



TULSA
ACHIEVES

A large-scale graduation ceremony is taking place in an arena. The stage is set with a podium, an American flag, and several people. The audience, consisting of graduates and guests, is seated in bleachers. Many graduates are wearing blue gowns and caps, and a large number of blue caps are being tossed into the air, creating a dense field of blue and red. The scene is illuminated by bright stage lights.

**IN YOU
WE BELIEVE**

The background features a dark blue field with bright, diagonal light rays emanating from the top left. Overlaid on this is the text 'TULSA ACHIEVES IN YOU WE BELIEVE.' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The word 'TULSA' is at the top in a lighter blue, while 'ACHIEVES', 'IN YOU', and 'WE BELIEVE.' are in a white-to-blue gradient, appearing to glow from the light rays.

TULSA ACHIEVES
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TULSA ACHIEVES provides full tuition and fees for every high school senior, public or private, who graduates with a 2.00 and commits to attend the fall following their senior year.

This program, which began five years ago, has become a nationally recognized model being replicated in other colleges across the country.

Tulsa Achieves gives Tulsa County high school seniors the opportunity to achieve their educational goals, debt-free.

What is Tulsa Achieves?

Tulsa Achieves is a gap-funding program that provides up to 100 percent of tuition and fees to Tulsa County high school graduating seniors who enroll at Tulsa Community College the fall after they graduate. The program pays for up to 63 college credit hours or up to three years of college, whichever comes first.

Who's eligible for Tulsa Achieves?

Every high school graduate living in Tulsa County, including public, private or home-schooled students, with a 2.0 or higher grade point average is eligible.



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For more info call 918.595.7513 or go to tulsacc.edu/tulsaachieves



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Jessica

(Business Major)

At the age of 20, I have my own apartment, my own car and all my own bills. It seems like it would be a daunting task to hold a full time job and attend college, but knowing that my school is FREE makes it easy to continue.

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I think people often mistake “community college” as the easy way out. It’s definitely not! Community college is exactly that: a community, coming together to better themselves. I’ve met so many new people and even reconnected with people I attended elementary school with. It’s been such a great experience!

I was dubious about the volunteer hours required for Tulsa Achieves. I very much enjoy my days off from work and now they want me to give those up, too? I ended up attending classes to become a certified volunteer for Hospice of Green Country. It’s been a rewarding experience. Knowing I am helping families during difficult times, even if it is just giving my time to help HGC run smoothly, gives me such a sense of pride and accomplishment. I’ve also met some great people through my volunteer work. Not to mention, it looks great on a resume! All in all, I think very highly of TCC and I would recommend the Tulsa Achieves program to everyone.

Pheng

(Engineering Major)

Tulsa Achieves has allowed me to be more financially free. My parents were actually very skeptical about the program at first mainly because my brothers had to take loans or get scholarships to go to college. I had to explain and straighten things out for about a week.

I have made a lot of great friends during college. I have met many great people, young and old, each with a different reason why they are going to TCC. And, the students and staff are always friendly. I do not think I have met a person I did not like.

I am currently volunteering at Oklahoma Blood Institute. It is a great place to put in my volunteer hours for Tulsa Achieves. Most importantly, it's very flexible with my schedule.

I enjoy taking things apart and finding out how they work, so I am studying engineering. In the future, I want to be someone who creates the next most-wanted thing.

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Shea

(Education Major)

The Tulsa Achieves Scholarship has helped me to not have to take out a loan to pay for school. Being able to go to TCC for free has made my family very grateful. My sister is also going to college and that has cost my family a lot of money. So, it really made my family happy that I could go to school for free.

I have had the opportunity to meet some great people while at TCC. I met one girl in my anatomy class, and throughout the semester we became very good friends. During the semester we studied together, which really helped me do well in the class.

I spend my volunteer hours at the Tulsa Air and Space Museum. Before I started doing my volunteer hours there, I had never been to the museum. Doing my hours at the museum was very rewarding. I met a lot of new people and built some great relationships. Everyone at the museum was so nice and welcoming. I highly

recommend doing volunteer hours there!

I am one class shy of completing my associate's degree in Education. Once I complete my associate's degree and a few other classes, I will transfer to OU to apply to the sonography program.

The Tulsa Achieves program is a wonderful program if you plan to not go to a four-year university right out of high school. Being in the Tulsa Achieves Program has been such a wonderful thing and I am glad I was eligible to be part of it.

Patrick

(TCC Graduate,
Business Management)

Tulsa Achieves was a great way for me to save money and get closer to my goal of graduating debt free. As of right now, I'm a junior and have no debt.

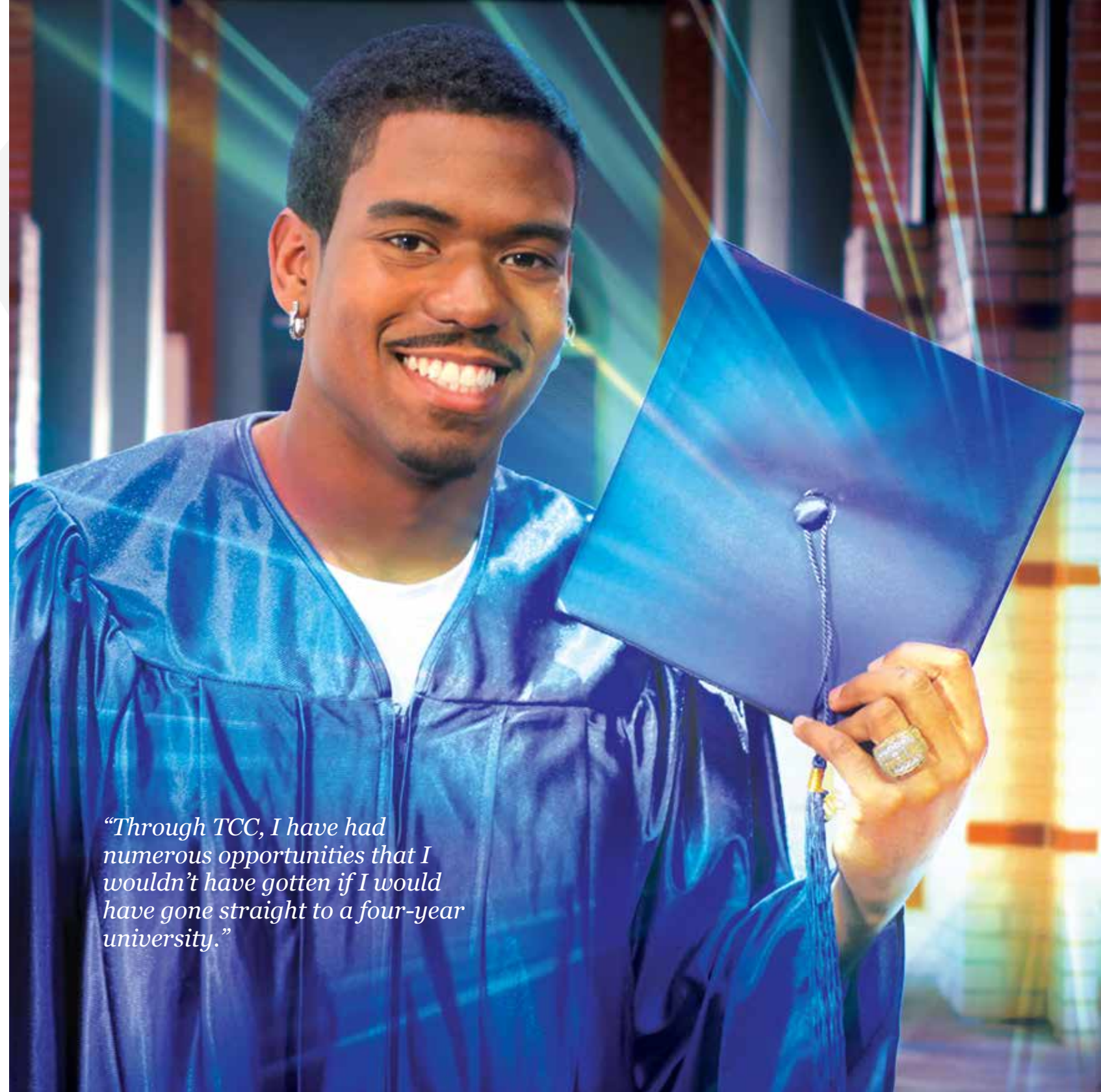
I still had to work while getting my associate's degree because I had monthly bills, but I didn't have to use my money to pay for college. Also, my brother participated in Tulsa Achieves, which made me want to be part of it.

Through TCC, I have had numerous opportunities that I wouldn't have gotten if I would have gone straight to a four-year university. By being part of the African American Male Student Success Team (AAMSST) at TCC, I discovered my passion for mentoring others, which led me to start my own mentoring program my sophomore year of college. I made a lot of friends from those experiences.

TCC has helped me become a stronger leader. A lot of people pushed me to be and do better.

Now, I'm at the University of Oklahoma pursuing a bachelor's degree, majoring in Entrepreneurship and Venture Management, minoring in Nonprofit Organizational Studies. I plan to be part of Teach For America, and eventually start my own nonprofit organization to help at-risk youth and low-income families. Also, I want to own some franchises.

Tulsa Achieves is a great program. You save thousands of dollars and get a great education. Don't pass up on this opportunity, because one day you might regret it.



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A group of graduates in blue gowns and caps are smiling and holding rolled-up diplomas tied with blue ribbons. Some are giving thumbs up. The scene is outdoors with a blurred background of trees and a building.

TULSA ACHIEVES: IN YOU WE BELIEVE.

To receive Tulsa Achieves, these items must be submitted on or before April 30 each year:

- ▶ Tulsa Achieves Program Agreement form
- ▶ Complete TCC Application
- ▶ Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ▶ TCC School Code (009763)

Plus, these items must be submitted on or before July 16 each year:

- ▶ ACT or college placement test scores
- ▶ Final eight-semester official high school transcript submitted with 2.0 GPA and graduation date
- ▶ Enrollment in fall courses

Additional Information

Volunteer Service: Each student is required to complete 40 hours of volunteer service each academic year. Students must keep track of their hours through the Tulsa Achieves office.

TCC Tulsa Achieves students cumulative volunteer service hours

2007	27,752
2008	100,179
2009	157,018
2010	200,614
2011	236,000

Tulsa Achieves is designed to provide funds to cover the gap between available state and/or federal aid and the full cost of tuition and fees. Students without aid will receive Tulsa Achieves funding for remaining tuition and fees.

To successfully complete the FAFSA, students must meet federal eligibility requirements and include the school code for Tulsa Community College (009763) on their application.

All Tulsa Achieves students will receive information and program updates through TCC's email portal for students, MyTCC. MyTCC offers a separate link for Tulsa Achieves where students can ask questions and compare college experiences. Students need to check their MyTCC accounts regularly.

TCC wants every Tulsa Achieves student to succeed. To foster success, TCC offers TA101 sessions exclusively to Tulsa Achieves students. These are brief, introductory meetings that introduce Tulsa Achieves applicants to the requirements for the program. TA101 sessions are offered on all four TCC campuses throughout the summer.

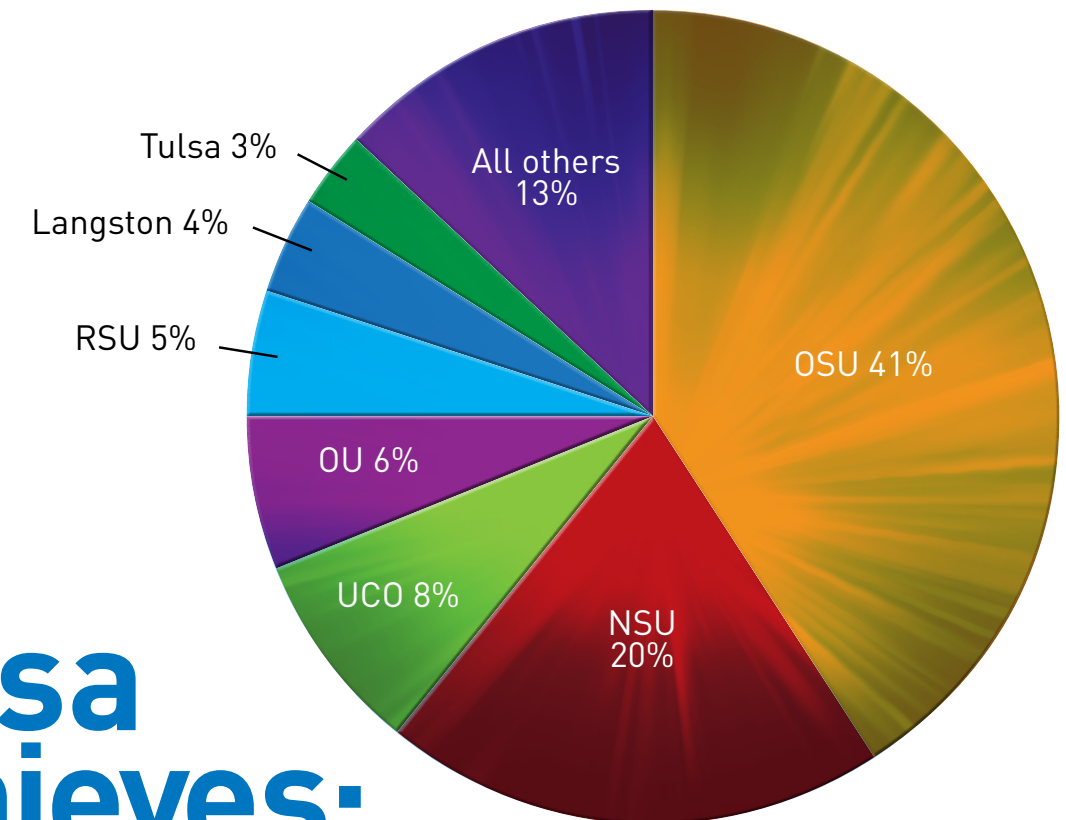
All documents and more information at: tulsacc.edu/tulsaachieves

To help with book costs.....

The Tulsa Community College Foundation developed the TCC Textbook Trust to offset textbook expenses for Tulsa Achieves students. Each semester, a select number of Tulsa Achieves students who exhibit financial need receive \$400 stipends to purchase textbooks.

Transfer to other colleges and universities

Even if you've been told your entire life that college is not an option, TCC is here to tell you there is a way.



Tulsa Achieves: In you, we believe.



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