

2026 – 2027 OSC Student Scholarship Application Guidelines

Application Period: February 24 – March 30, 2026 at 11:59pm (MST)

LOGIN: to Scholarship Universe with your UA Net ID and Password via the student login button:

<https://financialaid.arizona.edu/ScholarshipUniverse>

MATCHING QUESTIONS:

Answer profile matching *QUESTIONS* to complete your Scholarship Universe profile. Your answers are used to match you to UA departmental and external scholarship opportunities. Responses should be updated **every year** to match the current student tatus. Matching Question tips:

- Accurately answer all pertinent profile *QUESTIONS* based on your status for the upcoming 2026-2027 academic year (AY) to ensure that you are matched correctly to OSC scholarships (i.e. class standing, major, college, research interests, industry related fields, etc.).
- You may skip profile questions that are not relevant and update your profiles responses.
- Be sure that you answer all pertinent matching *QUESTIONS*, **including the those listed below** as many of these questions are used to match to OSC specific scholarships:
 - ***Are you interested or active in any of these industry related fields?***
Optics options include the following so be sure to select all that apply to you: Classical Optics, EM Theory, Image Sciences, Light Shaping Optics/Non-Imaging Optics, Nonlinear Photonic Devices and Materials, Optical Engineering and Design, Optical Lithography, Optical Manufacturing, Photonics, Polarization Optics, Quantum Optics, Radiometry/ Infrared Optics, Remote Sensing, Thin Films.
 - ***What is your expected academic level next academic year?***
e.g. if Sophomore in current 25-26 AY then select Junior for upcoming 26-27 AY; if Senior/AMP 25-26 AY then select MS for 26-26 AY
 - ***Can you demonstrate your interest and effort in promoting women in the fields or science, technology, engineering and math?***
If applicable, select “Yes” to be matched OSC scholarships that have this as a requirement.
 - ***Which University of Arizona (UA) college(s) are you currently admitted to or enrolled in?***
Select “James C. Wyant College of Optical Sciences”.
 - ***What major(s) are you currently admitted to or enrolled in at the University of Arizona (UA)?***
Select either: Optical Sciences & Engineering (BS), Optical Sciences (MS) or Optical Sciences (PhD)
 - ***Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the NEXT academic year?***
 - ***Are you interested or active in any of these industry related fields?***
Choose from list which may include: *Optical Engineering and Design, Thin Films, Lithography, Remote Sensing, Radiometry, Infrared Optics, E-M Theory, Polarization Optics, Nonlinear Photonic Devices and Materials, Light Shaping Optics/Non-Imaging Optics, Optics and Metrology of human eye, Vision Sciences*

VIEWING SCHOLARSHIP MATCHES:

Once you have completed your matching **QUESTIONS** select the **SCHOLARSHIPS** link from the navigational panel on the left side of the website to view all of your scholarship matches. Note, the top section will display various tabs allowing you to view scholarship Matches, Partial Matches, and Non-Matches. Additional tips:

- To filter to view only scholarships from OSC, select the red “**Filter**” box in the upper right-hand corner of page, and under the “**ORGANIZATION**” option select “*Wyant College of Optical Sciences*”.
- If you are concerned about a scholarship being incorrectly listed under the Non-Matches section, view your responses to that scholarship’s matching questions by clicking “**View**” and correct responses if necessary.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

OSC uses a single common application called “**OSC General Scholarship Application.**” This means you will apply for multiple OSC scholarships you qualify by simply completing the single application.

Application Tips:

- Scholarship matches are sorted to include UA scholarships first. You should see OSC scholarships listed near the top of your list and you can adjust the viewing option to display up to 50 scholarships per page (bottom section).
- To apply for a particular scholarship, select “**Apply**”. Doing so will take you to the common application for that scholarship. All OSC scholarships that share that same common application will be listed in the upper section of the application page. You will be applying for all listed applications via the common application.
- Complete the application and submit to be considered for all scholarships listed. You will be sent an email confirmation to your UA email account to confirm submission(s).
- Be sure that you thoroughly answer the application question “***Briefly describe why you are interested in the Optics fields of interest you selected.***” You should explain why you are interested in each specific field you selected.

VIEWING SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS:

Select the **APPLICATIONS** link from the navigational section to view all previously submitted applications.

Questions? Email: grad-funding@optics.arizona.edu