



STUDENT AWARDS

OWENS CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The ***Owens Citizenship Award***, donated by the family of the late Rose and Vern J. Owens, is intended for one student each year, which has made outstanding contributions to Oregon Tech. This is exemplified by high moral standards, participation in school activities, interest in the betterment of the student body, a cooperative attitude toward the faculty and fellow students, and a spirit of adventure in academic activities.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Enrolled as a **bachelor's** degree-seeking student during the current academic year
2. High moral standards
3. 20% Participation in university activities. It is helpful for the candidate to submit a list of their activities, awards, honors, etc.
4. 20% Contributes to the betterment of the student body
5. 20% Cooperative attitude toward the faculty and fellow students
6. 20% Intellectual curiosity
7. 20% Service to Oregon Tech
8. Student will submit a **Student Biography before midnight on April 8, 2026** located at: [Student Biography Form](#)

The **Owens Citizenship Award** consists of an engraved permanent trophy housed on the Klamath Falls campus in the Student Affairs Office in the College Union. The recipient is given an engraved plaque and certificate to keep.

NOTE: Per the Owens' family this award is limited to one student.

SUBMISSION:

Letter of Nomination deadline:

Midnight on March 2, 2026 to Student Affairs: CU 217 (Klamath Falls) or student.affairs@oit.edu

Indicate the student's name and for which student award you are nominating the person. Clearly state how the student meets the student award criteria and why you are nominating the person for this award. Nomination is only considered for that specific award and not for others; however, you may nominate a student for more than one award with a separate nomination letter. Include a paragraph or sentence explaining how you know the person you are writing about and the nature of your relationship with them. Also include an evaluation of the student's skills and accomplishments.

Recommendation Letter(s) & Student Biography deadline:

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It is highly encouraged by the Student Awards Commission that the student seeks at least one recommendation letter (no more than 5) from a student, staff, faculty, friend or community member. The letter should express their support for the student award nomination with a few points from the award criteria.