



Orangewood Foundation Scholarship SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS

Orangewood Foundation's Scholarship provides 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)
- Must have been in care after the age of 13, and must have been in foster care for more than 90 days.
- 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 funding cap of \$25,000.
- Accepted to an accredited university or community college.
- Meet application and supporting documentation deadline (Fall Deadline: 9/30 & Spring Deadline: 2/28)
- Part-time students are eligible. The Scholarship award are based on units enrolled/passed/
- Once approved, demonstrated measurable academic progress (minimum 2.0 GPA)
- 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)
- *Special Considerations: Youth who don't meet the eligibility criteria above may submit an application and be considered on a case by case basis if they have a significant connection to the Orangewood Foundation.*

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **Application & Supporting Documents:** Submit a new Orangewood Scholarship application and supporting documents (required each academic year). Application and documents must be submitted in the application online or emailed to the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator prior to the deadline.
2. **Application Deadline:** Application and required supporting documents must be received by the Scholarship and Grants Coordinator by September 30th in the Fall and February 28th in the Spring. Applications received after those dates may delay funding or may not be approved. 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. **Meeting & Ongoing Communication:** Students may be asked to attend a meeting with the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator. Students will be required to maintain contact with the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator, there are also two periods where grades are required: the Midyear Update and the End of Year Update. Not meeting these deadlines 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.

Vocational/Trade School Applicants: Students interested in attending a vocational/trade school should first consult with the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator or their Youth Support Specialist **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 12 unit 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)	\$1,500/quarter (\$4,500/year)	\$1,251/semester (\$2,502/year)
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

- **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
- **Midyear Student Update:** The 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 February 28th for the Winter quarter or Spring semester. This is required to receive the early Winter or Spring disbursement, and to continue receiving funding for 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. Next terms schedule is due on the Midyear in order to get the next early disbursement.
- **End of Year Update:** The update form is located on the Orangewood Foundation website at www.orangewood4you.org/childrens-trust-fund. 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 \$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.

CONTACT US:

For questions please contact the Scholarships and Grants Coordinator:

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 - Orangewood Foundation Website: www.orangewoodfoundation.org
 - Orangewood Foundation Youth Website: www.orangewood4you.org
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