

Scholarships and NCAA

How to find the money that will help take you to the next level

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Scholarships

Applying for and finding scholarships is the responsibility of the student. MHS has created a scholarship page to assist students in their search.

Mustang High School scholarship page:

All scholarships that MHS receives information about, we place on the scholarship page. There are (at times) more than 100 scholarships available. A scholarship will disappear from the website once the deadline has been met.

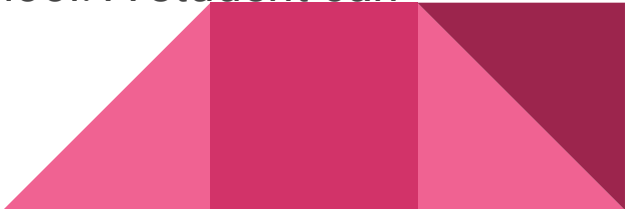
<https://mhs.mustangps.org/counseling/scholarships>



School specific scholarships

Many schools such as OU, UCO and OSU have a one-stop shop for scholarships. Once a student applies for admission, they are automatically placed “in the pool” for a scholarship. The college/university may reach out with additional scholarship opportunities within a certain program.

Some scholarships may be able to be “stacked” and some are not. “Stacked” means a student can receive many scholarships and add them all up (or stack them) to lower their balance. Some cannot be stacked. A school will give an offer and no other scholarships can be added to it-from the school. A student can always add outside scholarships to lower their balance.



Scholarships continued

Note-a search engine (such as Going Merry or Scholarships.com) are great resources, however, please note, you may be inundated with different scholarship applications every day-sometimes multiple times a day.

We highly suggest checking out Oklahoma City Community Foundation (occf.org), this is a local scholarship organization that even has scholarships specifically for MHS students.

Another good resource is ucango2.org This Oklahoma based website has information for parents and students and scholarships are listed by month they are due.



The FAFSA

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Most (if not all) colleges/universities will expect for a student to complete the FAFSA prior to the school awarding any aid. This school year the FAFSA was completely new and did not open until December 30th of 2023.

For the students graduating in 2025, the FAFSA should open around October/November. Colleges will expect to have the application prior to February 1 in order to determine aid eligibility.

*There is much more information about the FAFSA online.



NCAA planning

Grade 9

- *Start planning now!* Register for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.
- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist to ensure you are taking the right courses, and earn the best grades possible.

Grade 10

- If you are being actively recruited by an NCAA school and have a Profile Page account, [transition](#) it to the right [Certification account](#).
- Monitor the [task list](#) in your NCAA Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you have attended to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.
- If you fall behind academically, ask your high school counselor for help finding [approved courses](#) you can take.

Grade 11

- Ensure your [sports participation](#) information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- Check with your high school counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved [core courses](#) and graduate on time with your class.
- At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you have attended to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

Grade 12

- [Request your final amateurism certification](#) beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- Complete your final NCAA-approved [core courses](#) as you prepare for graduation.
- After you graduate, ask your high school counselor to upload your final [official transcript](#) with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

NCAA course requirements

Division I Academic Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in NCAA sports during your first year at a Division I school, you must meet **ALL** the following requirements:

- Earn 16 NCAA-approved [core-course credits](#):
 - Four years of English.
 - Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher).
 - Two years of science (including one year of lab, if offered).
 - One additional year of English, math or science.
 - Two years of social science.
 - Four additional years of English, math, science, social science, world language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy.
 - Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.
 - Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade.
 - Earn a minimum 2.3 core-course GPA.
 - Submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.
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