

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes, you can apply for any of the scholarships for which you meet the criteria but only one scholarship will be awarded per student.

How do I apply for the HCOPH Scholarships?

You can apply through the REDCap link. The link is sent to current students and is available on the HCOPH website.

If I apply for more than one scholarship, do I need separate letters of support or recommendation?

No, not as long as the letters are appropriate to support the specific scholarships for which you are applying.

If I apply for more than one scholarship, do I need a separate essay or career goal statement?

No. However, we recommend that your essay/statements address elements necessary to be awarded scholarships you apply for (example: if you are applying for a scholarship that lists “demonstrated financial need” as a criterion, you should address your financial need in your essay/statements).

How do I know if I'm eligible to apply?

- You are eligible to apply for any scholarship that you meet the minimum criteria for, as outlined in the scholarship announcements.
- To minimize potential errors and to enhance the user's experience, the Scholarship Application has been adjusted to only populate the scholarships that each applicant should be eligible for based on the information the applicant enters and selects on previous pages.
- However, if you believe that you should be eligible for a scholarship that did not populate as an option in the application, please enter that information in the final comments of your application (on the final page) and also e-mail hcoph@ouhsc.edu with your concern as well.

Do I need to submit a transcript with the application?

No. Each applicant's grade point average will be verified by the Office of Student Services before it is forwarded to the faculty awards committees. If a student does not meet the minimum GPA, the application will not be forwarded for consideration.

How do references submit letters of recommendation or support?

In the REDCap form, you will fill in the name and email address of your references. As soon as you submit your application, the references are sent an email from hcoph@ouhsc.edu with a link to submit your reference letter. References are notified of your name, the scholarships for which you applied, and the due date of May 31st. You will receive an email from hcoph@ouhsc.edu when the reference submits their letter.

Can I still apply if I plan on graduating in December? Yes, however, the scholarship will be paid in two equal installments, one in the fall and one in the spring. If you graduate in the fall you will not get the spring installment. Note: The Dan J. Macer scholarship is a 2 year scholarship and is paid in 4 equal installments.

I am a Graduate Research Assistant and can only take 6 hours each semester. Am I considered full-time?

Yes. If you are a GRA enrolled in 6 hours, you are considered full-time and may apply for any of the College's scholarships where you also meet the other criteria (as outlined in the Call for Applications).

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I do not have a last semester GPA since I was only enrolled in thesis hours or another course that is not letter-graded. How should I list my “Last Semester GPA” on page 4 of the application?

Applicants that do not have a last semester GPA should input their Overall GPA into both the “Overall GPA” and “Last Semester GPA” fields. The Committees are aware of this possibility and will have access to applicants’ transcripts.

I am a dual-degree student (JD/MHA, JD/MPH, BS/MS, MD/MPH, MSW/MPH, etc.) and am enrolled at the HCOPH and/or the other OU College for my degree plan. Am I eligible for scholarships and what is considered full-time for my situation?

Yes, as an enrolled student in a dual-degree plan that is approved by the HCOPH, you are eligible to apply for scholarships. You are considered “full-time” for scholarship purposes so long as you are enrolled in 9 total credit hours (HCOPH credit hours + credit hours at your other OU College) each Fall and Spring semester, and also your enrolled courses must count towards your dual-degree program.