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## 2008-2009 IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHEET

Effective for Students First Entering OSU in the **2008-09 School Year**

Congratulations on being awarded an Oklahoma State University tuition waiver scholarship. The following information is very important to you as a recipient of this award. Please retain this sheet and copies of the award materials for your files.

This undergraduate tuition scholarship may be used for **fall and spring semesters only** and is an automatic reduction from your **OSU tuition charges** each semester. This scholarship waives tuition only, not fees. This scholarship pays for **resident courses only**; it does not pay for Internet courses or 600-series section courses. If you attend OSU only one fall or spring semester during any academic year of eligibility for this award, you will receive no more than one-half of this scholarship's value that academic year. For students awarded a nonresident scholarship, OSU will waive nonresident tuition up to the amount specified in their award letters; nonresidents must pay resident tuition and any remaining nonresident tuition not paid by this scholarship. Up to one-half of your total annual award (depending on the number of hours you take) will be subtracted directly from your Bursar bill each fall and spring. **Tuition scholarships cannot be used in summer or intersessions.** If you attend OSU only one fall or spring semester in any year of eligibility, you will receive no more than one-half of your scholarship's value that year and you must earn at least one-half of your required number of credit hours as well as attain the required GPA to renew your award for the following year (provided you have eligibility remaining).

You must enroll in at least **12 credit hours per semester** (*see below* for additional requirements) to receive this tuition waiver. You are eligible for only **one tuition waiver scholarship** per semester. You may also accept scholarships from other OSU departments (as long as they are not tuition waiver scholarships) as well as scholarships from outside organizations. If your academic record and/or admission test scores (as appropriate) improve after the February 1, 2008 priority deadline (October 15, 2008 for spring 2009 entering students), you will be considered for an upgrade to a higher value award only **if funds remain available**. You should send copies of new scores and/or transcripts to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions **as soon as possible** so your eligibility for a higher value award can be reassessed, but OSU reserves the right to stop making new or higher value awards **at any time**. If, between now and the beginning of school, your admission status or academic credentials change because of new information, OSU reserves the right to retract this scholarship as only fully admissible, degree-seeking students in good academic standing are eligible.

**This award will not be extended beyond its maximum duration as described in your scholarship offer letter.** This tuition scholarship ends when you earn a baccalaureate degree, when you become classified as anything other than an undergraduate, when you lose it due to failure to meet the requirements in your scholarship offer letter and/or this information sheet, or

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when it reaches its maximum specified duration. Undergraduate tuition scholarships cannot be used for graduate study. Students who enter graduate or professional school before their tuition scholarship expires forfeit the balance of the award.

You must **earn 28 hours each academic year and achieve a 3.0 cumulative graduation/retention grade point average** (GPA) to retain a multi-year award. A check will be made at the end of the spring semester to determine if you have met the criteria for renewal of your tuition waiver for the following year. **There is no probationary period.** If you fail to complete 28 hours in the fall/spring school year with the required 3.0 GPA, you will receive a letter and/or email from this office soon after the end of the spring term informing you of your options to repair your eligibility. (It is **your responsibility** to ensure OSU has postal and email addresses at which you can be reached. OSU is not responsible for any inability to contact you if you have not kept OSU updated on your postal and email addresses.) You must repair your eligibility before the start of the immediately following school year or your tuition scholarship is lost.

You must begin using your scholarship the **first semester** it is available and use it **continuously** every fall and spring semester it is available, with no breaks in attendance at OSU, or it will be rescinded unless you request a deferment, in writing, from the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid **before you leave**. An approved deferment request permits you to leave OSU for a time and retain your scholarship when you return provided that you met the terms of the deferment. **Deferments are not automatic.** You must meet the scholarship retention criteria, including GPA & hours earned (one-half of the required hours if here only one term that year), before you leave to be eligible for a deferment. **Attending any other college or university while on deferment will result in the loss of the scholarship** (some accommodation may be made for programs such as OSU-sponsored Study Abroad programs, OSU-sponsored Co-op programs, OSU-sponsored internship programs, etc.).

**Once you are attending OSU full time**, you are encouraged to submit the online Scholarship Application for Continuing and Readmitted Undergraduates each year. The application will be available on our web site at <http://www.okstate.edu/finaid> no later than December 1 each year and must be submitted no later than the following **February 1**. Awards from this application are competitive and made on the basis of several factors including cumulative graduation/retention GPA, hours earned, financial need, resident vs. nonresident status, academic major, whether the application was submitted by the February 1 deadline, etc. Award amounts are determined by budgetary realities at the time and the number of applicants. Continuing student tuition waivers have usually been lower in value than the one-year or multi-year waivers for new students.

If you have any questions regarding your scholarship's requirements, inquire at the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid in 119 Student Union, call 405-744-6604, write to [finaid@okstate.edu](mailto:finaid@okstate.edu) or see the FAQs at <http://www.okstate.edu/finaid>.

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