

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

Academic Scholars Program 2020-2021 Year-End Report

Highlights:

- ◆ A total of 1,491 students at Oklahoma public and private colleges and universities were enrolled in the Academic Scholars Program in Fall 2020, an increase of 18 students from 1,473 students enrolled for Fall 2019.
- ◆ The 2020 freshmen class totaled 464 students (220 “automatic qualifiers” and 244 Institutional Nominees), up 47 or 11 percent compared to 417 students in the 2019 freshmen class (247 “automatic qualifiers” and 170 Institutional Nominees).
- ◆ For Fall 2019, the National Merit Corporation reported 136 freshmen designated as National Merit Scholars enrolled in Oklahoma colleges, a decrease of 72 or 35 percent from 208 in Fall 2018.
- ◆ In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, total program expenditures were about \$6.2 million, an increase of almost \$300,000 or 5 percent compared to fiscal year 2019-2020.
- ◆ An average of 15 percent of resident participants lose the scholarship after one year in the program; about 73 percent of resident participants retain the scholarship through their fourth year of eligibility.
- ◆ Of the 1,383 resident participants entering into the program between 2013-2015, 79 percent (1,095) earned at least an associate degree from an Oklahoma institution within six years.
- ◆ About 76 percent of all the program’s graduates remain in Oklahoma one year after graduation. The retention rate for Oklahoma residents in the program (82 percent) is significantly higher than for nonresidents (57 percent). Five years after graduation, 66 percent of residents and 29 percent of nonresidents remain in the state.
- ◆ About 75 percent of the program participants attend three universities—the University of Oklahoma (42 percent), Oklahoma State University (27 percent) and the University of Tulsa (6 percent). The remaining participants are distributed among public regional universities (15 percent), public two-year colleges (8 percent) and other private universities (2 percent).
- ◆ Available data indicates that program participants generally come from higher income families. About 30 percent of participants did not apply for federal financial aid, indicating a lack of financial need or eligibility for federal student aid. Of the 70 percent of participants who reported parental income on the 2020-2021 federal student aid application, a little more than half reported family income of \$100,000 or more.
- ◆ Participation rates for some ethnic minority students have remained small over the past 5 years. For 2020-2021, the ethnicity of participants was 71 percent white, 10 percent Asian, 4 percent Hispanic, 2 percent for American Indian, 0.2 percent Black, and 13 percent not reporting/other.

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Qualifying Criteria

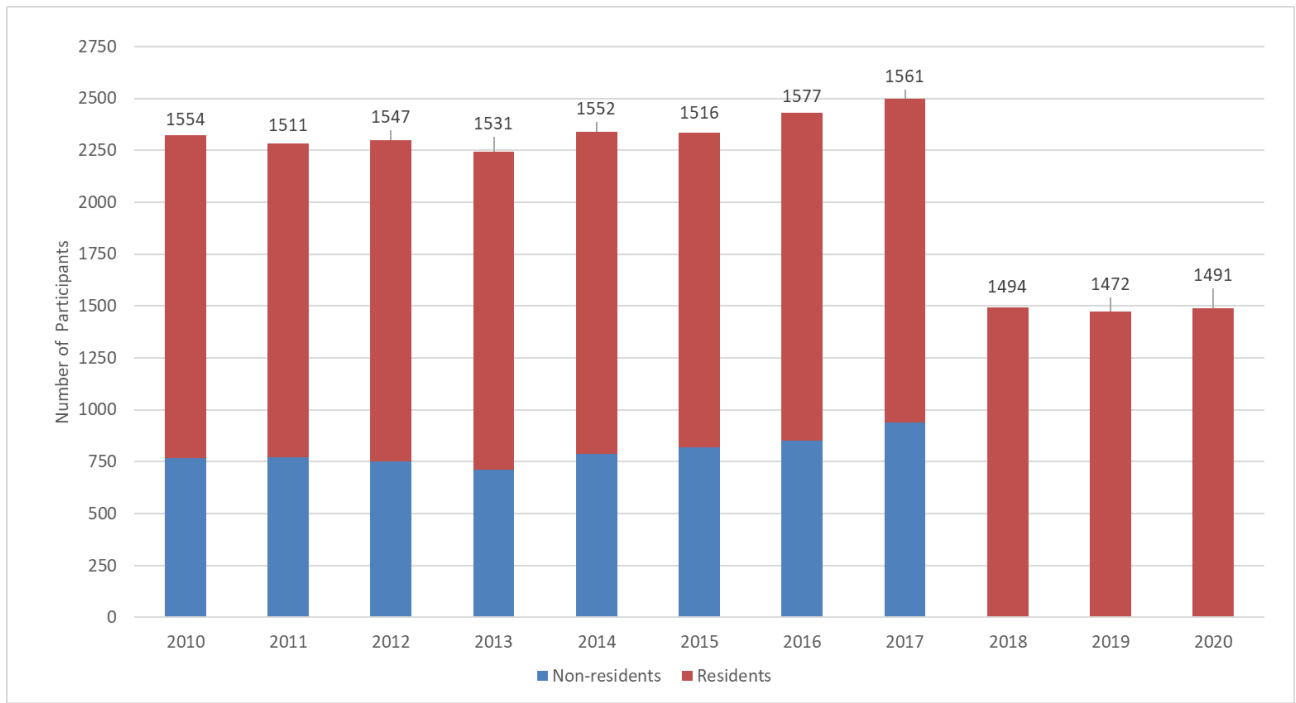
To automatically qualify for the Academic Scholars Program, Oklahoma residents must have received the designation of National Merit Scholar, National Merit Finalist, or Presidential Scholar. Oklahoma residents may also qualify by achieving a score in the top one-half percentile on the ACT or SAT. For 2020, the qualifying ACT score was a sum score of 135 and SAT score was 1540 on the math and verbal sections.

The 1999 Legislature created another avenue by which students can qualify for ASP awards-Institutional Nominees. Applicants may qualify for consideration at public colleges and universities by meeting at least one of the two criteria listed below:

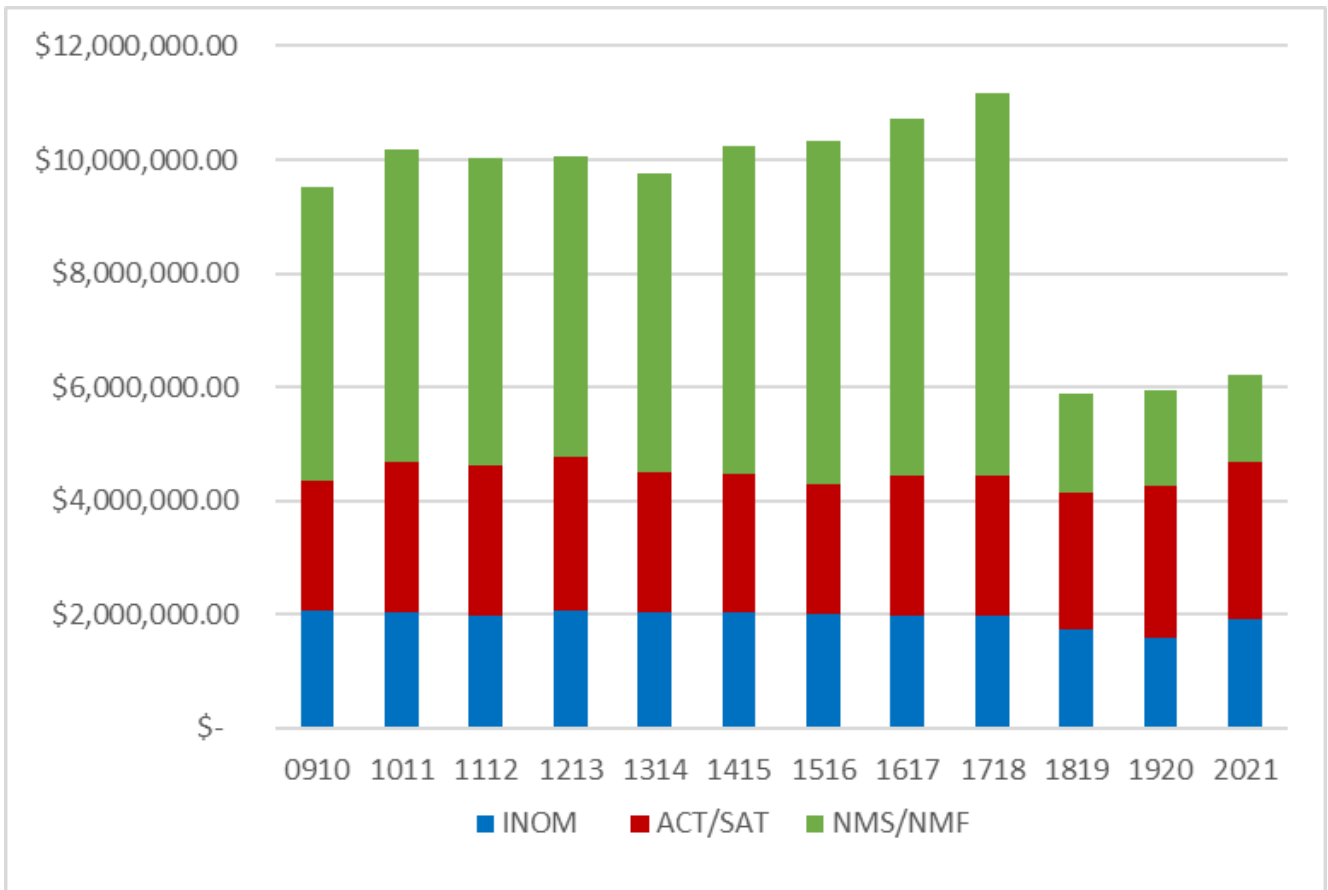
One of the Two Criteria

<u>Tier</u>	<u>ACT or SAT Equivalent</u>	<u>GPA and Class Rank</u>
Research	32 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.9 and either Top 2% Class Rank or rank of first or second in their graduating class
Regional Universities	30 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.8 and either Top 4% Class Rank or rank of first or second in their graduating class
Two-Year Colleges	29 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.7 and either Top 5% Class Rank or rank of first or second in their graduating class

I. History of Total Program Enrollment (Fall Semester):



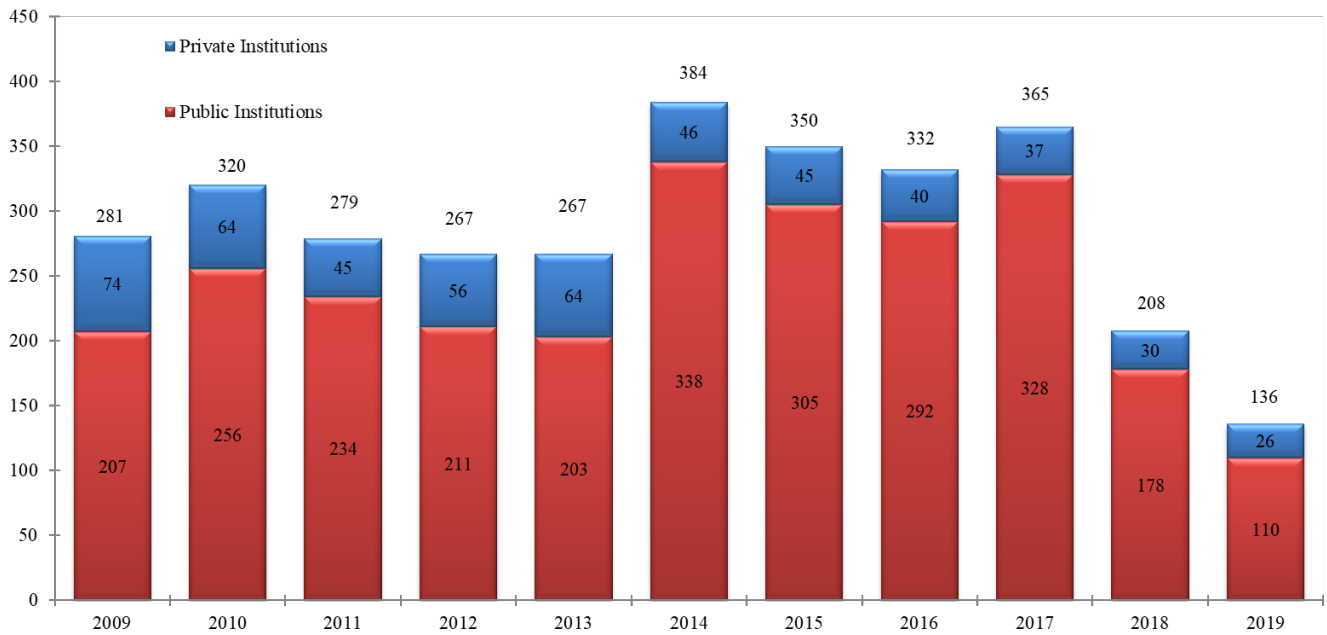
II. History of Awards by Eligibility Category:



III. History of Net Program Expenditures by Fiscal Year (after nonresident refunds):



IV. History of Freshman National Merit Scholars:



Data taken from National Merit Scholarship Corporation Annual Reports

V. Demographic Profile of Participants (Fall Semester):

**Ethnicity Data of All Participants
Five-Year Trend**

Year	Asian	Black	Hispanic	American Indian	White	Not Reported/ Other*
2016-17	6.6%	0.5%	3.5%	2.3%	77.4%	9.7%
2017-18	8.5%	0.5%	3.3%	1.9%	74.9%	10.9%
2018-19	8.8%	0.4%	3.4%	3.3%	71.7%	12.4%
2019-20	9.0%	0.3%	4.2%	2.0%	72.8%	11.7%
2020-21	9.6%	0.2%	4.1%	1.9%	71.3%	13.0%

**Gender Data of All Participants
Five-Year Trend**

Year	Female	Male
2016-17	45.2%	54.8%
2017-18	44.7%	55.3%
2018-19	44.6%	55.4%
2019-20	43.6%	56.4%
2020-21	43.9%	56.1%

**Parent Income Data Collected from the FAFSA
for 2020-21 Participants**

	Number of Students	% of total	% of those Reporting
No Parent income reported	451	30.2%	
\$100,000 or more	540	36.2%	51.9%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	158	10.6%	15.2%
\$70,000 - \$74,999	34	2.3%	3.3%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	45	3.0%	4.3%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	63	4.2%	6.1%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	117	7.8%	11.3%
\$10,000 - \$24,999	41	2.7%	3.9%
\$1 - \$9,999	16	1.1%	1.5%
\$0	5	0.3%	0.5%
less than \$0	21	1.4%	2.0%
Totals	1,491	100%	100%

VI. Academic Scholars Participation Retention Rates:

Number of Resident Participants by Year

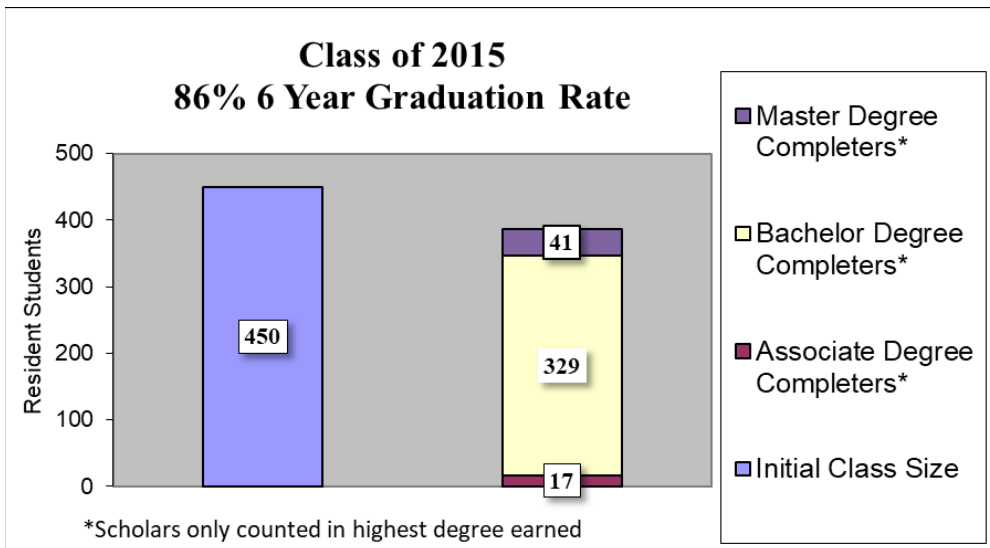
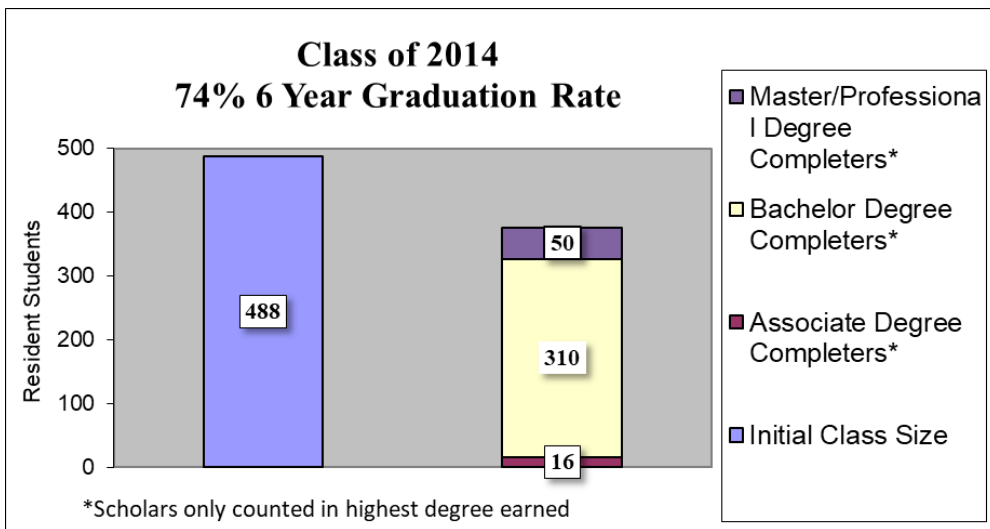
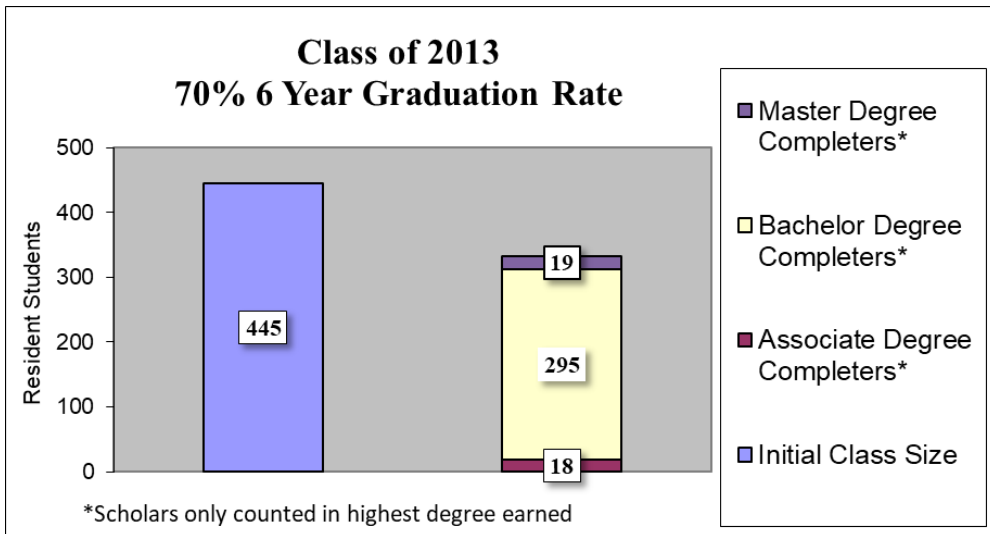
Entry Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2020	464	*	*	*	*	*
2019	417	378	*	*	*	*
2018	377	328	303	*	*	*
2017	448	385	357	325	*	*
2016	487	418	397	356	17	*
2015	449	370	346	321	15	3
2014	488	404	375	341	14	0
2013	445	381	350	327	12	0
2012	448	358	334	297	18	0
2011	419	375	356	333	16	2
2010	478	408	379	359	19	1
2009	449	381	355	334	10	0
2008	445	378	352	321	12	1

Percentage of Resident Participants Retained

Entry Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2020	100%	*	*	*	*	*
2019	100%	91%	*	*	*	*
2018	100%	87%	80%	*	*	*
2017	100%	86%	80%	73%	*	*
2016	100%	86%	82%	73%	3%	*
2015	100%	82%	77%	71%	3%	1%
2014	100%	83%	77%	70%	3%	0%
2013	100%	86%	79%	73%	3%	0%
2012	100%	80%	75%	66%	4%	0%
2011	100%	89%	85%	79%	4%	0%
2010	100%	85%	79%	75%	4%	0%
2009	100%	85%	79%	74%	2%	0%
2008	100%	85%	79%	72%	3%	0%

*The average attrition rate for resident students in the Academic Scholars Program from the first year to the second year is 15%.

VII. Academic Scholars Graduation Rates:



VIII. Academic Scholars Post Graduation Retention

All Academic Scholar Program Graduates¹ Employed in Oklahoma (between April 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016) Or Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System

Degree Year:	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total Graduates	568	578	584	676	775
Employed²	310	293	334	415	568
Percent Employed in OK	54.6%	50.7%	57.2%	61.4%	73.3%
Number Still Enrolled³	8	25	28	26	21
Percent Retained in Oklahoma	56.0%	55.0%	62.0%	65.2%	76.0%

1 Unduplicated; shown by year of most recent degree earned from an Oklahoma public higher education institution.

2 Based on Oklahoma Employment Security Commission records of employment between April 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 and Oklahoma Tax Commission matches for 2015.

3 Enrolled any semester during academic year 2015-2016.

Oklahoma Resident Academic Scholar Program Graduates Employed in Oklahoma (between April 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016) Or Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System

Degree Year:	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total Graduates	421	426	465	532	599
Employed²	271	263	300	371	467
Percent Employed in OK	64.4%	61.7%	64.5%	69.7%	78.0%
Number Still Enrolled³	5	23	25	24	21
Percent Retained in Oklahoma	65.6%	67.1%	69.9%	74.2%	81.5%

1 Unduplicated; shown by year of most recent degree earned from an Oklahoma public higher education institution.

2 Based on Oklahoma Employment Security Commission records of employment between April 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 and Oklahoma Tax Commission matches for 2015.

3 Enrolled any semester during academic year 2015-2016.

Non-Resident Academic Scholar Program Graduates Employed in Oklahoma (between April 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016) Or Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System

Degree Year:	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Total Graduates	147	152	119	144	176
Employed²	39	30	34	44	101
Percent Employed in OK	26.5%	19.7%	28.6%	30.6%	57.4%
Number Still Enrolled³	3	2	3	2	0
Percent Retained in Oklahoma	28.6%	21.1%	31.1%	31.9%	57.4%

1 Unduplicated; shown by year of most recent degree earned from an Oklahoma public higher education institution.

2 Based on Oklahoma Employment Security Commission records of employment between April 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 and Oklahoma Tax Commission matches for 2015.

3 Enrolled any semester during academic year 2015-2016.

IX. Qualification Profile by Institution (Fall 2020 Semester)

Research-Public Institutions	Automatic		Institutional		Total	Percent of Total
	Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Nominees	Percent of IN's		
University Of Oklahoma	433	53.8%	185	23.0%	618	41.4%
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	13	1.6%	3	0.4%	16	1.1%
Oklahoma State University	201	25.0%	194	24.2%	395	26.5%
Oklahoma State University-HSC	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Subtotal - Public Comps.	648	80.5%	382	55.7%	1030	69.1%

4-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic		Institutional		Total	Percent of Total
	Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Nominees	Percent of IN's		
Cameron University	2	0.2%	14	1.7%	16	1.1%
East Central University	3	0.4%	20	2.5%	23	1.5%
Langston University	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.1%
Northeastern State University	3	0.4%	23	2.9%	26	1.7%
Northwestern Ok. State Univ.	1	0.1%	17	2.1%	18	1.2%
Ok. Panhandle State Univ.	0	0.0%	3	0.4%	3	0.2%
Rogers State University	3	0.4%	14	1.7%	17	1.1%
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	1	0.1%	20	2.5%	21	1.4%
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	9	1.1%	31	3.9%	40	2.7%
University of Central Ok.	13	1.6%	34	4.2%	47	3.2%
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	0	0.0%	10	1.2%	10	0.7%
Subtotal - Public 4-Yr	35	4.3%	187	27.3%	222	14.9%

2-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic		Institutional		Total	Percent of Total
	Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Nominees	Percent of IN's		
Carl Albert State College	0	0.0%	5	0.6%	5	0.3%
Connors State College	0	0.0%	4	0.5%	4	0.3%
Eastern Ok. State College	0	0.0%	8	1.0%	8	0.5%
Murray State College	0	0.0%	7	0.9%	7	0.5%
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	0	0.0%	9	1.1%	9	0.6%
Northern Oklahoma College	0	0.0%	9	1.1%	9	0.6%
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	0	0.0%	13	1.6%	13	0.9%
OSU-OKC	0	0.0%	4	0.5%	4	0.3%
OSU-Institute of Technology	1	0.1%	6	0.7%	7	0.5%
Redlands Community College	1	0.1%	6	0.7%	7	0.5%
Rose State College	0	0.0%	13	1.6%	13	0.9%
Seminole State College	0	0.0%	5	0.6%	5	0.3%
Tulsa Community College	0	0.0%	17	2.1%	17	1.1%
Western Ok. State College	0	0.0%	7	0.9%	7	0.5%
Subtotal - Public 2-Yr	2	0.2%	113	16.5%	115	7.7%

Private/Ind. Institutions	Automatic		Institutional		Total	Percent of Total
	Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Nominees	Percent of IN's		
University of Tulsa	92	11.4%	1	0.1%	93	6.2%
Oklahoma Baptist University	9	1.1%	1	0.1%	10	0.7%
Oklahoma Christian University	8	1.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.5%
Oklahoma City University	3	0.4%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Oral Roberts University	8	1.0%	1	0.1%	9	0.6%
Mid America Christian University	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.1%
Southern Nazarene University	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Oklahoma Wesleyan University	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Subtotal - Priv/Ind	120	14.9%	4	0.6%	124	8.3%

Totals	805	100.0%	686	100.0%	1491	100.0%
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X. Funding Profile by Institution (Fall 2020 Semester)

Research-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
University Of Oklahoma	1,189,375	55.0%	296,000	30.7%	1,485,375	47.5%
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	35,750	1.7%	4,800	0.5%	40,550	1.3%
Oklahoma State University	552,750	25.6%	309,600	32.1%	862,350	27.6%
Oklahoma State Univ.-HSC	2,750	0.1%	0	0.0%	2,750	0.1%
Subtotal-Public Comps	\$1,780,625	82.3%	\$610,400	63.3%	\$2,391,025	76.5%

4-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
Cameron University	4,000	0.2%	16,800	1.7%	20,800	0.7%
East Central University	6,000	0.3%	24,000	2.5%	30,000	1.0%
Langston University	0	0.0%	1,200	0.1%	1,200	0.0%
Northeastern State University	6,000	0.3%	27,600	2.9%	33,600	1.1%
Northwestern Ok. State Univ.	2,000	0.1%	20,400	2.1%	22,400	0.7%
Ok. Panhandle State Univ.	0	0.0%	3,600	0.4%	3,600	0.1%
Rogers State University	6,000	0.3%	16,800	1.7%	22,800	0.7%
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	2,000	0.1%	24,000	2.5%	26,000	0.8%
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	18,000	0.8%	37,200	3.9%	55,200	1.8%
University of Central Ok.	26,000	1.2%	40,800	4.2%	66,800	2.1%
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	0	0.0%	12,000	1.2%	12,000	0.4%
Subtotal-Public 4-yr	\$70,000	3.2%	\$224,400	23.3%	\$294,400	9.4%

2-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
Carl Albert State College	0	0.0%	5,500	0.6%	5,500	0.2%
Connors State College	0	0.0%	4,400	0.5%	4,400	0.1%
Eastern Ok. State College	0	0.0%	8,800	0.9%	8,800	0.3%
Murray State College	0	0.0%	7,700	0.8%	7,700	0.2%
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	0	0.0%	9,900	1.0%	9,900	0.3%
Northern Oklahoma College	0	0.0%	9,900	1.0%	9,900	0.3%
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	0	0.0%	14,300	1.5%	14,300	0.5%
OSU-OKC	0	0.0%	4,400	0.5%	4,400	0.1%
OSU-Institute of Technology	1,750	0.1%	6,600	0.7%	8,350	0.3%
Redlands Community College	1,750	0.1%	6,600	0.7%	8,350	0.3%
Rose State College	0	0.0%	14,300	1.5%	14,300	0.5%
Seminole State College	0	0.0%	5,500	0.6%	5,500	0.2%
Tulsa Community College	0	0.0%	18,700	1.9%	18,700	0.6%
Western Ok. State College	0	0.0%	7,700	0.8%	7,700	0.2%
Subtotal-Public 2-yr	\$3,500	0.2%	\$124,300	12.9%	\$127,800	4.1%

Private/Ind. Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
University of Tulsa	253,000	11.7%	1,600	0.2%	254,600	8.1%
Oklahoma Baptist University	18,000	0.8%	1,200	0.1%	19,200	0.6%
Oklahoma Christian University	16,000	0.7%	0	0.0%	16,000	0.5%
Oklahoma City University	6,000	0.3%	0	0.0%	6,000	0.2%
Oral Roberts University	16,000	0.7%	1,200	0.1%	17,200	0.5%
Mid-America Christian University	0	0.0%	1,200	0.1%	1,200	0.0%
Southern Nazarene University	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Oklahoma Wesleyan University	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Subtotal-Priv/Ind	\$309,000	14.3%	\$5,200	0.5%	\$314,200	10.0%

Totals	\$2,163,125	100.00%	\$964,300	100.00%	\$3,127,425	100.00%
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XI. 2020-21 Financial Summary:

Research-Public Institutions	Fall 2020		Spring 2021		Summer 2021		Total 2020-21
	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	
University Of Oklahoma	618	1,485,375	597	1,438,200	16	19,925	2,943,500
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	16	40,550	14	35,050	0	0	75,600
Oklahoma State University	395	862,350	391	836,475	15	18,900	1,717,725
Oklahoma State Univ.-HSC	1	2,750	0	0	0	0	2,750
Subtotal - Public Comps.	1030	\$2,391,025	1002	\$2,309,725	31	\$38,825	\$4,739,575

4-Year-Public Institutions	Fall 2020		Spring 2021		Summer 2021		Total 2020-21
	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	
Cameron University	16	20,800	16	20,800	3	1,800	43,400
East Central University	23	30,000	24	31,200	0	0	61,200
Langston University	1	1,200	1	1,200	0	0	2,400
Northeastern State University	26	33,600	25	32,400	1	1,200	67,200
Northwestern Ok. State Univ.	18	22,400	18	22,400	0	0	44,800
Ok. Panhandle State Univ.	3	3,600	2	2,400	0	0	6,000
Rogers State University	17	22,800	17	22,800	0	0	45,600
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	21	26,000	22	27,200	0	0	53,200
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	40	55,200	38	51,200	0	0	106,400
University of Central Ok.	47	66,800	46	65,600	2	2,000	134,400
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	10	12,000	12	15,200	0	0	27,200
Subtotal - Public 4-Yr	222	\$294,400	221	\$292,400	6	\$5,000	\$591,800

2-Year-Public Institutions	Fall 2020		Spring 2021		Summer 2021		Total 2020-21
	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	
Carl Albert State College	5	5,500	4	4,400	0	0	9,900
Connors State College	4	4,400	4	4,400	0	0	8,800
Eastern Ok. State College	8	8,800	8	8,800	0	0	17,600
Murray State College	7	7,700	7	7,700	0	0	15,400
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	9	9,900	8	8,800	0	0	18,700
Northern Oklahoma College	9	9,900	10	11,000	0	0	20,900
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	13	14,300	12	13,200	0	0	27,500
OSU-OKC	4	4,400	3	3,300	0	0	7,700
OSU-Institute of Technology	7	8,350	7	8,350	0	0	16,700
Redlands Community College	7	8,350	7	8,350	0	0	16,700
Rose State College	13	14,300	11	12,100	0	0	26,400
Seminole State College	5	5,500	4	4,400	0	0	9,900
Tulsa Community College	17	18,700	12	13,200	0	0	31,900
Western Ok. State College	7	7,700	7	7,700	0	0	15,400
Subtotal - Public 2-Yr	115	\$127,800	104	\$115,700	0	\$0	\$243,500

Private/Ind. Institutions	Fall 2020		Spring 2021		Summer 2021		Total 2020-21
	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	
University of Tulsa	93	254,600	96	258,950	0	0	513,550
Oklahoma Baptist University	10	19,200	10	18,200	0	0	37,400
Oklahoma Christian Univ.	8	16,000	10	19,200	0	0	35,200
Oklahoma City University	3	6,000	3	6,000	0	0	12,000
Oral Roberts University	9	17,200	9	17,200	0	0	34,400
Mid America Christian Univ.	1	1,200	1	1,200	0	0	2,400
Southern Nazarene University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma Wesleyan University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal - Priv/Ind	124	\$314,200	129	\$320,750	0	\$0	\$634,950

Totals	1491	\$3,127,425	1456	\$3,038,575	37	\$43,825	\$6,209,825
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