

CHAPTER 5 - STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
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5.1 OKLAHOMA COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

5.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Oklahoma College Assistance Program (“OCAP”), an operating division of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE), formerly known as the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program, is to continue to service the guarantee of loans administered under the Federal Family Education Loan Program (“FFELP”) and provide support services for students, borrowers and others in areas including, but not limited to, college access, financial aid awareness, default prevention, and financial literacy.

5.1.2 Authority

- A. Federal - OCAP is authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, (P.L. 89-329) as amended. It is administered by the U.S. Department of Education in accordance with Title 34, Part 682 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations and under the terms of the agreements between the Secretary of Education and OSRHE.
- B. State - Statutes governing OCAP are found at [70 O.S. §§ 622-624](#). Contractual powers of minors in regard to loans for higher education are specified in [15 O.S. § 33](#).
- C. Other - OCAP, through its signed Cooperative Agreement for Guarantors Participating in the Common Manual, adopted the policies of the Common Manual Unified Student Loan Policy (Common Manual). The Common Manual provides a definitive source for all FFELP participants that contain, in one place, all statutory, regulatory, U.S. Department of Education guidance and guarantor policy information about the FFELP. The Common Manual is under continuous revision in order to reflect the numerous and complex federal regulations governing the FFELP.

5.2 UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SUPPORTER SCHOLARSHIP

5.2.1 Purpose

University and College Supporter Scholarships shall be awarded to full-time students at public institutions of higher education who have demonstrated high academic achievement. The scholarship may be issued to cover costs of fees, books, materials, and services provided by the institution, including room and board.

5.2.2 General Provisions

- A. The number and amounts of the scholarships may be determined by the institutions to the extent that monies are available.
- B. The program will be funded through revenue collected from university or college supporter license plates.
- C. Institutions will distribute scholarship monies to recipients.
- D. Each institution shall submit to the State Regents for approval an accounting of the basis and amount of scholarship awards.
- E. Each institution shall submit to the State Regents an annual report of scholarship recipients and the amount of the scholarships awarded.

- F. Recipients of the Oklahoma State Regents Academic Scholars awards shall not be eligible for the University and College Scholarship Program.

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5.9 GEORGE AND DONNA NIGH SCHOLARSHIP

5.9.1 Purpose

The 1999 Legislature authorized the State Regents to establish the George and Donna Nigh Scholarship. The goal of the scholarship, as an activity of the George and Donna Nigh Public Service Institute (the “Institute”), is to provide scholarship opportunities to outstanding students who are preparing for careers in public service. A component of the scholarship program is participation in seminars on public service offered by the Institute.

5.9.2 Eligibility Requirements

A. To be eligible for the George and Donna Nigh Scholarship, an applicant shall:

1. Be an Oklahoma resident.

2. Have enrolled full-time as an undergraduate at an institution in the State System; or, at Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City University, Oral Roberts University, Southern Nazarene University, the University of Tulsa, Bacone College, or St. Gregory's University.
3. Be enrolled in a degree program leading to a career in public service as determined by the Institute.
4. Demonstrate exceptional academic achievement as evidenced by factors that may include but, are not limited to, grade point average, class rank, national awards, scholastic achievement, honors, teachers' recommendations, and applicants' involvement in extracurricular activities.

5.9.3 Nomination and Selection of Recipients

- A. Presidents of participating institutions of higher education will be invited to submit a nominee for consideration of award prior to the beginning of the spring semester.
- B. An advisory committee appointed by the Institute will review and approve the nominations and make announcement of awards.

5.9.4 Fiscal Limits

- A. Scholarships will be awarded on a yearly basis and are not renewable.
- B. Each participating college or university may nominate one scholarship recipient each year.

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5.14.4 Refunds and Institutional Liability

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5.15 BRAD HENRY INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

5.15.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Brad Henry International Scholarship Program is to provide an opportunity to undergraduate students from Oklahoma regional universities (including the University of Science & Arts, Panhandle State, Rogers State, Cameron, Langston, and all six RUSO universities) to participate in a semester of study abroad at the University of Wales in Swansea (“Swansea University”). The scholarship may be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, books, materials, and travel expenses relating to the study abroad program, during the spring semester only.

5.15.2 General Provisions

- A. Each regional university will have an opportunity to select one student, ordinarily in alternating academic years depending on availability of funds, for participation in the Brad Henry International Scholarship Program during the spring semester. Selections shall be provided to the State Regents by the regional university president or his/her designee.
- B. Recipients selected for this award will have shown:
 - 1. excellent academic performance;
 - 2. outstanding writing and communication skills;
 - 3. exemplary character; and
 - 4. exceptional leadership, maturity and judgment.
- C. Academic credit for courses taken as a part of the Brad Henry International Scholarship Program will be awarded as resident credit by the Oklahoma regional university. Credit for this program must be coordinated with the Oklahoma regional university prior to the beginning of the spring semester of the student’s study abroad.

5.15.3 Eligibility Requirements

- A. Brad Henry International Scholar students shall meet the following criteria at the time of selection and at the time of participation:
 - 1. be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - 2. be an undergraduate student from an Oklahoma regional university;
 - 3. be an Oklahoma resident;
 - 4. be enrolled full-time at the selecting institution;
 - 5. be in good academic standing at the selecting institution;
 - 6. have a minimum GPA of 2.5;
 - 7. have completed at least 30 hours of college coursework/credits at the selecting institution or through transfer from another institution of higher education (shall not include credit hours earned through concurrent enrollment or AP coursework/testing); and
 - 8. have submitted information, documents, acknowledgments, releases and authorizations as required by the selecting institution, Swansea University, and/or the State Regents.

5.15.4 Fiscal Aspects of the Program

- A. Funds made available to the student as part of the Brad Henry International Scholarship Program shall be paid directly to the regional university in which the student is enrolled, in trust for the student and on behalf of the student. Swansea University will invoice the regional university for the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, to be paid from the recipient's award amount. Upon payment of these costs, the regional university will distribute the remainder of the award to the student recipient.
- B. The program shall provide student recipients a scholarship in an amount not to exceed the average costs of Swansea University tuition, fees, room and board, required textbooks and materials, and travel expenses relating to the study abroad program.
- C. The number and amount of scholarship awards will be determined at the sole discretion of the State Regents in consideration of the amount of funding allocated/available to the program each year.
- D. The Brad Henry International Scholarship Program will provide a scholarship to study abroad at Swansea University for the spring semester only. This provision allows the State Regents to more accurately maximize the number of scholarships that can be awarded in the fiscal year.

5.16 CHANCELLOR GLEN D. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP IN LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE

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5.17.2 Definitions

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