

Orange County Community College  
**www.sunyorange.edu**  
Office of Financial Aid  
**2008-2009 Scholarship for Returning Students**

1. Type of Scholarships
  - A. Merit Based Only – Scholarships awarded based upon merit only to those students continuing their education at SUNY Orange during 2008/2009
  - B. Merit & Financial Need – Scholarships awarded based upon merit and financial need. Returning students wishing to receive consideration for these scholarships are required to file the 2008/2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application should be filed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
2. Minimum Qualifications
  - A. Minimum CQPA of 2.5 at end of Spring, 2008 semester. The majority of available scholarships require a minimum CQPA of 3.0
  - B. Will be returning and registering for a minimum of 6 credits in the Fall of 2008
  - C. Will have completed a minimum of 24 college credits of coursework at SUNY Orange by end of Spring Semester, 2008 (excluding transfer credits)
3. Application Procedure
  - A. Complete the SUNY Orange Returning Scholarship Application
  - B. Submit two faculty recommendation forms to the Office of Financial Aid
  - C. List of extracurricular college and community service activities, and any other relevant outside activities such as family and work demands
  - D. Submit a 250 word typewritten essay
  - E. File 2008/2009 FAFSA form listing SUNY Orange school code 002876
4. Acknowledgement Procedure
  - A. Applicants are responsible to ensure that all materials submitted are complete
5. Major Criteria Used to Award Scholarships
  - A. Academic performance at SUNY Orange
  - B. Two supporting faculty recommendations
  - C. Involvement in college and community service activities
  - D. Quality of typewritten essay
  - E. Demonstrated financial need where applicable
6. Deadline
  - A. Submission of ALL Application Materials – April 1, 2008
  - B. Notification of Recipients - Early June, 2008