University of Central Oklahoma
Institute of Hope Scholarship Form

DEADLINE: One week prior to the start of the semester to which the funds will be applied

Please submit your completed application in the Liberal Arts Dean’s office LAR104 between 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Monday through Friday to the Scholarship Coordinator

The UCO Institute of Hope Scholarship is awarded to students facing financial hardship, abuse, or extenuating circumstances as they try to reach their educational goals. It was created by three Sociology alumnae to fight prejudice, poverty and abuse through educational programming and flexible student financial aid. UCO students may apply for regular or emergency aid for textbooks, tuition and fees, and other related expenses not funded by traditional student support for the current or future semesters and not for past balances or pre-existing debt. The deadline for applications each semester is one week prior to the start of the semester. Under mitigating circumstances, applications may be accepted after the deadline. Amounts of awards may vary based on demonstrated need and the number of awards at any given time is subject to the availability of funds.

CRITERIA:
- Must be a U.S. Resident/Citizen.
- A specific major is not required to apply for these funds, but preference may be given to Liberal Arts majors.
- You must provide a detailed statement explaining your financial need, any special circumstances facing past or current poverty, abuse, or extenuating issues, and additional information or comments.
- You need to demonstrate that all or part of your financial need cannot be covered through regular financial aid or why these funding streams are insufficient.
- You must have a current FAFSA on file with the UCO Office of Financial Aid. This information may be used in determining financial need.
- While a specific GPA is not required to obtain funding, the scholarship committee would like to see evidence of a student’s commitment to his/her education through GPA or ability to show academic progress from past semesters to the present for steady progress towards graduation.
- You must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 hours in the semester for which you receive funds.
- Recipients will be required to write a letter to the Institute of Hope founders before funds are disbursed.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:
1. Letter of Application:
   In a one- to two-page letter of application, please address the scholarship committee in explaining your circumstances facing past or current poverty, abuse, or extreme health issues, amount of aid requested, and what kind of aid is needed. In other words, please tell us how these funds would help you continue your education, how much money you need, and how you will use the money. Please be specific on how the money will be used.

2. Transcript:
   Attach a current UCO official transcript.
   If you have transferred to UCO from another institution, please provide all prior transcripts.

3. Major:
   Your departmental major must be declared through Academic Advisement and be stated on your official transcript. Your departmental major must be stated in your letter of application.

Applicant’s Signature: 
Today’s Date: 

Applicant Recommended by: 

For Office Use Only

Date Received: 
Received by: 

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Name _________________________________________________                  UCO ID # ___________________
                                  Last       First       M.I.

Mailing Address ____________________________________________________________

City ________________________________  State _______________________ Zip ________________

Home Phone _________________________  Work Phone _____________________

Email Address (UCO)_____________________________________________________________________________

Are you currently an Oklahoma Resident?         Yes        No Will you pay in-state Oklahoma tuition?         Yes        No

Are you currently receiving a UCO academic scholarship or any other financial aid? If so, please list the scholarship name or type of financial aid.           Yes         No    Type of Financial Aid/Scholarship:____________________________________

What is your current UCO major? Or, what will be your major at UCO in the semester for which you are applying for funding?
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What is your cumulative GPA? __________________  Expected graduation date?________________________

How many college credit hours have you completed? ______________________________

How many credit hours are you currently enrolled here at UCO?________________________

How many credit hours do you expect to enroll in for the semester in which you would receive funding?  ___________________

Please designate the semester for which you are applying for funding.         Fall        Spring         Summer Year:_____________

Amount of aid requested from the Institute of Hope: $ ____________________

Type of aid:          Tuition         Fees         Textbooks        Other___________________________________________________

Please indicate how this aid will assist you:
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Campus Activities and Offices held:
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Awards and Honors:
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