



Notice to: All Students Receiving Financial Aid
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Oral Roberts University is pleased to share the following terms and conditions under which financial offers are made to students. Additional information and explanations for individual programs may be accessed in the Oral Roberts University Catalog or by contacting the Financial Aid Office directly. Please keep in mind that programs are subject to change in accordance with federal and state legislation and institutional policies. This information should be read in its entirety.

Offer Overview:

- Financial aid is offered on the basis of an annual application. Eligibility may vary from year to year based on priority deadlines, student/family information provided, changes in legislation, and/or institutional policy.
- Each year a percentage of students who file the FAFSA are selected for the federal process of verification, whereby the Financial Aid Office must verify the accuracy of information submitted on the FAFSA. You will be notified if you are required to submit additional documentation for verification, and failure to submit all requested documentation will result in a forfeiture of your eligibility. If necessary, we will correct FAFSA data on your behalf and notify you of any changes to your financial aid offer as they occur. If you are selected for verification, no aid will disburse to your account until your FAFSA information has been verified and a corrected FAFSA record has been received back from the Department of Education.
- Financial aid offers are contingent upon the University receiving adequate federal funds to support its aid programs. State and federal budget adjustments may lead to changes in funding levels, cost increases, and/or regulatory changes. ORU retains the ability to add, modify, or discontinue its participation in any and all award programs. In the event of changes, you will be notified.
- You must report to the ORU Financial Aid Office any additional or adjusted awards or scholarships not appearing in or matching your offer. Upon receipt of this information, the University may adjust the offer to comply with institutional, state, federal and/or other policies.

Requirements for Federal Aid Eligibility:

- You must be matriculated (i.e. accepted into a degree program)
- You must continue to attend classes regularly
- You must maintain good standing with the University
- You must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as outlined in the ORU Catalog
- Borrowers under the Federal Direct Loan Program must complete Federal Direct Loan Exit Counseling prior to leaving the University
- You must promptly inform the Registrar's Office if you intend to withdraw from classes. Students who cease attending classes but do not officially withdraw may face federal financial penalties at the conclusion of the semester.
- You must inform the Financial Aid Office at the time of applying for financial aid if you have a prior bachelor's degree and are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program
- You must inform the Financial Aid Office if you are in default on any educational loan

Renewal Information:

- Renewal of all institutional offers (including but not limited to Merit Awards/Scholarships, Quest Whole Leader Scholarships, Honors Fellow Scholarships, Departmental Awards, and/or Leadership Awards) require full-time, continuous enrollment at Oral Roberts University. Full-time for undergraduate students is considered 12 residential credit hours. Online credits do not count toward the full-time requirement, but may be used to establish continuous enrollment.
- Institutional offers are limited to 8 semesters of availability out of 10 semesters of consecutive enrollment. This means that if you enter ORU in Fall 2023 and attend full-time, on campus, while meeting renewal criteria, you will receive the offer for every semester up until Spring 2027. Should you take a semester abroad through an external program or attend part-time, you have until Spring 2028 to finish your 8 semesters.
- Standards of Academic Progress and Eligibility for ORU Scholarships
 - Sources of ORU Institutional Scholarships may include Quest Scholarships, Academic scholarships, need based grants, Talent Scholarships, and Restricted Scholarships or Grants.
 - The ORU cumulative GPA determines whether an undergraduate student is making satisfactory academic progress in order to continue receiving ORU Institutional Scholarships. A 3.0 cumulative GPA is required to continue a full tuition Quest scholarship and a 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to continue all other Quest scholarships; a 2.0 minimum is required to continue all other ORU Institutional Scholarships.
 - Institutional Scholarship Statuses are as follows:
 - **Good Standing:** A student is in good academic standing for ORU Institutional Scholarships with a cumulative GPA meeting the minimums listed above.
 - **Scholarship Probation** (below standard after annual SAP review following the spring term): A student will be placed on Scholarship Probation if at the point of Satisfactory Academic Progress review the student has below the minimum standard cumulative GPA. The student will remain on Scholarship Probation for one full academic year with no reduction in their ORU Scholarship for that year. If at the end of the probationary year the student remains below the minimum cumulative GPA, they will go onto Scholarship Suspension for the following academic year.
 - **Scholarship Suspension** (below standard following the second annual SAP review): A student will be placed on Scholarship Suspension for one academic year if after being placed on Scholarship Probation he/she does not meet the minimum required cumulative GPA. Institutional Aid will be canceled until the student's cumulative GPA meets or exceeds the standard. Note: Taking a semester or year Leave of Absence or year off does not in itself entitle the student to being lifted off Scholarship Suspension. The student must take classes and raise the cumulative GPA to the required standard to get back into good standing.
- Quest Whole Leader Scholarships are renewed based upon your cumulative GPA following the completion of the Spring semester. The most current renewal criteria can be found on the ORU website at the [Guidelines and Renewal Criteria](#) page. Students must maintain good standing with the University and meet the criteria objective established by the Scholarship Committee to retain their Quest Scholarship. Quest Scholarships will be reduced by 25% for unmarried students under the age of 23 who choose or are granted commuter status.
- Merit Awards/Scholarships are renewed based upon your cumulative GPA following the Spring semester, ranging from 2.0 to 3.5 cumulative GPA, depending on the amount. Scholarship eligibility/ineligibility is not reconsidered mid-year. Students must maintain good standing with the University and meet criteria objective established by the Scholarship Committee to retain their Merit Award/Scholarship.

- On Campus Need Grants and other ORU Grants require on campus living in the residence halls along with established/maintained good standing with the University. **All ORU Grants require the student to have a completed FAFSA on file with ORU on/before March 1 each year.** After the March 1 deadline, ORU grants are subject to reduction, removal, or will not be offered. The University reserves the right to adjust the awarded amount of all ORU Grants based upon current and available funding. The University also reserves the right to remove ORU Grants from any account should the honor code or residential life policies as outlined in the [ORU Residence Hall Terms and Conditions](#) be violated. Students who obtain approval to commute to campus will not receive replacement compensation for ORU Grants. Commuter students who later move on campus are not eligible to apply for ORU Grants.

Re-Admitted Student Information:

- Students who leave ORU for any reason and return to complete their coursework at a later time forfeit all their previous awards and must apply for readmission to the University.
- Readmitted students are not eligible to participate in Quest events, nor are they able to appeal for reinstatement of a previously offered Quest Scholarship.
- Students applying for readmission to ORU will be considered for scholarship based upon a cumulative GPA of all previous colleges/universities attended, including pre and post ORU attendance.
- Readmitted students who were not making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as outlined in the University Catalog at the time they left ORU must appeal to receive federal financial aid upon returning to the University.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP):

- The federal government requires the Financial Aid Office assure each student is making adequate progress toward degree completion each year. Students who are not making progress as established by federal guidelines are not eligible to receive financial aid the following academic year.
- Students are evaluated for Satisfactory Progress each year following the conclusion of the Spring semester. Those who do not meet the federal guidelines will be notified and given the option to submit a written appeal to the Satisfactory Academic Progress Committee explaining the steps he/she will take to recover academically in the future. Deadlines must be adhered to throughout.
- The federal GPA guidelines are:
 - ◆ Freshmen (attempted credits 1-26.5 credit hours): 1.50 cumulative GPA
 - ◆ Sophomores (attempted credits 27-59.5 credit hours): 1.75 cumulative GPA
 - ◆ Juniors/Seniors (attempted credits 60+): 2.00 cumulative GPA
- All students must complete at least 75% of their attempted hours. Total attempted hours are established following the add/drop period of each semester. Students who withdraw from a class following the add/drop deadline should be aware that even a WP grade counts as attempted hours not completed.
- Students who have attempted more than 150% of the credits required for their degree (192 credit hours for most programs) without earning their first bachelor's degree are not eligible to receive federal financial aid and may not appeal.
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Consumer Information:

All prospective and enrolled students should be aware of basic consumer information regarding our University. A paper copy of this information can be made available upon request to the Financial Aid Office.

- ORU is required to report information annually and a summary of this data is available on the National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator website:
<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?s=OK&pg=7&id=207582>
- We encourage everyone to review the information regarding net price, enrollment, retention and graduation rates, accreditation, campus security, and cohort default rates
- The federal government has also provided helpful information in the form of a "College Scorecard" located at <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
- ORU's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is also available to view online at:
<http://www.oru.edu/pdfs/current-students/my-services/public-safety/20160823-security-report.pdf>

In addition to the above disclosures, students should be aware of the penalties related to copyright infringement: *Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement. Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either*

actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.