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## WHAT IS SOONER WORKS?

- Sooner Works is a college certificate program (non-degree) on the OU campus for students with an intellectual or developmental disability.

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## PURPOSE OF SOONER WORKS

UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMICS



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LIFE

MEANINGFUL  
EMPLOYMENT  
FULL COMMUNITY  
INTEGRATION



CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT

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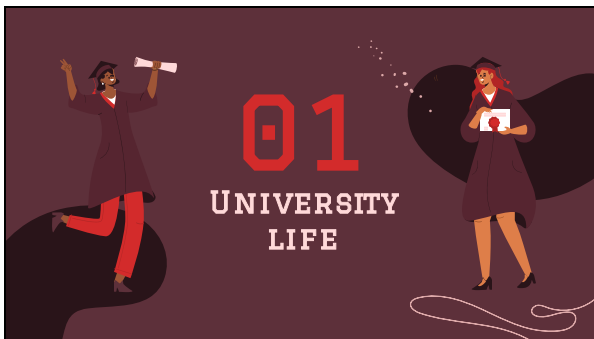
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UNIVERSITY  
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## INDEPENDENT LIVING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Dorm checks
- Laundry
- Mental health support
- Medical care
- Transportation
- Shopping
- Budgeting
- Cooking



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## HOUSING

- First-year students live in the residential colleges (Dunham & Headington) with other freshmen in Sooner Works
- Weekly dorm checks
- RAs are trained on unique needs of students in Sooner Works
- Close partnership with Housing Coordinator



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## PEER PARTNERS & SOCIALIZATION

- Monthly coordinated events
- Weekly hang outs
- Off campus excursions
- Help in joining OU clubs and participating in campus events



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### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- VOLUNTEERING**  
Introduction to the workplace  
Build soft skills
- RESUME BUILDING**  
Marketing students' skills & strengths
- APPLYING & INTERVIEWING**  
Real-world opportunities
- SUPPORT IN SEEKING PAID EMPLOYMENT**  
Completing paperwork, scheduling, negotiating

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### EXAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

- ATHLETICS
- OU WRITING CENTER
- OU DAILY/NIGHTLY
- SAM NOBLE MUSEUM
- SARKEYS FITNESS CENTER
- INSTITUTE FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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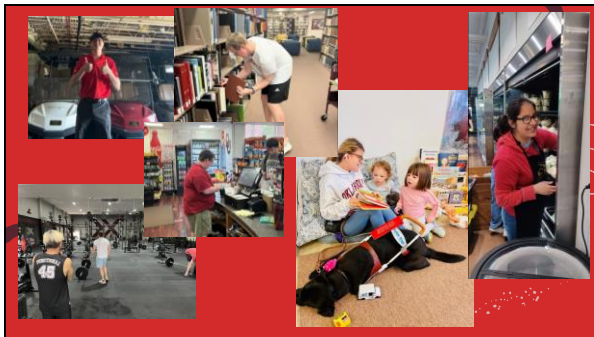
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## ELIGIBILITY

### BASICS

- Documented intellectual/developmental disability
- Functional understanding of literacy and reading skills
- Functional understanding of math and ability to use a calculator
- Ability to function independently for a sustained period of time
- Be between the ages of 18-26 at the start of the program

### BEHAVIORAL

- No severe behavioral or emotional problems
- Can handle and adapt to change; not overly stressed when things change
- Potential to be successful in competitive employment situations
- **Desire and motivation to go to college**

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## ADMISSIONS

Portal opens October 15

**1. APPLY ONLINE**

Selected applicants will be invited to campus

**2. INTERVIEW WITH STUDENT & FAMILY**

Decisions announced mid-March

**3. SW RECOMMENDS FOR ADMISSION**

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## COST

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
<b>TUITION &amp; FEES (INCLUDING SW FEE)</b>	\$15,000	\$28,000
<b>HOUSING &amp; MEALS</b>	\$12,600	\$12,600
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	\$27,600	\$40,600

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# THANKS!

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## FUNDING POSSIBILITIES

<p><b>FAFSA</b></p> <p>Only certain components</p>	<p><b>OKLAHOMA DRS</b></p> <p>Must be an active client</p>	<p><b>WILL ROGERS SCHOLARSHIP</b></p> <p>Through OU College of Education</p>
<p><b>OKC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION</b></p> <p>More scholarships becoming available</p>	<p><b>ORGANIZATION FOR AUTISM RESEARCH</b></p> <p>For students with Autism</p>	

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