

Orange County Community College  
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Office of Financial Aid  
**2008-2009 Scholarships for Entering Freshman**

1. Type of Scholarships
  - A. Merit Based Scholarships – Scholarships awarded based upon academic merit only  
(Check box on application if you wish only this consideration)
  
  - B. Merit & Financial Need – Scholarships awarded based upon academic merit and financial need. Students wishing to receive consideration for those scholarships are required to file the 2008/2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. This application form may be filed on line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
  
2. Minimum Qualifications
  - A. Applicants must have at least an 80% high school average unless stated otherwise within the scholarship listing.
  
  - B. Applicants must be matriculated, filed for admission by June 1, and plan on enrolling full-time in an Associate Degree or Certificate Program in the Fall of 2008 unless otherwise stated within the scholarship listing.
  
3. Application Procedures
  - A. File Admission Application
  - B. Complete the attached Entering Freshman Scholarship Application
  - C. Submit two letters of recommendations in support of your application
  - D. File on-line 2008/2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) unless seeking “merit scholarship consideration only”
  - E. List of extracurricular high school and community services activities with dates and any other outside obligations such as family and work demands
  - F. Submit an academic transcript
  - G. Submit a 250 word typewritten essay
  
4. Acknowledgement Procedures
  - A. Applicants are responsible to ensure that all materials submitted are complete
  - B. An e-mail acknowledgement on receipt of completed applications will be made for students providing e-mail addresses. Students without e-mail addresses will be notified by mail
  
5. Major Criteria for Awarding Scholarships
  - A. Academic ability
  - B. Two recommendations from high school Faculty/Guidance Counselor (Returning adults may provide other recommendations)
  - C. Demonstrated financial need where applicable
  - D. Involvement in extracurricular and community service activities, family and work demands
  - E. Academic Transcript indicating 80% or higher average
  - F. Quality of typewritten essay
  
6. Deadlines
  - A. Submission of All Application Materials – May 1, 2008
  - B. Notification of Recipients – Early-June, 2008