

Oregon Promise Grant: Updates & Resources



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About the Oregon Promise Grant

What is Oregon Promise ?

Oregon Promise is a state grant that covers most tuition at any Oregon community college for recent high school graduates and GED recipients.

NEED SUPPORT



1. Visit www.OregonPromise.org
2. Check “Frequently Asked Questions”
3. Email info@oregonpromise.org
4. Call OSAC: 541.687.7400
5. Sign up for Listserv

Eligibility Criteria
&
Legislative Updates

Who is Eligible?

To qualify, applicants must:



Be a recent Oregon high school graduate or GED recipient



Be an Oregon resident at least 12 months prior to attendance



Have 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher



Plan to attend an Oregon community college within 6 months of graduation



Must not have more than 90 college credits completed or attempted



Starting in 2017-2018, your eligibility may be determined by your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC criteria is subject to change.

2017-19 Funding



\$8
Million

The budget falls \$8 million short of the projected cost to award all eligible applicants in 2017-19.

\$40
Million

The state has invested \$40 million in the Oregon Promise Grant for the next two years (2017-2019).

Cost Controls

The Oregon legislature gave authority to the HECC to control costs for Oregon Promise, when necessary.

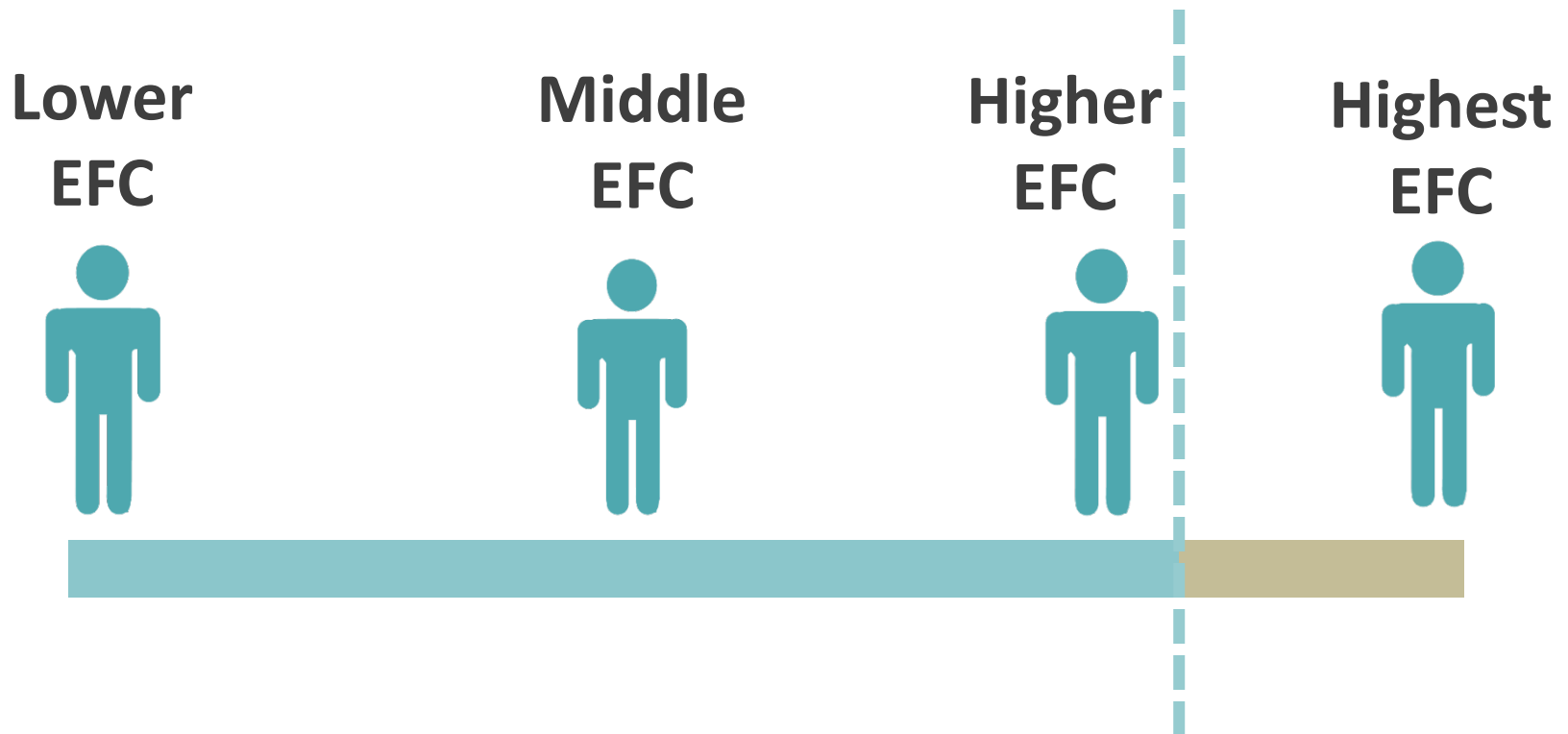
For 2017-19, the legislature instructed the HECC to establish eligibility criteria based on

Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

What is the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) criteria?

The EFC limit for 2017-18 applicants is **\$18,000**.

With this EFC limit, OSAC was able to award approximately 4 out of 5 eligible new applicants this fall.



Does the EFC criteria impact continuing/renewal recipients from last year?

NO. If a student received the Oregon Promise Grant in 2016-17, then they are not subject to the **EFC Limit** for renewal.

Students must still meet all other requirements for continued eligibility and renewal of the grant each year.

How will the EFC criteria impact future applicants?

The HECC will re-evaluate the **EFC limit** each year, but we expect that it will remain relatively stable throughout 2017-19.

The HECC may decide to adjust or eliminate the **EFC limit** in future years, if sufficient funds are available.

Additional Changes: Waiver

There is now a 6-month enrollment waiver process for rare circumstances:

- Student: serious illness/injury
- Immediate family member: serious illness, injury, or death
- Active military duty or training (including National Guard)
- Major natural disaster
- Certain career and technical student organizations relating to farming (including Future Farmers of America)

Application Process

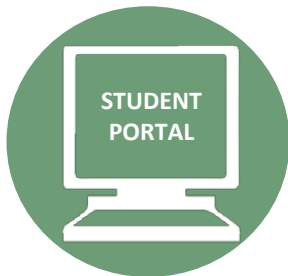
How Do I Apply



1) **FAFSA** *or* **ORSAA**

- File a **FAFSA** at fafsa.gov or, for DACA and other undocumented students, an **ORSAA** at OregonStudentAid.gov.
- List at least one Oregon community college on your FAFSA or ORSAA

2)



Complete an **Oregon Promise Grant Application** by the appropriate deadline. To apply, log in to the “Student Portal” at OregonStudentAid.gov.

2 options:

- Provide a transcript with senior grades; *or*
- Ask the high school registrar to verify GPA online

GPA Verification

In many cases, high schools will be able to verify a student's GPA online instead of the student providing their transcript.

High School Registrars should log in to the High School Portal and click "Met" or "Not Met" next to the student's name. This can be started as soon as the 1st semester/trimester grades are available.



VERIFY GPA IN OSAC HIGH SCHOOL PORTAL

When Do I Apply



High school graduation or GED completion date	July 1 - Nov. 30*	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29*	Mar. 1 - June 30	DEADLINE NOTE The deadline is 5:00 pm (PST or PDT). If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it will automatically be extended to 5:00 pm (PST or PDT) on the following business day.
Must start college by	Winter Term	Spring Term	Fall Term	
Deadline to complete both: 1) Oregon Promise Application 2) FAFSA or ORSAA	Nov. 1	Feb. 1	June 1	

*** Graduating between Oct. 1 – Nov. 30**
Apply for either Winter or Spring Term.

Other Requirements



1. Some students may be selected to **verify information** on their FAFSA. If a student has been selected for verification and they have questions, they should contact their college's financial aid office.



2. **Accept all state and federal grant aid** offered through the community college and financial aid office.



3. **Complete First-Year Experience** as directed by the community college. First-Year Experience will vary depending on the college. If students have questions they should contact their college financial aid office.

Other Requirements



4. Maintain at least half-time **continuous enrollment** (6 or more credits) during fall, winter and spring terms each year. Oregon Promise does not pay for summer term.



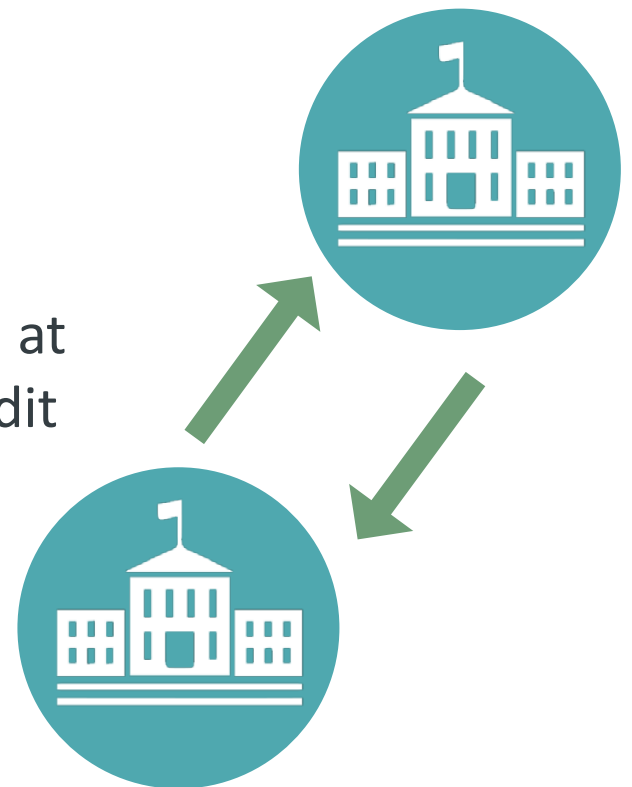
5. Maintain **Satisfactory Academic Progress**, determined by the student's community college.

Unique Applicant Scenarios

Dual Enrollment

The community college must be listed as the **student's home college**. This is completed through your dual enrollment process.

Oregon Promise will only cover tuition for credits taken at the community college. However, credits completed and attempted at both colleges will count towards the 90 credit limit allowed by Oregon Promise.



DACA and Other Undocumented Students

DACA students and other undocumented students are eligible for the Oregon Promise if they meet all other eligibility requirements.

They must complete the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA) to be considered for the Oregon Promise.



ORSAA: OregonStudentAid.gov

Home-School Students

In lieu of a high school transcript, home-school students must submit:

1. Copy of **Confirmation of Enrollment letter** on file at the local Education Service District
2. Copy of the results of the **tenth-grade standardized achievement test**
3. A **transcript** from home-school teacher describing coursework and letter grades assigned



GED Recipients

A minimum GED score of **145** for each test will equate to a **2.5 cumulative GPA**.

In lieu of a high school transcript, GED completers must:

1. Submit the official GED transcript from the GED Testing Service®. This is typically a PDF electronic version.
 - a) Confirm your name and scores from all four of the GED® tests are on your transcript.

GPA Verification

What is GPA Verification?

- Students have the option to either mail/upload their transcript to OSAC directly, or ask their high school verify their GPA in the secure *OSAC High School Portal*.
- High school registrars and other staff can view a list of their seniors who have applied, and select whether the student has “Met” or “Not Met” the 2.50 GPA requirement for Oregon Promise.
- The student must have a cumulative, unweighted GPA of 2.50 or above to qualify.

How Do I Sign Up to Verify GPAs?

If you are new to GPA verification (and/or the OSAC High School Portal), you can complete the form online:

1. Visit OregonStudentAid.gov
2. Select Login
3. High School Portal
4. Request a Login

OSAC will either set you up with a new High School Portal account or update your existing account.

When Do I Verify GPAs?

- Oregon Promise does not require final grades for GPA verification.
- You must have a cumulative GPA for the student through the *term prior to their final term of high school*. The exact time when you can verify GPAs will depend on the term system and grading timeline at your high school.
- You must wait to verify GPAs for Fall 2018 applicants, until their first term of senior grades is available. Please do NOT verify these students this fall. These applicants are graduating in the spring (between March 1-June 30, 2018).

Understanding Award Amounts

Award amounts for full-time students

Awards range from **\$1,000** to **\$3,540*** per year. Award amounts will vary each year and are subject to legislative approval.

* 2017-2018

Varying Award Amounts - 4 Factors:

1. Federal Pell Grant & Oregon Opportunity Grant:

Oregon Promise covers remaining tuition amount (up to 12 credits) after any Federal Pell Grant and Oregon Opportunity Grant funds have been applied.

2. **Tuition Cost:** Community college tuition cost varies from school to school. The Oregon Promise covers up to the average cost of tuition. Tuition at some colleges may be higher or lower than the average.

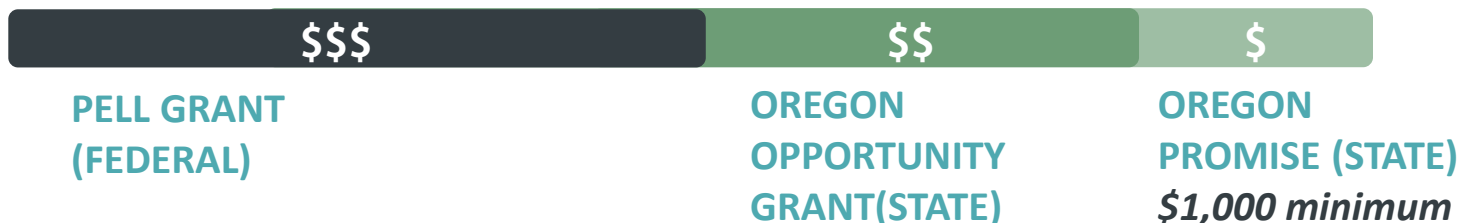
3. **Number of Credits Taken:** Oregon Promise covers up to 12 credits per term. The student is financially responsible for any credits over 12. If a student takes 6-11 credits, they will receive a lower award amount.

4. **Co-Pay:** A \$50 co-pay is automatically deducted from the Oregon Promise award each term.

Federal Pell Grant & Oregon Opportunity Grant



Student A: Lower Expected Family Contribution



Student B: Middle Expected Family Contribution



Student C: Higher Expected Family Contribution



Tuition Costs



College A

\$\$\$ Above Average Tuition Cost

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College B

\$\$ Average Tuition Cost

OREGON PROMISE GRANT



College C

\$ Below Average Tuition Cost

OREGON PROMISE GRANT

Student is responsible for remaining tuition cost, including any cost for credits taken above 12.

\$3,540: Average cost for 3 terms @
12 credits (2017-18)

90 Credit Limit

All college credits attempted count towards the 90 credit limit, including credits taken in high school. Once a student has attempted 90 college credits, they will no longer receive Oregon Promise funding.

EXAMPLE:



High School Student
Takes 10 college level
credits.



90 - 10 = 80 credits



Oregon Promise will cover
up to 80 credits at the
community college.

Oregon Promise helps students pay for TUITION.

REMEMBER,

there are other costs to go to college, such as...



Room and Board



*Books and
Supplies*



Fees

Current Recipients

How to Renew the Grant



File the 2018-2019 FAFSA/ORSAA for next year.

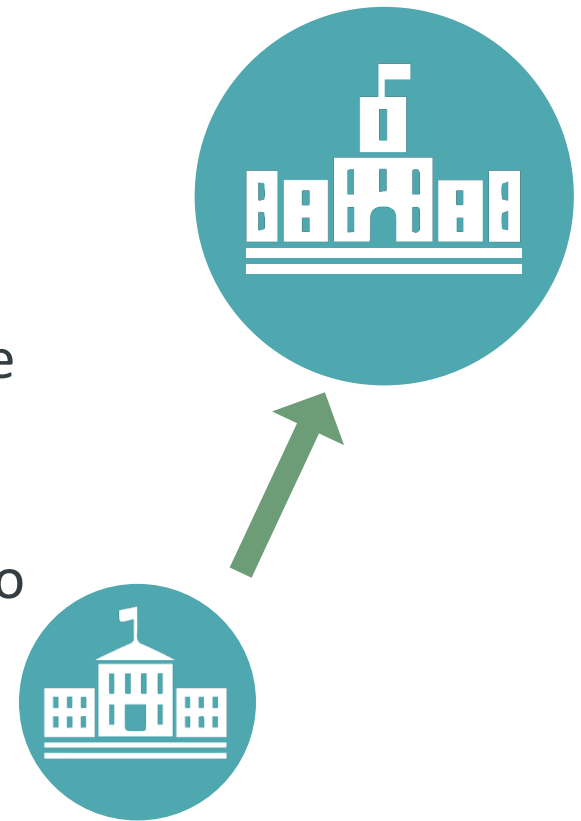
Recipients must file a FAFSA or ORSAA each year they are in college, for renewal the following year.

Transfer Students

You can transfer to another community college in Oregon and still receive Oregon Promise.

Remember to:

- Update your current FAFSA or ORSAA to list the new community college.
- Check in with your college financial aid office to ensure that they have your Oregon Promise award information.



Renewal Eligibility



1. **Complete the First-Year Experience** as directed by the community college. First-Year Experience will vary depending on the college – ask your college financial aid office. You must complete this during your first year of college.



2. Maintain **Satisfactory Academic Progress**, determined by your community college.

Renewal Eligibility



3. Maintain at least half-time **continuous enrollment** (6 or more credits) during fall, winter and spring terms each year. Oregon Promise does not pay for summer term.



4. Complete any other requirements or request from your community college.



3. *Once you have **attempted 90 credits**, you will no longer be eligible for the grant.* This may occur partway through the school year.

Training & Resources

Recorded Webinars

Video Available:

Oregon Promise: Changes for 2017 -2018

Legislative updates that are new in 2017, and how you can continue to support Oregon Promise recipients and applicants.

Video Available:

Oregon Promise: Introduction & How to Apply

Eligibility criteria, the application process, how awards are calculated, special circumstances, and more.

Video Available:

Oregon Promise: Key Information for Current Recipients

How to maintain eligibility, how awards are calculated, and more.

Upcoming Webinars

*Thursday, Nov. 9
@ 10am:*

Oregon Promise: Application Demo

OSAC staff will explain how to complete the Oregon Promise application with a live demo. We will also review when to apply, when to complete the FAFSA or ORSAA, and other key details to be a successful applicant. *This webinar is for new applicants, parents, teachers, counselors, advisors, and others who are supporting new Oregon Promise applicants.*

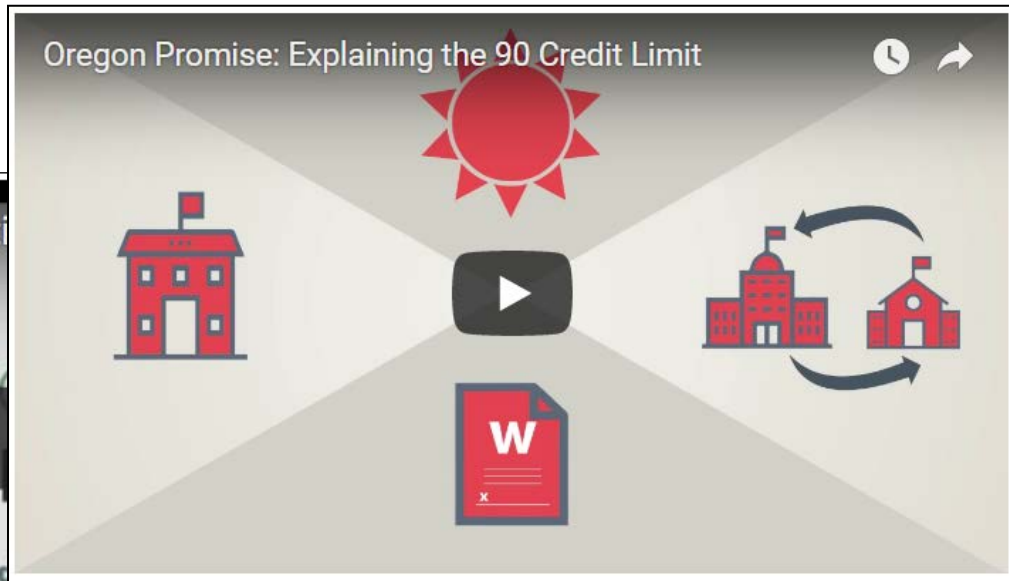
*Tuesday, Jan. 23
@ 10am:*

Oregon Promise: GPA Verification & Application Process

OSAC staff will review each step of the GPA verification process, the application process, and other key details to assist applicants at your high school. *This webinar is for high school registrars and other high school staff who are participating (or would like to sign up for) the Oregon Promise online GPA verification process.*

Additional Videos

OSAC Oregon YouTube Channel



Oregon Promise FAQs

Does Oregon Promise pay for summer classes?

Do award amounts differ according to the number of credits taken?



What changes did the Oregon Legislature make to the Oregon Promise?

How will applicants be notified if they have been awarded Oregon Promise?

If a student receives a Modified Diploma, can they be eligible for Oregon Promise?

Questions?

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