process can be found at www.occf.org/scholarships/

2. How much does it cost to apply?

There is no charge to apply for an OCCF scholarship.

3. Is there just one application to fill out?

No. Each scholarship has its own unique application. There is one General Application/Student Profile that collects the basic information for each applicant; however, applicants must apply for each scholarship separately.

4. Can I fax or email my application?

No. Scholarship applications must be submitted online at www.occf.org/scholarships/

5. What's the deadline for applying?

February 28, 2022

6. Can I get an extension if I need one?

No. Applications sent after the deadline are considered late and will not be reviewed.

7. Who makes the award decisions?

The OKPELS Scholarship Selection Committee

8. How will I find out if I've been awarded a scholarship and will you let me know if I have not?

Applicants are notified in writing if they are selected to receive a scholarship award. All applicants can login to www.occf.org/scholarships/ to check on the status of an application. A status of "not qualified" or "declined" indicates that an applicant was not selected for an award.

9. What happens if I am selected as a scholarship recipient?

Scholarship recipients will receive an official letter by mail, as well as an instruction sheet regarding how to claim the scholarship. These mailed documents will be sent to the address that was provided by the applicant on the General Application/Student Profile. Read the documents and respond in a timely manner.

10. What expenses can the scholarship pay?

Scholarship awards may go to payment of tuition, fees, required supplies, and book expenses.

11. Will I receive a check for my scholarship?

No. Scholarship payments are mailed directly to the school's financial aid office.

12. If I receive a scholarship one year, will I automatically receive an award for the following year?

No, but recipients are encouraged to reapply again. An individual may not receive the scholarship more than three times.

13. What happens if I move or change schools after I've been awarded a scholarship?

Award recipients who move should contact the scholarship staff at OCCF and update their address.

Recipients who change schools should also notify OCCF of the change. If the change is to an Oklahoma university and the recipient remains in an EAC/ABET or ETAC/ABET accredited program, then the scholarship will remain. If the student is no longer enrolled in an EAC/ABET or ETAC/ABET accredited program, then the scholarship will not be awarded.

14. I received a scholarship and would like to send a thank-you note. Where should I send my letter?

Please send thank you notes to the OCCF. The mailing address is:

Oklahoma City Community Foundation

P.O. Box 1146

Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1146

15. I have a question that wasn't answered here. What should I do?

Please contact the OCCF scholarship staff at scholarships@occf.org