



Orangewood Foundation Scholarship SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS

Orangewood Foundation's Scholarship provide financial assistance to current and former Orange County, CA, foster youth engaging in the pursuit of higher education. Students may apply once a year until the age of 25 (or until they've obtained a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first). Submitting an application does not guarantee funding. Not all applicants are eligible. Along with the Scholarship application, supporting documentation is required and eligibility must be verified.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

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

- Declared a dependent of Orange County, CA (verified through the Orange County Social Services Agency and/or a Dependency Verification/Ward of the Court letter)
- Under the age of 25 at time of each new application
- If beyond the age of 25, must be a continuing Orangewood Scholarship student in good standing and under the \$25,000 scholarship cap
- Accepted to an accredited university, community college, or graduated from a Orangewood Scholarship approved trade school
- Meet application and supporting documentation deadline (Fall Deadline: 9/30 & Spring Deadline: 2/28)
- Part-time students are eligible and scholarship amounts will adjust based on units enrolled/completed
- Once approved, demonstrated measurable academic progress (minimum 2.0 Term & Cumulative GPA)
- If returned to biological parents or adopted, must have been returned or adopted after 13th birthday
- Must have been in foster care for more than 90 days
- If married, spouse contribution may be considered
- If a parent, must submit a suitable child care plan (see 'Personal Essay Criteria' on page 3 of the Orangewood Scholarship application)
- Must be within the 75 unit community college maximum
- If attending a trade school, must not have received Orangewood Scholarship funding for another trade school in the past (1 trade school maximum)
- Exceptions: Declared dependents from other jurisdictions and other students including those who are entering or re-entering post-secondary education after their 25th birthday may be considered on a case by case basis if they have a significant connection to the Orangewood Foundation.

Applicants for Special Consideration: Youth who don't meet the eligibility criteria above may submit an application (E.g. you are over the age of 25 or you were adopted before the age of 13). Applicants for special consideration are subject to review by the Program Committee to determine approval status.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **Application & Supporting Documents:** Submit a new Orangewood Scholarship application and supporting documents (required each academic year). See student applicant categories and corresponding lists of supporting documents on page 3 of the application. Application and documents may be hand-delivered, mailed, faxed, or emailed. The Orangewood Scholarship application can be found at www.orangewood4you.org/childrens-trustfund.
2. **Application Deadline:** Application and required supporting documents must be received at Orangewood

Foundation by 9/30 in the Fall and 2/28 in the Spring. Applications received after those dates may delay funding or may not be approved. If a late application is not approved, it may be considered for the following term. The best time to apply is in the Summer months, in preparation for the Fall term, or in the Winter, if planning to start in Spring.

3. **Application Approval/Denial:** Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis and funding is approved at the discretion of the Orangewood Scholarship Program. Funding is not guaranteed. Orangewood Scholarship staff will contact applicants to inform them of receipt of application, application status, and timeline for scholarship disbursements.
4. **Interview & Ongoing Support:** Students may be asked to attend an interview and/or orientation with a CTF Advisor and asked to attend subsequent meetings for life skills and academic guidance. Some students may be asked to provide mid-term progress reports to an Orangewood Scholarship Advisor.

Vocational/Trade School Applicants: Students interested in attending a vocational/trade school should first consult with Carla Etzold **prior to enrollment and prior to accepting student loans**. Comparable programs through ROP or a community college should be considered first. Vocational/trade school students can submit an Orangewood Scholarship application and supporting documents before and during enrollment, but are not considered for funding until after graduation/completion.

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	Maximum annual funding amounts are based on full-time enrollment 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 .		
	<u>University (Semester System)</u>	<u>University (Quarter System)</u>	<u>Community College</u>
12 units or more	\$2,250/semester (\$4,500/year) Early semester disbursement \$1,125 End of semester disbursement \$1,125	\$1,500/quarter (\$4,500/year) Early quarter disbursement \$1,500	\$1,251/semester (\$2,502/year) Early semester disbursement \$625 End of semester disbursement \$625
11 units	\$2,062.50/semester (\$4,125/year)	\$1,375/quarter (\$4,125/year)	\$1,146.75/semester (\$2,293.5/year)
10 units	\$1,875.00/semester (\$3,750/year)	\$1,250/quarter (\$3,750/year)	\$1,042.50/semester (\$2,085/year)
9 units	\$1,687.50/semester (\$3,375/year)	\$1,125/quarter (\$3,375/year)	\$938.25/semester (\$1,876.50/year)
8 units	\$1,500.00/semester (\$3,000/year)	\$1,000/quarter (\$3,000/year)	\$834/semester (\$1,668/year)
7 units	\$1,312.50/semester (\$2,625/year)	\$875/quarter (\$2,625/year)	\$729.75/semester (\$1,459.5/year)
6 units	\$1,125.00/semester (\$2,250/year)	\$750/quarter (\$2,250/year)	\$625.50/semester (\$1,251/year)
5 units	\$937.50/semester (\$1,875/year)	\$625/quarter (\$1,875/year)	\$521.25/semester (\$1,042.50/year)
4 units	\$750.00/semester (\$1,500/year)	\$500/quarter (\$1,500/year)	\$417/semester (\$834/year)
3 units	\$562.50/semester (\$1,125/year)	\$375/quarter (\$1,125/year)	\$312.75/semester (\$625.5/year)
2 units	\$375.00/semester (\$750/year)	\$250/quarter (\$750/year)	\$208.50/semester (\$417/year)
1 unit	\$187.50/semester (\$375/year)	\$125/quarter (\$375/year)	\$104.25/semester (\$208.5/year)

Additional Scholarship Funding Information:

- **Vocational/Trade School:** Students may receive up to \$2,502 per year, based on full-time enrollment. Cost and length of program are considered and applications will be processed upon graduation/completion of program. Funding may be paid directly toward student loans. Vocational/trade school programs must be pre-approved by Orangewood prior to enrollment
- **Ongoing Transcript Submissions:** 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 and

the next early semester/quarter disbursement. They are due by 9/30 in the Fall and 2/28 in the Spring. Transcripts may not be copied/pasted into an email or Word document.

- **Ongoing Class Schedule Submissions:** Proof of enrollment is required by 9/30 in the Fall and 2/28 in the Spring. In order to receive the early semester/quarter disbursement, a class schedule formatted by the school needs to be submitted and should include student's name, school, term, class list, and number of units per class.
- **Previous Academic Year Funding:** The annual academic funding period/fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th. All scholarships expire each year on 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 expenses
- **Mid-Year Student Update:** The Student Update form is located on the Orangewood Foundation website at www.orangewood4you.org/childrens-trust-fund. Student Updates are required after the Fall term and by 2/28 for the Winter quarter or Spring semester. This is required to receive the early Winter or Spring disbursement.
- **Driver's Education:** Orangewood Scholarship students qualify for driver's education funding up to an additional \$300 if they have not received Orangewood Scholarship funding in the past and 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.

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