

Frequently Asked Questions

What is considered a work-based learning experience?

Eligible experiences may include:

- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- Clinicals
- Practicums
- Student teaching
- Cooperative education (co-op)
- Undergraduate research
- Service learning
- Other approved experiential learning opportunities

What is the application deadline?

For the 2026–27 application cycle, applications must be submitted by September 30, 2026.

Recipients will be selected during spring 2027, and scholarship awards will be made beginning in fall 2027 (must be enrolled in this semester).

What is a career portfolio?

Career pathway portfolio documents participation in a work-based learning (WBL) experience, as defined by the State Regents. A career pathway portfolio could include a partnership agreement or contract, student placement documentation, training plans, project notes, photos, and/or other proof of an existing working relationship.

How do I know if my major is eligible?

Eligible academic programs are identified through a review of Oklahoma's workforce needs and labor market demand. Programs must prepare students for occupations that demonstrate strong workforce demand or projected growth and are supported by evidence such as:

[The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Critical Occupations List](#)

Labor market projections via news articles

Current job postings

[Occupational Outlook Handbook data](#)

Industry and workforce trend analysis

Is there a page limit for the letter of support?

No. There is no minimum or maximum page limit for the letter of support.

The letter should include the recommender's support of the student's application and, whenever possible, specific examples of how the student's work-based learning experience has contributed to their academic success, career readiness, professional growth, and preparation for employment in a high-demand field.

Can students at private colleges apply?

No. At this time, the scholarship is available only to students enrolled at Oklahoma public colleges and universities.

Can graduate students apply?

No. The scholarship is currently available only to eligible undergraduate students.

Can I apply before completing my work-based learning experience?

No. Applicants must have completed a qualifying work-based learning experience before submitting their application, unless you have special approval. Documentation verifying completion of the experience is required for the career portfolio.

If you are planning to complete a work-based learning experience before the application deadline, you may apply once all eligibility requirements have been met and the required documentation is available.