

National Merit/Achievement

Oberlin College, in cooperation with the National Merit/Achievement Scholarship Corporation, awards Merit Scholarships to a number of Oberlin College admission candidates who are named National Merit or National Achievement finalists.

Oberlin seeks to offer merit scholarships to as many National Merit/Achievement Finalists as the College is financially able. The number of scholarships awarded has ranged in recent years from forty to eighty students. To be eligible for an Oberlin College National Merit Scholarship, a student must:

- be an eligible National Merit/Achievement Finalist
- indicate Oberlin as his or her first choice on the National Merit/Achievement application
- make application for admission to Oberlin College (the College of Arts and Sciences or the Conservatory of Music)
- be accepted for admission and be selected for a Merit Scholarship by the Oberlin College Admissions Committee.

Students will receive notification of Merit Scholarship selection by early April. Oberlin National Merit awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually, depending on financial need. Financial need is determined by an analysis of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS PROFILE. Students who do not apply for financial aid or who do not demonstrate need receive the \$1,000 minimum award. Oberlin awards are renewable for four years, as long as recipients are enrolled at Oberlin and making satisfactory progress toward the completion of their degree. Students who receive a National Merit/Achievement scholarship from Oberlin may also be eligible for other merit scholarships.

Any questions concerning the National Merit Scholarship Program can be referred to the Oberlin College Office of Admissions by phone at 1-800-622-6243 or by email at college.admissions@oberlin.edu.

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