

REACH HIGHER FINISH LINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Section I – Background

The Reach Higher (RH) Finish Line Scholarship program was established to:

- ▶ Increase the number of Oklahoman's who obtain a college degree.
- ▶ Enable people with some college credit to finish a degree.
- ▶ Contribute to the economic development goals of the state of Oklahoma through providing relevant, in-demand degree options for working adults.
- ▶ Provide supports (academic, social, financial, etc.) to students "close" to degree completion, with "close" defined as typically 30 or fewer credit hours to complete.

Section II – Eligibility Criteria for the Reach Higher Finish Line Scholarship

The eligibility requirements for the scholarship are as follows:

- ▶ RH student must complete the FAFSA. (NOTE: This is not a "need-based" scholarship, but data is required to search for additional educational assistance and validating student success, which requires FAFSA registration. The RH Finish Line Scholarship award may impact other financial aid opportunities; consult your institutional financial aid office professionals for more information.)
- ▶ RH student must enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester.
- ▶ RH student must maintain a minimum of 2.0 Retention/Graduation GPA or minimum GPA required for the specific program by the institution.
- ▶ RH student must be near completion of an approved degree (requiring 30 or fewer credit hours of all requirements remaining to graduate) at a Reach Higher institution.
 - ▷ RHFF – BS Organizational Leadership at 7 State System institutions (<https://reachhigherok.org/flexfinish/flexfinish-bachelors/flexfinish-bachelors-campuses/>)
 - ▷ RHFF – AS/AA Enterprise Development at 12 community colleges and 2 technical branches (<https://reachhigherok.org/flexfinish/flexfinish-associate/flexfinish-associate-campuses/>)
 - Includes RHFF Endorsed Programs:
 - Carl Albert State College
 - AA in General Studies (039)
 - Rose State College
 - AAS in CyberSecurity (111)
 - Western Oklahoma State College
 - AAS in Child Development (010)
 - AA in Liberal Arts (062)
 - ▷ RHDC – critical occupation degrees or designated degrees by partners (<https://reachhigherok.org/directcomplete/directcomplete-campuses/>) and PDF (Attachment B)
 - ▷ [OSRHE Residency Policy](#) (OSRHE Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter 3 - Academic Affairs. View Section 3.18 of PDF file.) Generally, students with non-immigrant VISAs are not considered Oklahoma residents based on their declared intent to return to their country of origin and are not eligible for this state scholarship program.

Section III – Selection and Notice of Award

Institutional representatives review applications and select scholarship recipients. The institution will notify scholarship award recipients.

Section IV – Award of the Reach Higher Finish Line Scholarship

The Reach Higher Finish Line Scholarship is a minimum of a \$500 scholarship award per semester for up to five (5) semesters. The scholarship amount is determined by the institution upon review of applications and available funding. Students may be awarded multiple scholarship awards as they make satisfactory academic progress towards degree completion. RH Finish Line Scholarship awards may not exceed a total of \$5,000 within five (5) semesters per recipient.

All RH Finish Line Scholarship award amounts are contingent on legislative appropriations, so may vary from year to year depending on available funding.

This scholarship may be used to cover tuition, fees, or learning materials and may impact other financial aid opportunities. Please check with the financial aid professionals at your institution for more information.

Section V – Instructions for Applicants

Fill in the application sections below. Submit completed and signed application either through email or in person to your institution's Reach Higher Coordinator/Navigator. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is received by the Reach Higher Coordinator/Navigator for consideration.

Section VI – Applicant's Contact Information (Required)

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME
DATE OF BIRTH (DOB)	LAST 4-SSN	PHONE NUMBER
SELECT YOUR INSTITUTION*		
*Only Reach Higher institutions are eligible institutions.		
STUDENT ID NUMBER	SCHOOL/STUDENT EMAIL	PERMANENT EMAIL
PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP

Section VII – Applicant’s Essay (Required)

This is a competitive scholarship program. Please tell us why you should be selected for this scholarship award (such as why you are returning to finish your degree, how you think this program will assist you completing your degree, how you think this program/your degree will benefit your life and professional career, etc.). You may use a minimum of 50 words and maximum of 500 words.

Section VIII – Applicant’s Additional Information (Optional)

ARE YOU EMPLOYED?

NO

PART-TIME

FULL-TIME

IF SO, WHO IS YOUR EMPLOYER?

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER OFFER EDUCATION BENEFITS?

YES

NO

UNSURE

WILL YOU BE THE FIRST IN YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO EARN A DEGREE?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Section IX – Applicant’s Signature and Consent

I certify that all information I have provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information on this application if requested. I give permission to selection committees to review information on this form, my transcripts and any additional supporting documentation as part of this application. I have read and understand the eligibility criteria of the program. I promise that I fulfill the eligibility criteria and understand that if I do not fulfill the eligibility criteria, I will be disqualified from the scholarship. I consent to the use of my contact information by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to contact me with information relevant to my application or the scholarship and/or eligible Oklahoma institutions and colleges so they can send me information.

I understand that I must meet the definition of an Oklahoma resident according to OSRHE policy to be eligible for this scholarship program.

Please sign electronically or print and sign.

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE

DATE

For consideration, submit this completed and signed application to your institution’s Reach Higher Coordinator/Navigator. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Section X – Reach Higher Coordinator/Navigator Approval (Required)

This section is to be completed by institution’s Reach Higher Coordinator/Navigator.

Name of Reach Higher Coordinator/Navigator

Degree declared as major

Number of hours completed

Number of hours remaining to complete degree

Expected graduation date (Mo/Yr)

Enrolling part-time or full-time

Current GPA

FAFSA Completed

