Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

Academic Scholars Program (ASP) 2008-2009 Year-End Report

Highlights:

- In Fall 2008, 274 freshmen National Merit Scholars received awards through the program, an increase of 7 from Fall 2007.
- ♦ A total of 2,136 students at Oklahoma public and private colleges and universities were enrolled in the Academic Scholars Program in Fall 2008, an increase of 26 from Fall 2007.
- ◆ The 2008 freshman class totaled 649 students—413 "automatic qualifiers" and 236 Institutional Nominees—compared to 628 in the 2007 freshmen 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 14%. On average, about 72% of participants retain the scholarship through their fourth year of eligibility; the most current class was 75%.
- ♦ For the 1,672 participants entering into the program between 2001-2003, 78% (1,306) received at least a baccalaureate degree from an Oklahoma institution.
- ♦ Based on data collected in 2007-08, 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 85% of the program participants attend three universities—University of Oklahoma (49%), Oklahoma State University (22%) and the University of Tulsa (14%). The remaining participants attend public regional universities (8%), public two-year colleges (3%) 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 2008-09, about 4% received an award from the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG) program, and a little over 10% were eligible for Oklahoma's Promise. Less than 1% also received the Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG).
- ♦ Available data indicates that program participants generally come from higher income families. Nearly 60% of participants do not apply for federal financial aid, indicating a lack of financial need or eligibility for federal student aid. Of the 42% of participants that reported parental income on the 2008-09 federal application, nearly 80% reported a family income of \$50,000 or higher, 39% reported family income of \$100,000 or more.
- Participation rates for Black and Hispanic students have remained minimal over the past five years; the rate for Black students in the program in 2008-09 was 0.75% and 1.59% for Hispanic students.
- For the first time since the implementation of the Academic Scholars program, compliance with the statutory 25% limit of non-resident student participation required six institutions to refund almost \$1,000,000 in award funds back to the program.

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Qualifying Criteria

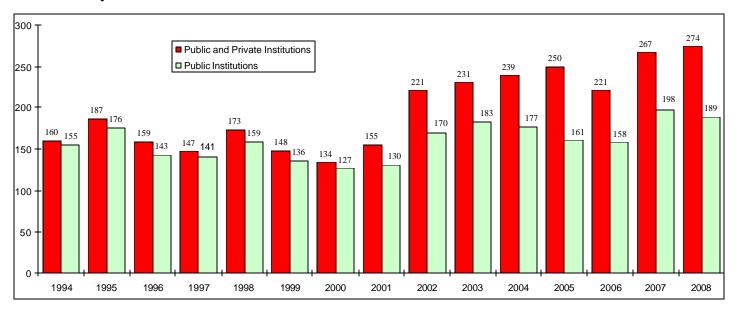
To automatically qualify for the Academic Scholars Program, Oklahoma residents and nonresidents must have received the designation of National Merit Scholar, National Merit Finalist, or Presidential Scholar. Oklahoma residents may also qualify by achieving a score in the top one-half percentile on the ACT or SAT. For 2008, the qualifying ACT score was a sum score of 133 and SAT score was 1550 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

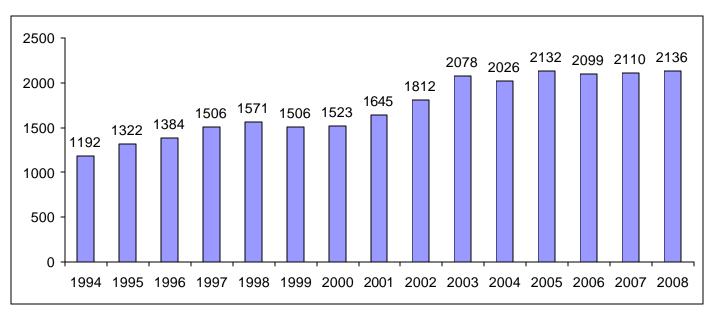
Tier	ACT or SAT Equivalent	GPA and Class Rank
Research	32 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.9 and Top 2%
Regional Universities	30 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.8 and Top 4%
Two-Year Colleges	29 or SAT Equivalent	GPA 3.7 and Top 5%

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 2,136 Academic Scholars for fall 2008, 69% of the participants were Oklahoma residents and 31% were non-residents.

III. Demographic Profile of Participants

Ethnicity Data of All Participants

Five-Year Trend

				Native		Not Reported/
Year	Asian	Black	Hispanic	American	White	Other
2004-05	3.82%	1.14%	1.54%	5.40%	87.80%	0.30%
2005-06	4.26%	0.84%	1.45%	5.20%	87.82%	0.42%
2006-07	4.14%	0.86%	1.52%	4.95%	88.14%	0.38%
2007-08	4.69%	0.90%	1.42%	5.21%	86.92%	0.86%
2008-09	4.92%	0.75%	1.59%	5.24%	87.36%	0.14%

Gender Data of All Participants

Five-Year Trend

Year	Female	Male
2004-05	45.85%	54.15%
2005-06	45.08%	54.92%
2006-07	45.07%	54.93%
2007-08	45.50%	54.50%
2008-09	46.46%	53.54%

Parent Income Data Collected from the FAFSA

for 2008-09 Participants

		% of those
	% of total	reporting Income
No Parent income reported	58.33%	
\$100,000 or more	16.06%	38.54%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	8.15%	19.55%
\$70,000 - \$74,999	1.87%	4.49%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	3.70%	8.88%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	2.90%	6.97%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	6.13%	14.72%
\$10,000 - \$24,999	2.06%	4.94%
\$1 - \$9,999	0.42%	1.01%
\$0	0.05%	0.11%
less than \$0	0.33%	0.79%
	100.0%	100.0%

IV. Academic Scholars Participation Retention Rates:

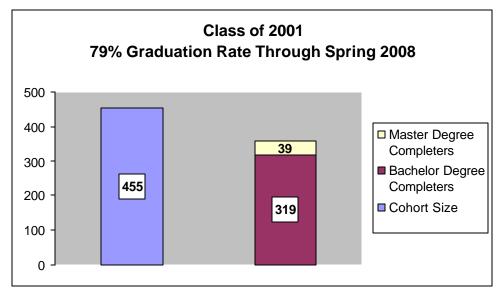
ASP Participant Retention Rates

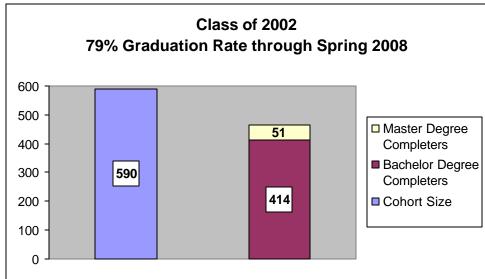
Entry Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year	6th Year
2008	649	*	*	*	*	*
2007	628	538	*	*	*	*
2006	571	495	455	*	*	*
2005	620	523	500	463	*	*
2004	601	523	481	448	26	*
2003	620	543	504	475	37	4
2002	563	524	495	452	45	1
2001	438	389	369	333	28	3
2000	504	423	385	363	39	4
1999	403	325	304	285	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

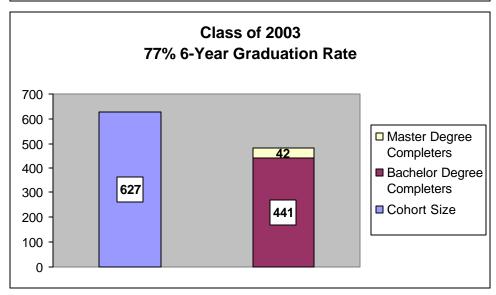
Entry Year	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year	6th Year
2008	100%	*	*	*	*	*
2007	100%	86%	*	*	*	*
2006	100%	87%	80%	*	*	*
2005	100%	84%	81%	75%	*	*
2004	100%	87%	80%	75%	4%	*
2003	100%	88%	81%	77%	6%	1%
2002	100%	93%	88%	80%	8%	0.2%
2001	100%	89%	84%	76%	6%	0.7%
2000	100%	84%	76%	72%	8%	1%
1999	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 17%.

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:	20012002	20022003	20032004	20042005	20052006
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.

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 Ye	ar: 20012002	20022003	20032004	20042005	20052006
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.

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	200220	03 200320	04 2004200	05 20052006
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.

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VII. Qualification Profile by Institution:

Qualification Profile for Fall 2008

Research-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	Percent of IN's	Total	Percent of Total
University Of Oklahoma	763	56.39%	279	34.74%	1042	49.38%
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	13	0.96%	6	0.75%	19	0.90%
Oklahoma State University	178	13.16%	292	36.36%	470	22.27%
Oklahoma State University-COM	1	0.07%	1	0.12%	2	0.09%
Subtotal - Public Comps	955	70.58%	578	73.82%	1533	71.77%

4-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	Percent of IN's	Total	Percent of Total
Cameron University	3	0.23%	13	1.62%	16	0.76%
East Central University	2	0.15%	18	2.24%	20	0.95%
Langston University	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Northeastern State University	2	0.15%	19	2.37%	21	1.00%
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%	10	1.25%	10	0.47%
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	0	0.00%	15	1.87%	15	0.71%
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	6	0.46%	27	3.36%	33	1.56%
University of Central Ok.	3	0.23%	23	2.86%	26	1.23%
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	0	0.00%	11	1.37%	11	0.52%
Subtotal - Public 4-Yr	16	1.18%	149	19.03%	165	7.72%

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%	4	0.50%	4	0.19%
Murray State College	0	0.00%	1	0.12%	1	0.05%
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	0	0.00%	4	0.50%	4	0.19%
Northern Oklahoma College	1	0.08%	2	0.25%	3	0.14%
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	1	0.08%	8	1.00%	9	0.43%
OSU-OKC	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
OSU-Okmulgee	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Redlands Community College	0	0.00%	5	0.62%	5	0.24%
Rose State College	1	0.08%	9	1.12%	10	0.47%
Seminole State College	0	0.00%	5	0.62%	5	0.24%
Tulsa Community College	0	0.00%	8	1.00%	8	0.38%
Western Ok. State College	0	0.00%	4	0.50%	4	0.19%
Subtotal - Public 2-Yr	3	0.22%	54	6.90%	57	2.67%

Private/Ind. Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	Percent of IN's	Total	Percent of Total
University of Tulsa	298	22.80%	1	0.12%	299	14.17%
Oklahoma Baptist University	13	0.99%	1	0.12%	14	0.66%
Oklahoma Christian University	23	1.76%	0	0.00%	23	1.09%
Oklahoma City University	21	1.61%	0	0.00%	21	1.00%
Oral Roberts University	22	1.68%	0	0.00%	22	1.04%
Southwestern Christian Univ.	1	0.08%	0	0.00%	1	0.05%
Southern Nazarene University	1	0.08%	0	0.00%	1	0.05%
Subtotal - Priv/Ind	379	28.01%	2	0.26%	381	17.84%
Totals	1353	100.00%	783	100.00%	2136	100.00%

VIII. Funding Profile by Institution:

Funding Profile for Fall 2008

Research-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
University Of Oklahoma	\$2,098,250	57.57%	\$390,600	39.02%	\$2,488,850	53.57%
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	\$35,750	0.98%	\$8,400	0.84%	\$44,150	0.95%
Oklahoma State University	\$489,500	13.43%	\$408,800	40.84%	\$898,300	19.33%
Oklahoma State UnivCOM	\$2,750	0.08%	\$1,400	0.14%	\$4,150	0.09%
Subtotal-Public Comps	\$2,626,250	72.05%	\$809 200	80 83%	\$3 435 450	73 94%

4-Year-Public Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
Cameron University	\$6,000	0.16%	\$13,000	1.30%	\$19,000	0.41%
East Central University	\$4,000	0.11%	\$18,000	1.80%	\$22,000	0.47%
Langston University	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Northeastern State University	\$4,000	0.11%	\$19,000	1.90%	\$23,000	0.50%
Northwestern Ok. State Univ.	\$0	0.00%	\$13,000	1.30%	\$13,000	0.28%
Ok. Panhandle State Univ.	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Rogers State University	\$0	0.00%	\$10,000	1.00%	\$10,000	0.22%
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	\$0	0.00%	\$15,000	1.50%	\$15,000	0.32%
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	\$12,000	0.33%	\$27,000	2.70%	\$39,000	0.84%
University of Central Ok.	\$6,000	0.16%	\$23,000	2.30%	\$29,000	0.62%
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	\$0	0.00%	\$11,000	1.10%	\$11,000	0.24%
Subtotal-Public 4-yr	\$32,000	0.88%	\$149,000	14.88%	\$181,000	3.90%

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	0.36%	\$3,600	0.08%
Connors State College	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Eastern Ok. State College	\$0	0.00%	\$3,600	0.36%	\$3,600	0.08%
Murray State College	\$0	0.00%	\$900	0.09%	\$900	0.02%
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	\$0	0.00%	\$3,600	0.36%	\$3,600	0.08%
Northern Oklahoma College	\$1,750	0.05%	\$1,800	0.18%	\$3,550	0.08%
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	\$1,750	0.05%	\$7,200	0.72%	\$8,950	0.19%
OSU-OKC	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
OSU-Okmulgee	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
Redlands Community College	\$0	0.00%	\$4,500	0.45%	\$4,500	0.10%
Rose State College	\$1,750	0.05%	\$0	0.00%	\$1,750	0.04%
Seminole State College	\$0	0.00%	\$4,500	0.45%	\$4,500	0.10%
Tulsa Community College	\$0	0.00%	\$7,200	0.72%	\$7,200	0.15%
Western Ok. State College	\$0	0.00%	\$3,600	0.36%	\$3,600	0.08%
Subtotal-Public 2-yr	\$5,250	0.14%	\$40,500	4.05%	\$45,750	0.98%

Private/Ind. Institutions	Automatic Qualifiers	% of Automatic	Institutional Nominees	% of IN	Total	Percent of Total
University of Tulsa	\$819,500	22.48%	\$1,400	0.14%	\$820,900	17.67%
Oklahoma Baptist University	\$26,000	0.71%	\$1,000	0.10%	\$27,000	0.58%
Oklahoma Christian University	\$46,000	1.26%	\$0	0.00%	\$46,000	0.99%
Oklahoma City University	\$42,000	1.15%	\$0	0.00%	\$42,000	0.90%
Oral Roberts University	\$44,000	1.21%	\$0	0.00%	\$44,000	0.95%
Southwestern Christian Univ	\$2,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%	\$2,000	0.04%
Southern Nazarene University	\$2,000	0.05%	\$0	0.00%	\$2,000	0.04%
Subtotal-Priv/Ind	\$981,500	26.93%	\$2,400	0.24%	\$983,900	21.18%
Totals	\$3,645,000	100.00%	\$1,001,100	100.00%	\$4,646,100	100.00%

IX. 2008-09 Financial Summary

	Fall 2008		Spring 2009		Summer 2009		
Research-Public Institutions	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Total 2008-09
University Of Oklahoma	1045	2,497,100	1041	2,491,550	30	39,225	5,027,875
University Of Oklahoma-HSC	15	35,850	17	38,650	0	0	74,500
Oklahoma State University	468	894,800	458	874,750	14	15,200	1,784,750
Oklahoma State UnivCOM	2	4,150	2	4,150	0	0	8,300
Subtotal - Public Comps.	1530	\$3,431,900	1518	\$3,409,100	44	\$54,425	\$6,895,425

	Fa	11 2008	Spr	ing 2009	Summe	er 2009	
4-Year-Public Institutions	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Total 2008-09
Cameron University	16	18,000	16	19,000	0	0	37,000
East Central University	19	21,000	17	19,000	0	0	40,000
Langston University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northeastern State University	20	22,000	20	22,000	0	0	44,000
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	10	10,000	10	10,000	0	0	20,000
Southeastern Ok. State Univ.	16	16,000	15	15,000	0	0	31,000
Southwestern Ok. State Univ.	33	39,000	32	38,000	0	0	77,000
University of Central Ok.	26	29,000	24	27,000	3	2,000	58,000
U. of Science and Arts of Ok.	11	11,000	11	11,000	2	1000	23,000
Subtotal - Public 4-Yr	164	\$179,000	158	\$174,000	5	\$3,000	\$356,000

	Fa	11 2008	Spri	ing 2009	Summe	er 2009	
2-Year-Public Institutions	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Total 2008-09
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	5	4,500	3	2,700	0	0	7,200
Murray State College	1	900	1	900	0	0	1,800
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	4	3,600	4	3,600	1	450	7,650
Northern Oklahoma College	3	2,700	3	3,550	0	0	6,250
Oklahoma City Comm. Coll.	10	9,850	9	8,950	0	0	18,800
OSU-OKC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSU-Okmulgee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redlands Community College	5	4,500	4	4,500	0	0	9,000
Rose State College	10	9,850	10	9,850	0	0	19,700
Seminole State College	5	4,500	5	4,500	0	0	9,000
Tulsa Community College	8	7,200	9	8,950	2	1750	17,900
Western Ok. State College	5	4,500	4	3,600	0	0	8,100
Subtotal - Public 2-Yr	60	\$55,700	56	\$54,700	3	\$2,200	\$112,600

	Fall 2008		Spring 2009		Summe	er 2009	
Private/Ind. Institutions	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Scholars	Amount	Total 2008-09
University of Tulsa	299	820,900	297	818,150	0	0	1,639,050
Mid-America Christian Univ.	1	900	0	0	0	0	900
Oklahoma Baptist University	14	27,000	14	27,000	0	0	54,000
Oklahoma Christian Univ.	23	46,000	21	42,000	0	0	88,000
Oklahoma City University	21	42,000	20	40,000	0	0	82,000
Oral Roberts University	22	44,000	21	42,000	0	0	86,000
Southwestern Christian Univ.	1	2,000	0	0	0	0	2,000
Southern Nazarene University	1	2,000	1	2,000	0	0	4,000
Subtotal - Priv/Ind	382	\$984,800	374	\$971,150	0	\$0	\$1,955,950
Totals	2136	\$4,651,400	2106	\$4,608,950	52	\$59,625	\$9,319,975

X. 25 Percent Non-Resident Participation Limit

- ♦ The statutes governing the Academic Scholars Program (Title 70, Section 2404) limit nonresident student participation to 25% of awards or funding.
- ♦ During the 2008-09 academic year, to keep the program in compliance with the statutory limits, institutions exceeding 25% nonresident participation were required to refund program funds.
- ♦ Six institutions (The University of Tulsa, Oral Roberts University, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City University, University of Oklahoma, and Northwestern Oklahoma State University) were required to make refunds to the program totaling \$990,800.

<u>Institution</u>	Inst. Refund Adjusted for Total Program 25% Limit
TU	(\$430,562)
ORU	(\$15,357)
OC	(\$13,485)
OCU	(\$8,615)
OU	(\$521,658)
NWOSU	(\$1,124)
TOTAL	(\$990,800)