

The new Oakwood University Career Advancement and Readiness Education (C.A.R.E.) Program is the key to unlocking your dream of earning an affordable University degree.

This OU work scholarship program offers you an opportunity to earn money to pay for your education and receive matching scholarship funds. You will earn more than double the federal and State of Alabama minimum wage, allowing you to focus on your studies and not your finances. Imagine the relief you and your family will feel without the overwhelming burden of a large amount of student loan debt! The C.A.R.E. Program is designed to help you graduate with low-to-no debt and be ready to start your first job, begin a graduate program, or embark on entrepreneurship.

Beginning with our Fall 2020 cohort, the OU C.A.R.E. Program will offer you, as a first-time freshman student, a clear path to degree completion and career success.



What's in it for YOU?...



For OUR students, C.A.R.E means:

- A “God First!” education in a culturally rich environment.
- Early exposure to prospective employers, graduate programs, and entrepreneurship education.
- Reducing your estimated educational debt by 66%.*
- Graduating in four years with \$10,000, or less, in personal student loan debt.**
- Eliminating “financial anxiety” from the process of earning your undergraduate degree.
- UNCF Career Pathways Initiative[®] (CPI) training, internships and co-ops through the Career Connections Center.
- Accelerated skill development and certification opportunities.
- Immersive service-learning opportunities on the local, national, and international levels.
- Association with ‘Oakwoodites’ from over 50 countries in our living-learning community.
- Personal participation in the transformational Oakwood experience.
- Participation in our nationally-recognized and award-winning Healthy Campus™ health management program.

Restrictions may apply.

*Lower than the average undergraduate Oakwood University student.

**The amount of individual student loan debt is dependent upon multiple factors.

Are yOU eligible?...



What makes students eligible for the C.A.R.E. Program?

- Admission to Oakwood University as a first-time freshman beginning Fall 2020.
- Qualifying for federal financial aid (completing FAFSA).
- Possess an unmet financial need.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0+ or an approved Academic Student Engagement plan (ASE) with the Center for Student Success (CSS). Students with an ASE must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.
- Enrolling in at least 15 credit hours each semester.
- Occupancy in an Oakwood University Residence Hall while matriculating.
- Committed to working to defray educational expenses.
- Service-oriented students who desire to make a difference in communities around the world.

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