

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

Academic Scholars Program (ASP) 2007-2008 Year-End Report

Highlights:

- ◆ In Fall 2007, 267 freshmen National Merit Scholars received awards through the program and attended Oklahoma universities. This is an increase of 46 from Fall 2006 and compares to only 45 freshman National Merit Scholars that attended Oklahoma institutions in Fall 1987 before the program was implemented.
- ◆ In Fall 2007, 2,110 students at Oklahoma public and private colleges and universities were enrolled in the Academic Scholars Program, an increase of 11 from Fall 2006. The 2007 freshman class totaled 628 students—396 “automatic qualifiers” and 232 Institutional Nominees. This is an increase of 57 or 9.1% from the Fall 2006 freshman class.
- ◆ Since the start of the program in 1991, an average of 17% of program participants lose the scholarship after one year in the program. The rate for the most current year was 13%. On average, about 72% of participants retain the scholarship through their fourth year of eligibility; the most current class was 75%.
- ◆ For the 1,558 participants entering into the program between 2000-2002, 77% (1,206) received at least a baccalaureate degree from an Oklahoma institution.
- ◆ About 69% of all the program’s graduates remain in Oklahoma one year after graduation. This compares to about 82% of all Oklahoma bachelor degree recipients based on the latest statewide data. The retention rate for Oklahoma residents in the program (74%) is significantly higher than for nonresidents (57%). After five years, about 32% of the Academic Scholar graduates are still in Oklahoma, compared to 61% of all bachelor degree recipients.
- ◆ About 84% of the program participants attend three universities—University of Oklahoma (49%), Oklahoma State University (22%) and the University of Tulsa (13%). The remaining participants attend public regional universities (8%), public two-year colleges (4%) and other private universities (4%). The three largest participating institutions also account for almost 91% of the total program expenditures.
- ◆ Few participants qualified for other Oklahoma financial aid programs. In 2007-08, about 4% received an award from the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG) program, and less than 10% were eligible for Oklahoma’s Promise. Roughly 30% of participants reported parental income on the 2007-08 FAFSA, and of those participants, 73% reported a family income of \$50,000 or higher.
- ◆ Participation rates for Black and Hispanic students have remained minimal over the past five years; the percent of Black students participating in the program for 2007-08 was 0.9% and 1.4% for Hispanic students .

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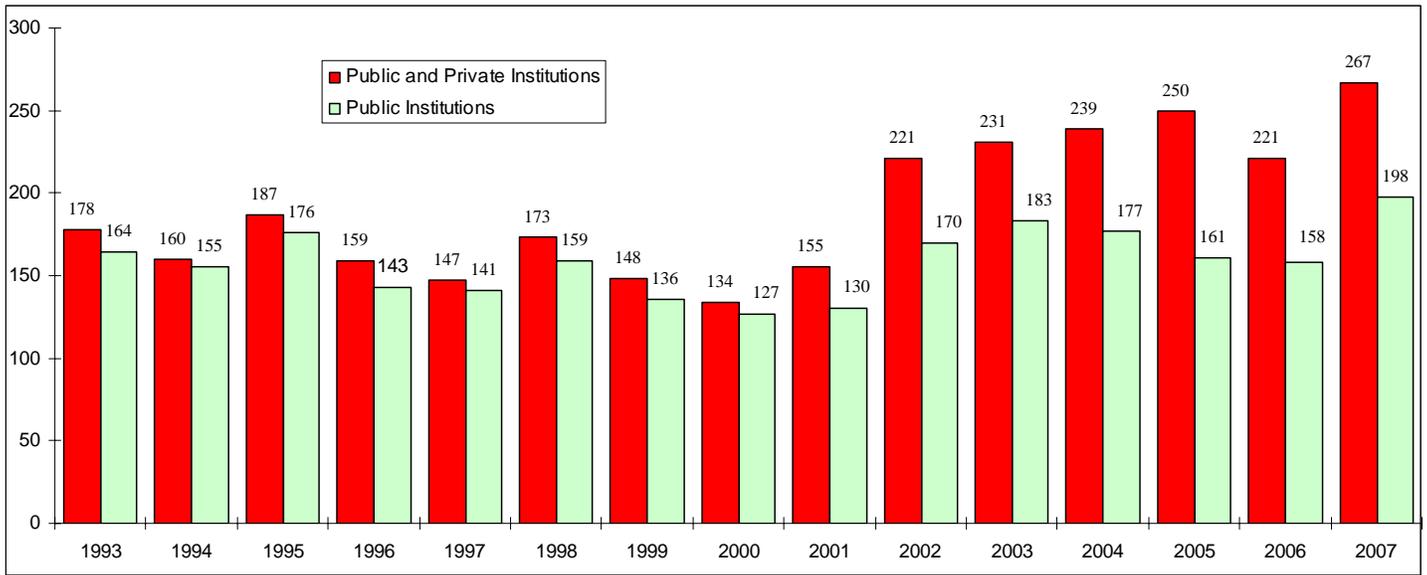
Qualifying Criteria

To automatically qualify for the Academic Scholars Program, Oklahoma residents and nonresidents 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 2007, the qualifying ACT score was a sum score of 133 and SAT score was 1560 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:

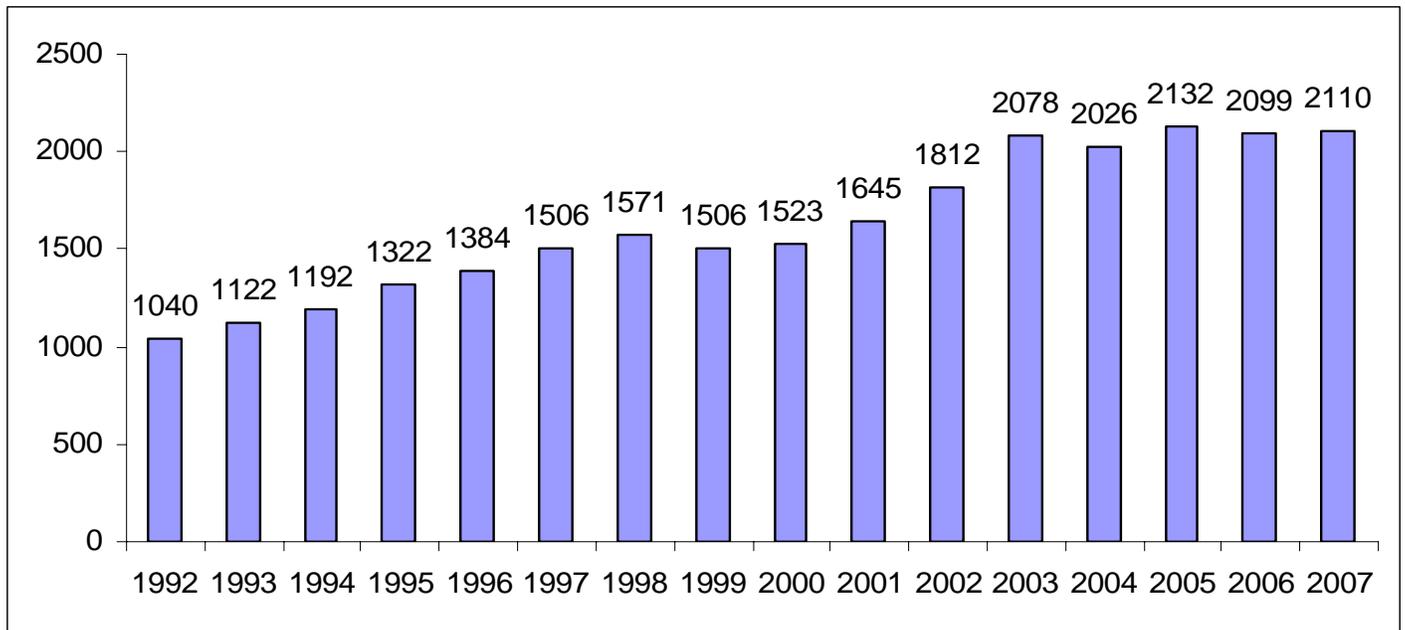
	One of the Two Criteria	
Tier	ACT or SAT Equivalent	GPA and Class Rank
Research	32 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.9 and Top 2%
Regional Universities	30 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.8 and Top 4%
Two-Year Colleges	29 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.7 and Top 5%

I. History of National Merit Scholars:



* National Merit Scholar participation history has been collected since 1991. This data is based on Fall enrollment for each academic year.

II. History of Total Program Enrollment:



* Of the 2,110 Academic Scholars for fall 2006, 70% of the participants were Oklahoma residents and 30% were non-residents.

III. Demographic Profile of Participants

Ethnicity Data of All Participants

Five-Year Trend

Year	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Non-Resident	White	Not Reported
2003-04	3.68%	1.82%	3.40%	5.88%	0.29%	84.74%	0.19%
2004-05	3.82%	1.14%	1.54%	5.40%	0.20%	87.80%	0.10%
2005-06	4.26%	0.84%	1.45%	5.20%	0.23%	87.82%	0.19%
2006-07	4.14%	0.86%	1.52%	4.95%	0.14%	88.14%	0.24%
2007-08	4.69%	0.90%	1.42%	5.21%	0.05%	86.92%	0.81%

Gender Data of All Participants

Five-Year Trend

Year	Female	Male
2003-04	45.87%	54.13%
2004-05	45.85%	54.15%
2005-06	45.08%	54.92%
2006-07	45.07%	54.93%
2007-08	45.50%	54.50%

Parent Income Data Collected from the FAFSA

for 2007-08 Participants

	% of total	% of those reporting income
No Parent income reported	69.6%	
\$100,000 or more	9.3%	30.7%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	6.6%	21.7%
\$70,000 - \$74,999	1.5%	4.8%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	2.5%	8.1%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	2.3%	7.6%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	5.3%	17.3%
\$10,000 - \$24,999	2.1%	7.0%
\$1 - \$9,999	0.6%	1.9%
\$0	0.1%	0.3%
less than 0	0.1%	0.5%
	100.0%	100.0%

IV. Academic Scholars Participation Retention Rates:

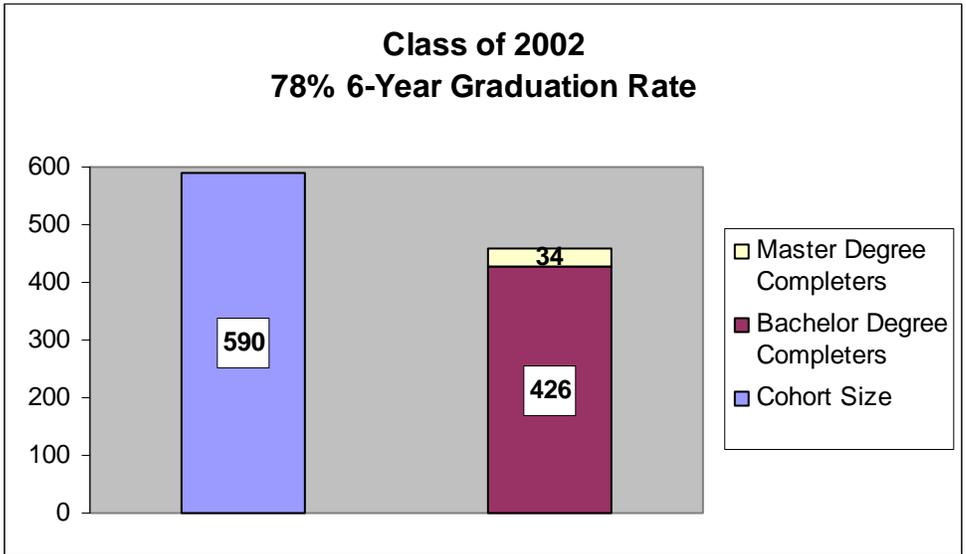
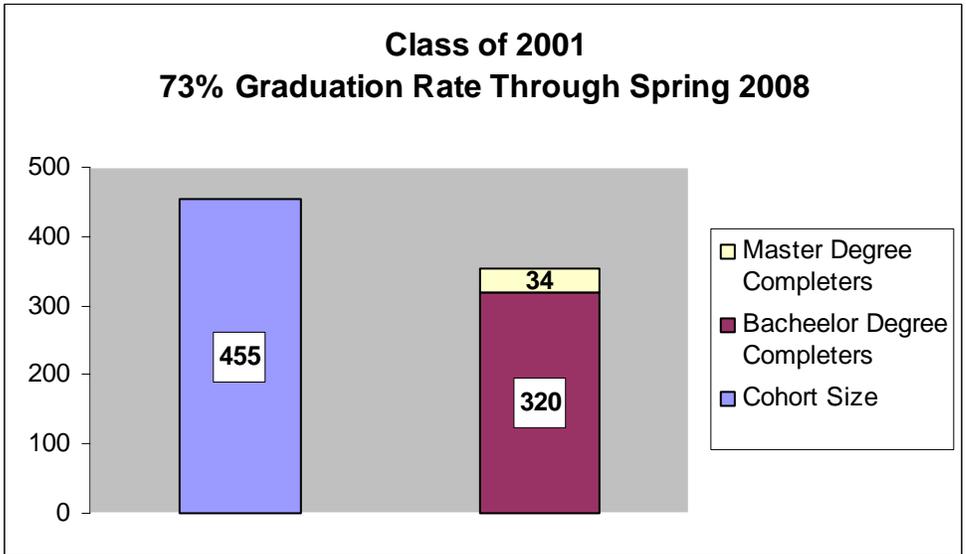
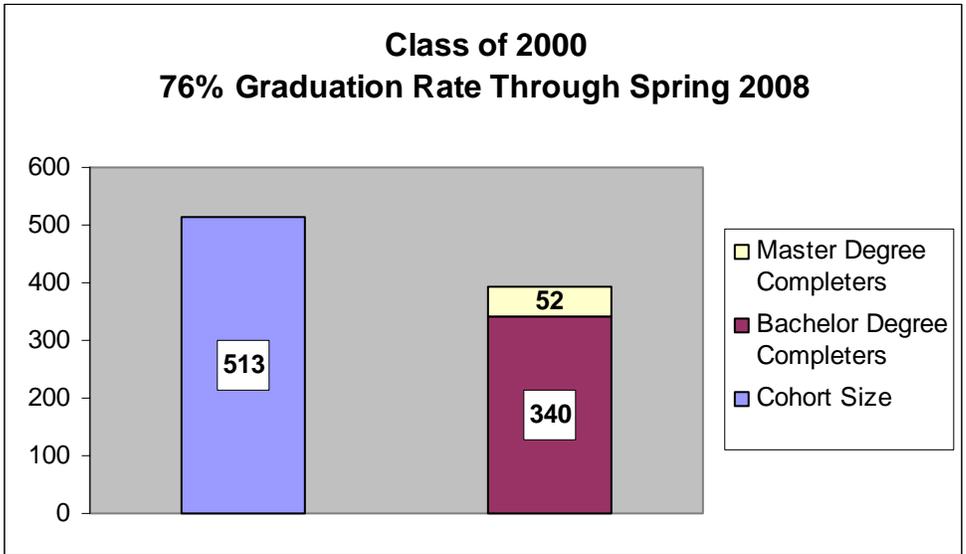
ASP Participant Retention Rates

Entry Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year	6th Year
2007	628	*	*	*	*	*
2006	571	495	*	*	*	*
2005	620	523	500	*	*	*
2004	601	523	481	448	*	*
2003	620	543	504	475	37	*
2002	563	524	495	452	45	1
2001	438	389	369	333	28	3
2000	504	423	385	363	39	4
1999	403	325	304	285	185	12
1998	424	326	310	280	170	15
1997	425	334	306	284	178	9
1996	396	327	323	292	193	8
1995	446	353	330	298	182	18
1994	373	304	297	281	152	12
1993	354	275	243	233	152	18
1992	347	284	258	238	157	13
1991	271	216	206	187	96	7

Entry Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year	6th Year
2007	100%	*	*	*	*	*
2006	100%	87%	*	*	*	*
2005	100%	84%	81%	*	*	*
2004	100%	87%	80%	75%	*	*
2003	100%	88%	81%	77%	6%	*
2002	100%	93%	88%	86%	8%	0.2%
2001	100%	89%	84%	76%	7%	0.7%
2000	100%	84%	76%	72%	8%	1%
1999	100%	81%	75%	71%	46%	3%
1998	100%	77%	73%	66%	40%	4%
1997	100%	79%	72%	67%	42%	2%
1996	100%	83%	82%	74%	49%	2%
1995	100%	79%	74%	67%	41%	4%
1994	100%	82%	80%	75%	41%	3%
1993	100%	78%	69%	66%	43%	5%
1992	100%	82%	74%	69%	45%	4%
1991	100%	80%	76%	69%	35%	3%

*The average attrition rate for students in the Academic Scholars Program from the first year to the second year is 16.8%.

V. Academic Scholars Graduation Rates



VI. Academic Scholars Post Graduation Retention

**All Academic Scholar Program Graduates
Employed in Oklahoma (between April 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007)
Or Who Were Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System**

Degree Year:	2001200 2	2002200 3	2003200 4	2004200 5	2005200 6
Employed*	112	131	182	230	364
Enrolled, not employed**	1	8	11	21	48
Total Retained	113	139	193	251	412
Total Graduates, unduplicated	353	349	485	491	594
Percent Retained	32%	40%	40%	51%	69%

* Based on Oklahoma Employment Security Commission records of employment between April 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

** Enrolled any semester during academic year 2006-2007.

**Oklahoma Resident Academic Scholar Program Graduates
Employed in Oklahoma (between April 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007)
Or Who Were Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System**

Degree Year:	2001200 2	2002200 3	2003200 4	2004200 5	2005200 6
Employed*	91	113	155	196	298
Enrolled, not employed**	0	7	11	16	29
Total Retained	91	120	166	212	327
Total Graduates, unduplicated	243	245	359	375	444
Percent Retained	37%	49%	46%	57%	74%

* Based on Oklahoma Employment Security Commission records of employment between April 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

** Enrolled any semester during academic year 2006-2007.

**Non-Resident Academic Scholar Program Graduates
Employed in Oklahoma (between April 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007)
Or Who Were Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System**

Degree Year:	2001200 2	2002200 3	2003200 4	2004200 5	2005200 6
Employed*	21	18	27	34	66
Enrolled, not employed**	1	1	0	5	19
Total Retained	22	19	27	39	85
Total Graduates, unduplicated	110	104	126	116	150
Percent Retained	20%	18%	21%	34%	57%

* Based on Oklahoma Employment Security Commission records of employment between April 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

** Enrolled any semester during academic year 2006-2007.

VII. Qualification Profile by Institution:

Qualification Profile for Fall 2007

Research-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	Percent of IN's	Total	Percent of Total
University Of Oklahoma	728	55.70%	282	35.12%	1010	47.87%
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	10	0.77%	5	0.62%	15	0.71%
Oklahoma State University	175	13.39%	290	36.11%	465	22.04%
Oklahoma State Univ.-COM	1	0.08%	1	0.12%	2	0.09%
Subtotal - Public Comps.	914	69.93%	578	71.98%	1492	70.71%

4-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	Percent of IN's	Total	Percent of Total
Cameron University	2	0.15%	13	1.62%	15	0.71%
East Central University	2	0.15%	16	1.99%	18	0.85%
Langston University	0	0.00%	5	0.62%	5	0.24%
Northeastern State University	1	0.08%	21	2.62%	22	1.04%
Northwestern Ok. State Univ.	0	0.00%	13	1.62%	13	0.62%
Ok. Panhandle State Univ.	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Rogers State University	0	0.00%	9	1.12%	9	0.43%
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	1	0.08%	14	1.74%	15	0.71%
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	6	0.46%	24	2.99%	30	1.42%
University of Central Ok.	9	0.69%	25	3.11%	34	1.61%
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	0	0.00%	12	1.49%	12	0.57%
Subtotal - Public 4-Yr	21	1.61%	152	18.93%	173	8.20%

2-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	Percent of IN's	Total	Percent of Total
Carl Albert State College	0	0.00%	4	0.50%	4	0.19%
Connors State College	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Eastern Ok. State College	0	0.00%	3	0.37%	3	0.14%
Murray State College	0	0.00%	2	0.25%	2	0.09%
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	0	0.00%	5	0.62%	5	0.24%
Northern Oklahoma College	0	0.00%	7	0.87%	7	0.33%
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	1	0.08%	10	1.25%	11	0.52%
OSU-OKC	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
OSU-Okmulgee	0	0.00%	4	0.50%	4	0.19%
Redlands Community College	0	0.00%	5	0.62%	5	0.24%
Rose State College	1	0.08%	11	1.37%	12	0.57%
Seminole State College	0	0.00%	3	0.37%	3	0.14%
Tulsa Community College	2	0.15%	9	1.12%	11	0.52%
Western Ok. State College	0	0.00%	6	0.75%	6	0.28%
Subtotal - Public 2-Yr	4	0.31%	69	8.59%	73	3.46%

Private/Ind. Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	Percent of IN's	Total	Percent of Total
University of Tulsa	285	21.81%	2	0.25%	287	13.60%
Oklahoma Baptist University	15	1.15%	1	0.12%	16	0.76%
Oklahoma Christian University	22	1.68%	0	0.00%	22	1.04%
Oklahoma City University	20	1.53%	0	0.00%	20	0.95%
Oral Roberts University	22	1.68%	1	0.12%	23	1.09%
Southwestern Christian Univ.	1	0.08%	0	0.00%	1	0.05%
Southern Nazarene University	3	0.23%	0	0.00%	3	0.14%
Subtotal - Priv/Ind	368	28.16%	4	0.50%	372	17.63%
Totals	1307	100.00%	803	100.00%	2110	100.00%

VIII. Funding Profile by Institution:

Funding Profile for Fall 2007

Research-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
University Of Oklahoma	\$2,012,275	57.25%	\$394,800	38.40%	\$2,407,075	52.98%
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	\$28,850	0.82%	\$7,000	0.68%	\$35,850	0.79%
Oklahoma State University	\$472,350	13.44%	\$406,000	39.49%	\$878,350	19.33%
Oklahoma State Univ.-COM	\$2,750	0.08%	\$1,400	0.14%	\$4,150	0.09%
Subtotal-Public Comps	\$2,516,225	71.59%	\$809,200	78.71%	\$3,325,425	73.20%

4-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
Cameron University	\$4,000	0.11%	\$13,000	1.26%	\$17,000	0.37%
East Central University	\$4,000	0.11%	\$16,000	1.56%	\$20,000	0.44%
Langston University	\$0	0.00%	\$5,000	0.49%	\$5,000	0.11%
Northeastern State University	\$2,000	0.06%	\$21,000	2.04%	\$23,000	0.51%
Northwestern Ok. State Univ.	\$0	0.00%	\$13,000	1.26%	\$13,000	0.29%
Ok. Panhandle State Univ.	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Rogers State University	\$0	0.00%	\$9,000	0.88%	\$9,000	0.20%
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	\$2,000	0.06%	\$14,000	1.36%	\$16,000	0.35%
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	\$12,000	0.34%	\$24,000	2.33%	\$36,000	0.79%
University of Central Ok.	\$18,000	0.51%	\$25,000	2.43%	\$43,000	0.95%
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	\$0	0.00%	\$12,000	1.17%	\$12,000	0.26%
Subtotal-Public 4-yr	\$42,000	1.19%	\$152,000	14.78%	\$194,000	4.27%

2-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
Carl Albert State College	\$0	0.00%	\$3,600	0.35%	\$3,600	0.08%
Connors State College	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Eastern Ok. State College	\$0	0.00%	\$2,700	0.26%	\$2,700	0.06%
Murray State College	\$0	0.00%	\$1,800	0.18%	\$1,800	0.04%
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	\$0	0.00%	\$4,500	0.44%	\$4,500	0.10%
Northern Oklahoma College	\$0	0.00%	\$6,300	0.61%	\$6,300	0.14%
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	\$1,750	0.05%	\$9,000	0.88%	\$10,750	0.24%
OSU-OKC	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
OSU-Okmulgee	\$0	0.00%	\$3,600	0.35%	\$3,600	0.08%
Redlands Community College	\$0	0.00%	\$4,500	0.44%	\$4,500	0.10%
Rose State College	\$1,750	0.05%	\$9,900	0.96%	\$11,650	0.26%
Seminole State College	\$0	0.00%	\$2,700	0.26%	\$2,700	0.06%
Tulsa Community College	\$3,500	0.10%	\$8,100	0.79%	\$11,600	0.26%
Western Ok. State College	\$0	0.00%	\$5,400	0.53%	\$5,400	0.12%
Subtotal-Public 2-yr	\$7,000	0.20%	\$62,100	6.04%	\$69,100	1.52%

Private/Ind. Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
University of Tulsa	\$783,750	22.30%	\$2,800	0.27%	\$786,550	17.31%
Oklahoma Baptist University	\$30,000	0.85%	\$1,000	0.10%	\$31,000	0.68%
Oklahoma Christian University	\$44,000	1.25%	\$0	0.00%	\$44,000	0.97%
Oklahoma City University	\$40,000	1.14%	\$0	0.00%	\$40,000	0.88%
Oral Roberts University	\$44,000	1.25%	\$1,000	0.10%	\$45,000	0.99%
Southwestern Christian Univ	\$2,000	0.06%	\$0	0.00%	\$2,000	0.04%
Southern Nazarene University	\$6,000	0.17%	\$0	0.00%	\$6,000	0.13%
Subtotal-Priv/Ind	\$949,750	27.02%	\$4,800	0.47%	\$954,550	21.01%
Totals	\$3,514,975	100.00%	\$1,028,100	100.00%	\$4,543,075	100.00%

IX. 2007-08 Financial Summary

	Fall 2007		Spring 2008		Summer 2008		
Research-Public Institutions	Scholar s	Amount	Scholar s	Amount	Scholar s	Amount	Total 2007-08
University Of Oklahoma	1010	2,407,075	992	2,333,400	24	32,325	4,772,800
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	15	35,850	13	28,975	0	0	64,825
Oklahoma State University	465	878,350	441	828,500	10	10,375	1,717,225
Oklahoma State Univ.-COM	2	4,150	2	4,150	0	0	8,300
Subtotal - Public Comps.	1492	\$3,325,425	1448	\$3,195,025	34	\$42,700	\$6,563,150

	Fall 2007		Spring 2008		Summer 2008		
4-Year-Public Institutions	Scholar s	Amount	Scholar s	Amount	Scholar s	Amount	Total 2007-08
Cameron University	15	17,000	14	15,000	0	0	32,000
East Central University	18	20,000	17	19,000	0	0	39,000
Langston University	5	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Northeastern State University	22	23,000	23	25,000	0	0	48,000
Northwestern Ok. State Univ.	13	13,000	13	13,000	0	0	26,000
Ok. Panhandle State Univ.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rogers State University	9	9,000	7	7,000	0	0	16,000
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	15	16,000	15	16,000	0	0	32,000
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	30	36,000	33	38,500	0	0	74,500
University of Central Ok.	34	43,000	34	42,000	2	1,500	86,500
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	12	12,000	11	10,500	0	0	22,500
Subtotal - Public 4-Yr	173	\$194,000	167	\$186,000	2	\$1,500	\$381,500

	Fall 2007		Spring 2008		Summer 2008		
2-Year-Public Institutions	Scholar s	Amount	Scholar s	Amount	Scholar s	Amount	Total 2007-08
Carl Albert State College	4	3,600	4	3,600	0	0	7,200
Connors State College	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Ok. State College	3	2,700	3	2,700	0	0	5,400
Murray State College	2	1,800	2	1,800	0	0	3,600
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	5	4,500	5	4,500	0	0	9,000
Northern Oklahoma College	7	6,300	6	5,400	0	0	11,700
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	11	10,750	10	9,850	0	0	20,600
OSU-OKC	0	0	0	0	1	875	875
OSU-Okmulgee	4	3,600	2	1,800	0	0	5,400
Redlands Community College	5	4,500	5	4,500	0	0	9,000
Rose State College	12	11,650	10	9,850	0	0	21,500
Seminole State College	3	2,700	3	2,700	0	0	5,400
Tulsa Community College	11	11,600	11	10,750	1	875	23,225
Western Ok. State College	6	5,400	6	5,400	0	0	10,800
Subtotal - Public 2-Yr	73	\$69,100	67	\$62,850	2	\$1,750	\$133,700

	Fall 2007		Spring 2008		Summer 2008		
Private/Ind. Institutions	Scholar s	Amount	Scholar s	Amount	Scholar s	Amount	Total 2007-08
University of Tulsa	287	786,550	285	779,675	0	0	1,566,225
Mid-America Christian Univ.	0	0	0	0	1	500	500
Oklahoma Baptist University	16	31,000	17	33,000	0	0	64,000
Oklahoma Christian Univ.	22	44,000	22	44,000	0	0	88,000
Oklahoma City University	20	40,000	20	40,000	0	0	80,000
Oral Roberts University	23	45,000	23	45,000	0	0	90,000
Southwestern Christian Univ.	1	2,000	1	2,000	0	0	4,000
Southern Nazarene University	3	6,000	3	6,000	0	0	12,000
Subtotal - Priv/Ind	372	\$954,550	371	\$949,675	1	\$500	\$1,904,725
Totals	2110	\$4,543,075	2053	\$4,393,550	39	\$46,450	\$8,983,075