

GENERAL MERIT AWARDS

Merit scholarships are awarded to a limited number of incoming students who have demonstrated the highest level of academic achievement and will continue this success at Oxy.

Achievement Awards are granted in the amount of \$5,000 per year and are renewable for three additional years (for a total of \$20,000), provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress.*+

Honors Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$10,000 per year and are renewable for three additional years (for a total of \$40,000), provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress.*+

Trustee Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$15,000 per year and are renewable for three additional years (for a total of \$60,000), provided the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. For students who fall below a 3.0 GPA, a one-year probation period is granted in order to regain eligibility. If a 3.0 GPA is not attained, no further extensions are granted at the end of the probation period.*+

Leadership Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$17,500 per year and are renewable for three additional years (for a total of \$70,000), provided the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. For students who fall below a 3.0 GPA, a one-year probation period is granted in order to regain eligibility. If a 3.0 GPA is not attained, no further extensions are granted at the end of the probation period.*+

President's Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$20,000 per year and are renewable for three additional years (for a total of \$80,000), provided the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. For students who fall below a 3.0 GPA, a one-year probation period is granted in order to regain eligibility. If a 3.0 GPA is not attained, no further extensions are granted at the end of the probation period.*+

Margaret Bundy Scott Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$25,000 per year and are renewable for three additional years (for a total of \$100,000), provided the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.25. For students who fall below a 3.25 GPA, a one-year probation period is granted in order to regain eligibility. If a 3.25 GPA is not attained, no further extensions are granted at the end of the probation period.*+

*Merit scholarships for transfer students are pro-rated based upon the grade level determined at the time of admission.

+Merit scholarships are pro-rated if you do not attend for the entire academic year or are enrolled less than full-time (12 units). Students enrolled in less than 6 units are not eligible for merit scholarships.

SPECIALIZED MERIT AWARDS

Also awarded at the time of admission, these scholarships have unique criteria based upon the College's historical and organizational partnerships.

The **Upward Bound Achievement Award** is awarded in the amount of \$10,000 per year and is renewable for three additional years (for a total of \$40,000), provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress. One Upward Bound Achievement Award is awarded each year to a student who participated in Occidental's Upward Bound program.+

The **Antoinette and Vincent Dungan Merit Scholarship** is awarded in the amount of \$25,000 per year and is renewable for three additional years (for a total of \$100,000). The Dungan Merit Scholarship was established in 2013 by Louise and Bradford Edgerton, the heads of the Edgerton Foundation, in memory of Antoinette M. Dungan '33, Louise Edgerton's mother. Louise Edgerton also serves as a current member of Occidental's Board of Trustees. The Dungan Merit Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding entering student. There is an expectation that the Dungan Merit scholar will maintain a 3.25 GPA for their first two years at Occidental and a 3.5 GPA thereafter. Only one Dungan Scholar is selected each year.+

Centennial Scholarships can be awarded to one student from each of the following Los Angeles high schools: Eagle Rock Senior, Benjamin Franklin, James A. Garfield, and Theodore Roosevelt. This scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding academic records who demonstrate a strong commitment to their community. The scholarship covers tuition, fees, a double room, and Meal Plan B. The scholarship is renewable for three additional years provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress. Centennial Scholars enrolled less than full-time are not eligible to receive this award. If the student chooses to live off-campus, this scholarship will only cover tuition and fees.

National Merit Scholarships are awarded to honor scholastically talented high school students through an annual competition. To be considered for the award, students must have taken the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in their junior year of high school. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable for three additional years provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress. National Merit Scholars enrolled less than full-time are not eligible to receive this award.

The **Barack Obama Scholars Program** awards a four-year scholarship to top students who are committed to the public good. Obama Scholars receive a loan-free financial aid package that covers tuition, room and board, books, summer travel and other expenses. The Program recruits scholars from all backgrounds, with an emphasis on those who are first-generation college students, military veterans or community college transfers.

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