# ACADEMIC SCHOLARS 

Academic Scholars Program (ASP) 2002-2003 Year-End Report

## Highlights:

- In fall 2002, 221 freshman National Merit Scholars received awards through the program and attended Oklahoma universities. This is an increase of 66 from fall 2001 and compares to only 45 freshman National Merit Scholars that attended Oklahoma institutions in fall 1987 before the program was implemented.
- In fall 2002, 1,812 students at Oklahoma public and private colleges and universities were enrolled in the Academic Scholars Program, an increase of 167 from fall 2001. The 2002 freshman class totaled 563 students- 332 "automatic qualifiers" and 231 Institutional Nominees. This is an increase of $29 \%$ from the fall 2001 freshman class.
- About 20\% of program participants lose the scholarship after one year in the program. Almost 70\% retain the scholarship through their fourth year of eligibility.
- For the 1,267 participants entering into the program between 1995-1997, 73\% (927) received at least a baccalaureate degree from an Oklahoma institution.
- About half of the program's students that graduate remain in Oklahoma one year after graduation. This compares to about $77 \%$ of all Oklahoma bachelor degree recipients. The retention rate for Oklahoma residents in the program (59\%) is significantly higher than for nonresidents (22\%). After five years, about $40 \%$ of the Academic Scholar graduates are still in Oklahoma, compared to 60$65 \%$ of all bachelor degree recipients.
- Over $80 \%$ of the program participants attend three universities-University of OklahomaNorman/Health Science Center (55\%), Oklahoma State University (19\%) and the University of Tulsa (9\%). The remaining participants attend public regional universities (8\%), public two-year colleges ( $4 \%$ ) and other private universities ( $5 \%$ ). The three largest participating institutions also account for $87 \%$ of the total program expenditures.
- Very few program participants qualified for other need-based financial aid. In 2002-03, about 5\% received an award from the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG) program; less than $2 \%$ were eligible for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP); and about $14 \%$ were eligible for federal Pell Grants.
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## I. History of National Merit Scholars:



* The Academic Scholars Program was established in 1988. For the first year of the program, only public institutions participated. 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 1,812 Academic Scholars for fall 2002, $75 \%$ of the participants were Oklahoma residents and $25 \%$ were nonresidents.
III. Academic Scholars Participation Retention Rates:

| Entry Year | 1st Year | 2nd Year | 3rd Year | 4th Year | 5th Year | 6th Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | 438 | 389 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| 2000 | 504 | 423 | 385 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| 1999 | 403 | 325 | 304 | 285 | $*$ | $*$ |
| 1998 | 424 | 326 | 310 | 280 | 170 | $*$ |
| 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | $100 \%$ | $89 \%$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| 2000 | $100 \%$ | $84 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| 1999 | $100 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| 1998 | $100 \%$ | $77 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $*$ |
| 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 $18.7 \%$.



Freshman Class of 1997 67\% 6-Year Graduation Rate

V. Academic Scholars Post Graduation Retention

## All Academic Scholar Program Graduates

Employed in Oklahoma (From April 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2002)
Or Who Were Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System

| Degree Year | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 1999-00 | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0 - 0 1}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Employed | 98 | 116 | 150 | 165 | 170 |
| Enrolled, not employed | 3 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 26 |
| Total Retained | 101 | 121 | 159 | 180 | 196 |
| Total Graduates Found | 259 | 277 | 307 | 370 | 395 |
| Percent Retained | $39 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $50 \%$ |

NOTE: Employment bases on graduates employed as of Fiscal Year April 1, 2001 - December 31, 2002
the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.
Oklahoma Resident Academic Scholar Program Graduates
Employed in Oklahoma (From April 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2002) Or Who Were Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System

| Degree Year | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6 - 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7 - 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8 - 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9 - 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0 - 0 1}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Employed | 86 | 100 | 132 | 136 | 153 |
| Enrolled, not employed | 2 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 21 |
| Total Retained | 88 | 104 | 139 | 147 | 174 |
| Total Graduates Found | 184 | 189 | 215 | 245 | 293 |
| Percent Retained | $48 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $59 \%$ |

NOTE: Employment bases on graduates employed as of Fiscal Year April 1, 2001 - December 31, 2002 the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

Non-Resident Academic Scholar Program Graduates
Employed in Oklahoma (From April 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2002) Or Who Were Enrolled in the Oklahoma State System

| Degree Year | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6 - 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7 - 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8 - 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9 - 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0 - 0 1}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Employed | 12 | 16 | 18 | 29 | 17 |
| Enrolled, not employed | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Total Retained | 13 | 17 | 20 | 33 | 22 |
| Total Graduates Found | 75 | 88 | 92 | 125 | 102 |
| Percent Retained | $17 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $22 \%$ |

NOTE: Employment bases on graduates employed as of Fiscal Year April 1, 2001 - December 31, 2002
the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

## VI. Qualification Profile by Institution:

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.

The 1999 Legislature created another avenue by which students can qualify for ASP awards, Institutional Nominees. Applicants may qualify for consideration by public colleges and universities in one of two ways:

1. by having an ACT or SAT score that falls within the 95.0 to 99.49 percentile levels; or
2. by demonstrating exceptional academic achievement as evidenced by a number of factors including grade point average, class rank, national awards, scholastic achievement, and academic honors.

## Qualification Profile for Fall 2002

$\left.\begin{array}{||cccccc||}\hline \begin{array}{c}\text { Comprehensives-Public } \\ \text { Institutions }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Automatic } \\ \text { Qualifiers }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { \% of } \\ \text { Automatic }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Institutional } \\ \text { Nominees }\end{array} & \text { Percent of IN's } & \text { Total }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Percent of } \\ \text { Total }\end{array}\right]$

| 4-Year-Public Institutions | Automatic <br> Qualifiers | \% of <br> Automatic | Institutional <br> Nominees | Percent of IN's | Total | Percent of <br> Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cameron University | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 3 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 7 \%}$ |
| East Central University | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 5 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 8 \%}$ |
| Langston University | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 3 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 4 \%}$ |
| Northeastern State University | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 1 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 5 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 3 \%}$ |
| Northwestern Ok. State Univ. | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 0 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6 6 \%}$ |
| Ok. Panhandle State Univ. | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 7 \%}$ |
| Rogers State University | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 7 \%}$ |
| Southeastern Ok. State Univ. | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 6 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6 0 \%}$ |
| Southwestern Ok. State Univ. | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 3 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 1 0 \%}$ |
| University of Central Ok. | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 5 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 0 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 3 7 \%}$ |
| U. of Science and Arts of Ok. | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 1 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 8 \%}$ |


| 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 | 0.68\% | 4 | 0.22\% |
| Connors State College | 0 | 0.00\% | 3 | 0.51\% | 3 | 0.16\% |
| Eastern Ok. State College | 0 | 0.00\% | 5 | 0.85\% | 5 | 0.27\% |
| Murray State College | 0 | 0.00\% | 4 | 0.68\% | 4 | 0.22\% |
| Northeastern Oklahoma A\&M | 0 | 0.00\% | 4 | 0.68\% | 4 | 0.22\% |
| Northern Oklahoma College | 0 | 0.00\% | 7 | 1.18\% | 7 | 0.38\% |
| Oklahoma City Comm. Coll. | 0 | 0.00\% | 10 | 1.69\% | 10 | 0.55\% |
| OSU-OKC | 0 | 0.00\% | 2 | 0.34\% | 2 | 0.11\% |
| OSU-Okmulgee | 0 | 0.00\% | 8 | 1.35\% | 8 | 0.44\% |
| Redlands Community College | 0 | 0.00\% | 6 | 1.02\% | 6 | 0.33\% |
| Rose State College | 0 | 0.00\% | 7 | 1.18\% | 7 | 0.38\% |
| Seminole State College | 0 | 0.00\% | 5 | 0.85\% | 5 | 0.27\% |
| Tulsa Community College | 0 | 0.00\% | 9 | 1.52\% | 9 | 0.49\% |
| Western Ok. State College | 0 | 0.00\% | 6 | 1.02\% | 6 | 0.33\% |
| Subtotal - Public 2-Yr | 0 | 0.00\% | 80 | 13.54\% | 80 | 4.39\% |
| Private/Ind. Institutions | Automatic Qualifiers | \% of Automatic | Institutional Nominees | Percent of IN's | Total | Percent of Total |
| University of Tulsa | 157 | 12.76\% | 3 | 0.51\% | 160 | 8.79\% |
| Oklahoma Baptist University | 23 | 1.87\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 23 | 1.26\% |
| Oklahoma Christian University | 29 | 2.36\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 29 | 1.59\% |
| Oklahoma City University | 4 | 0.33\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 4 | 0.22\% |
| Oklahoma Wesleyan University | 0 | 0.00\% | 1 | 0.17\% | 1 | 0.05\% |
| Oral Roberts University | 30 | 2.44\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 30 | 1.65\% |
| St. Gregory's University | 2 | 0.16\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 2 | 0.11\% |
| Southern Nazarene University | 5 | 0.41\% | 0 | 0.00\% | 5 | 0.27\% |
| Subtotal - Priv/Ind | 250 | 20.33\% | 4 | 0.68\% | 254 | 13.95\% |
| Totals | 1230 | 100.00\% | 591 | 100.00\% | 1821 | 100.00\% |

## VII. Funding Profile by Institution:

Funding Profile for Fall 2002

| Comprehensives-Public Institutions | Automatic Qualifiers | $\%$ of Automatic | Institutional Nominees | \% of IN | Total | Percent of Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| University Of Oklahoma | \$2,051,500.00 | 62.01\% | \$629,750.00 | 43.36\% | \$2,681,250.00 | 56.32\% |
| University Of Oklahoma-HSC | \$77,000.00 | 2.33\% | \$16,500.00 | 1.14\% | \$93,500.00 | 1.96\% |
| Oklahoma State University | \$519,750.00 | 15.71\% | \$409,750.00 | 28.21\% | \$929,500.00 | 19.53\% |
| Oklahoma State U.-COM | \$8,250.00 | 0.25\% | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$8,250.00 | 0.17\% |
| ubtotal-Public Comps | \$2,656,500.00 | 80.30\% | \$1,056,000.00 | 72.71\% | \$3,712,500.00 | 77.99\% |


| 4-Year-Public Institutions | Automatic Qualifiers | $\%$ of Automatic | Institutional Nominees | \% of IN | Total | Percent of Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cameron University | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$28,000.00 | 1.93\% | \$28,000.00 | 0.59\% |
| East Central University | \$2,000.00 | 0.06\% | \$30,000.00 | 2.07\% | \$32,000.00 | 0.67\% |
| Langston University | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$16,000.00 | 1.10\% | \$16,000.00 | 0.34\% |
| Northeastern State University | \$4,000.00 | 0.12\% | \$30,000.00 | 2.07\% | \$34,000.00 | 0.71\% |
| Northwestern Ok. State Univ. | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$24,000.00 | 1.65\% | \$24,000.00 | 0.50\% |
| Ok. Panhandle State Univ. | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$10,000.00 | 0.69\% | \$10,000.00 | 0.21\% |
| Rogers State University | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$10,000.00 | 0.69\% | \$10,000.00 | 0.21\% |
| Southeastern Ok. State Univ. | \$2,000.00 | 0.06\% | \$20,000.00 | 1.38\% | \$22,000.00 | 0.46\% |
| Southwestern Ok. State Univ. | \$12,000.00 | 0.36\% | \$28,000.00 | 1.93\% | \$40,000.00 | 0.84\% |
| University of Central Ok. | \$14,000.00 | 0.42\% | \$36,000.00 | 2.48\% | \$50,000.00 | 1.05\% |
| U. of Science and Arts of Ok. | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$14,000.00 | 0.96\% | \$14,000.00 | 0.29\% |
| Subtotal-Public 4-yr | \$34,000.00 | 1.03\% | \$246,000.00 | 16.94\% | \$280,000.00 | 5.88\% |


| 2-Year-Public Institutions | Automatic Qualifiers | $\%$ of Automatic | Institutional Nominees | \% of IN | Total | Percent of Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carl Albert State College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$7,000.00 | 0.48\% | \$7,000.00 | 0.15\% |
| Connors State College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$5,250.00 | 0.36\% | \$5,250.00 | 0.11\% |
| Eastern Ok. State College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$8,750.00 | 0.60\% | \$8,750.00 | 0.18\% |
| Murray State College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$7,000.00 | 0.48\% | \$7,000.00 | 0.15\% |
| Northeastern Oklahoma A\&M | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$7,000.00 | 0.48\% | \$7,000.00 | 0.15\% |
| Northern Oklahoma College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$12,250.00 | 0.84\% | \$12,250.00 | 0.26\% |
| Oklahoma City Comm. Coll. | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$17,500.00 | 1.21\% | \$17,500.00 | 0.37\% |
| OSU-OKC | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$3,500.00 | 0.24\% | \$3,500.00 | 0.07\% |
| OSU-Okmulgee | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$14,000.00 | 0.96\% | \$14,000.00 | 0.29\% |
| Redlands Community College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$10,500.00 | 0.72\% | \$10,500.00 | 0.22\% |
| Rose State College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$12,250.00 | 0.84\% | \$12,250.00 | 0.26\% |
| Seminole State College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$8,750.00 | 0.60\% | \$8,750.00 | 0.18\% |
| Tulsa Community College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$15,750.00 | 1.08\% | \$15,750.00 | 0.33\% |
| Western Ok. State College | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$10,500.00 | 0.72\% | \$10,500.00 | 0.22\% |
| Subtotal-Public 2-yr | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$140,000.00 | 9.64\% | \$140,000.00 | 2.94\% |


| Private/Ind. Institutions | Automatic Qualifiers | \% of Automatic | Institutional Nominees | \% of IN | Total | Percent of Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| University of Tulsa | \$431,750.00 | 13.05\% | \$8,250.00 | 0.57\% | \$440,000.00 | 9.24\% |
| Oklahoma Baptist University | \$46,000.00 | 1.39\% | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$46,000.00 | 0.97\% |
| Oklahoma Christian University | \$58,000.00 | 1.75\% | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$58,000.00 | 1.22\% |
| Oklahoma City University | \$8,000.00 | 0.24\% | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$8,000.00 | 0.17\% |
| Oklahoma Wesleyan University | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$2,000.00 | 0.14\% | \$2,000.00 | 0.04\% |
| Oral Roberts University | \$60,000.00 | 1.81\% | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$60,000.00 | 1.26\% |
| St. Gregory's University | \$4,000.00 | 0.12\% | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$4,000.00 | 0.08\% |
| Southern Nazarene University | \$10,000.00 | 0.30\% | \$0.00 | 0.00\% | \$10,000.00 | 0.21\% |
| Subtotal-Priv/Ind | \$617,750.00 | 18.67\% | \$10,250.00 | 0.71\% | \$628,000.00 | 13.19\% |


| Totals | $\$ 3,308,250.00$ | $100.00 \%$ | $\$ 1,452,250.00$ | $100.00 \%$ | $\$ 4,760,500.00$ | $100.00 \%$ |
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VIII. 2002-03 Financial Summary





| Institution | Year of <br> Entry | Fall 2002 |  | Spring 2003 |  | Summer 2003 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ 2002-03 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Scholars | Award | Scholars | Award | Scholars | Award |  |
| St. Gregory's | 2002 | 2 | \$4,000 | 2 | \$4,000 | 0 | \$0 |  |
| Total |  | 2 | \$4,000 | 2 | \$4,000 | 0 | \$0 | \$ 8,000 |
| Total Participants |  | 1,812 | \$4,734,000 | 1,792 | \$4,661,750 | 89 | \$116,000 | \$ 9,511,750 |

