



# A Resource Guide for Counselors and Teachers

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Helping Oregon Students Plan and Pay for College

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# Need help navigating the Oregon Promise?

This document is meant to provide teachers and counselors with additional details so they can support students through the application process.

Not finding what you are looking for here?

- Visit the Oregon Promise website at [www.OregonPromise.org](http://www.OregonPromise.org) and access the FAQs
- Call the Office of Student Access and Completion to speak with staff: 541.687.7400

# About the Oregon Promise

# What is the Oregon Promise ?



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

# What is the Oregon Promise ?

This program is already helping thousands attend community college, and—*provided the Oregon Legislature continues its funding in 2017*—the grant will be available to Oregon students this fall.

# Application Process + Eligibility

# Who Can Qualify



## 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 a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher



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

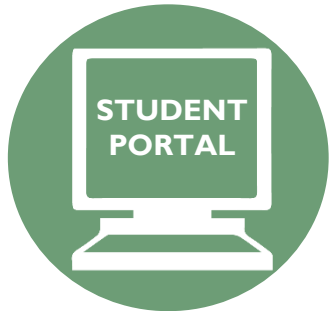


Have no more than 90 college credits completed or attempted

*Remember: Funding is subject to legislative approval.*



# How Do I Apply



Complete an Oregon Promise Grant Application by the appropriate deadline. For details and link to the application, go to the “Student Portal” at [OregonStudentAid.gov](http://OregonStudentAid.gov).

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## **FAFSA** *or* **ORSAA**

- File a FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) or, for DACA and other undocumented students, an ORSAA at [OregonStudentAid.gov](http://OregonStudentAid.gov).
- List at least one Oregon community college on your FAFSA or ORSAA



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Enroll in eligible courses at an Oregon community college. Oregon Promise covers up to 12 credits per term (**fall, winter, spring terms eligible**).

# When Do I Apply



Term you plan to start at an Oregon community college	SPRING 2017 Begins April 3, 2017	FALL 2017 Funding subject to legislative approval
Must graduate high school between the following dates	October 1, 2016 to March 1, 2017	March 1, 2017 to August 1, 2017
Deadline for Application	March 6, 2017	July 3, 2017 <sup>1</sup> 5pm PDT April 1: For early notification <sup>2</sup>
Deadline to verify your GPA <sup>3</sup>	March 6, 2017	July 3, 2017 <sup>1</sup>
Deadline for FAFSA or ORSAA	March 13, 2017 File the 2016-17 FAFSA/ORSAA	July 14, 2017 <sup>1</sup> File the 2017-18 FAFSA/ORSAA

<sup>1</sup>Dates were updated in March 2017.

<sup>2</sup>Students who submit their application by April 1 will be notified by May 1 if their Oregon Promise applications are complete.

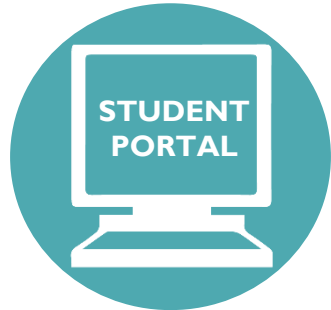
<sup>3</sup>Verify GPA through section 5 of the Oregon Promise application

# How will Students be Notified ?



OSAC will notify students of their award via email.

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Students can check their award status in the “Student Portal” at [OregonStudentAid.gov](http://OregonStudentAid.gov)

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OSAC notifies community college via weekly award lists.

Community college will include award in students’ financial aid award letters.

# 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 (i.e. 6 or more credits) during fall, winter and spring terms each year.

*Oregon Promise does not include summer term.*



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

Understanding grant amounts +  
what the Oregon Promise covers

# Grant amounts for full-time students

Awards range from **\$1,000** to **\$3,397\*** per year. Award amounts will vary each year and are subject to legislative approval.

\* 2016-2017

# Factors that may impact cost of attendance

- **VARYING TUITION COSTS:** 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 than what is covered by the Oregon Promise.
- **UP TO 12 CREDITS:** Oregon Promise covers up to 12 credits per term. The student is financially responsible for any additional credits.
- **STANDARD FEES:** Some community college have additional fees (i.e. lab fees, shop fees, class fees, health fees). These are not covered by the Oregon Promise.
- **CO-PAY:** A \$50 co-pay is automatically deducted from the Oregon Promise award each term.



# How grant amounts are calculated

Oregon Promise grant amount is calculated to cover the average cost of 12 credits per term at an Oregon community college.

Students need to understand that:

- Oregon Promise will cover up to the average tuition charged by Oregon community colleges.
- If the tuition cost is above this average, the student is responsible for the difference.
- If the tuition cost is below this average, Oregon Promise pays up to that tuition cost and not more.

# A closer look at grant calculations



College A

Higher Tuition Cost \$



College B

Average Tuition Cost \$



College C

Below Average Tuition Cost \$



Student responsible for remaining tuition cost, including any cost for credits over the 12 credit per term cap.

\$3,397: Average cost per year for community college tuition in 2016-17

# Oregon Promise covers most of TUITION.

## REMEMBER

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



*Room and Board*



*Books and Supplies*



*Class Fees*

# Scenarios showing how grant is applied

**Oregon Promise pays remaining tuition amount (up to 12 credits per term) after all need-based federal and state grants have been applied.**

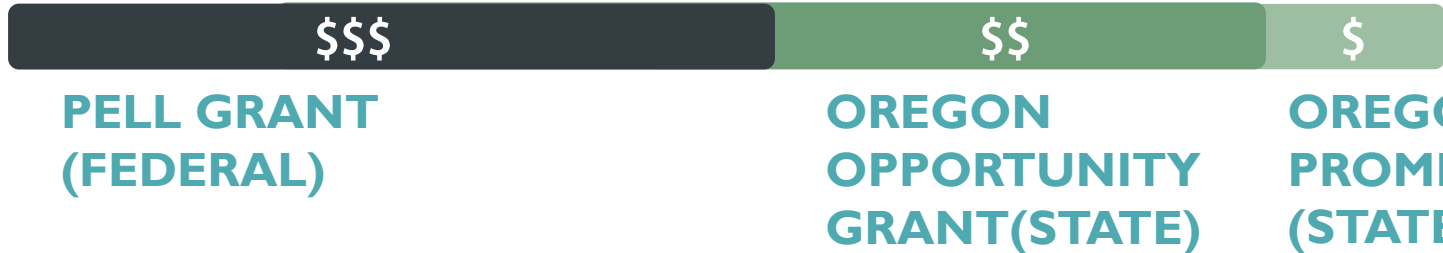
**Need-based Pell Grant and Oregon Opportunity Grant are determined by the Expected Family Contribution calculated through the FAFSA or ORSAA.**

**The example scenario on the next slide shows how grant funds would be applied.**

# Scenarios showing how grant is applied



## Student A: Lower Expected Family Contribution



## Student B: Higher Expected Family Contribution



## Student C: Highest Expected Family Contribution



The next slides give more details  
on unique scenarios and  
circumstances



# 90 Credits attempted or completed

Certain college level classes attempted or completed count towards a 90 credit limit. This includes credits attempted or completed in high school. If a student attempts or completes 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 a  
community college.

# For High School Registrars

In many cases, high schools will be able to verify students' GPA without having to upload high school transcripts.

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 1<sup>st</sup> semester/trimester grades are available.



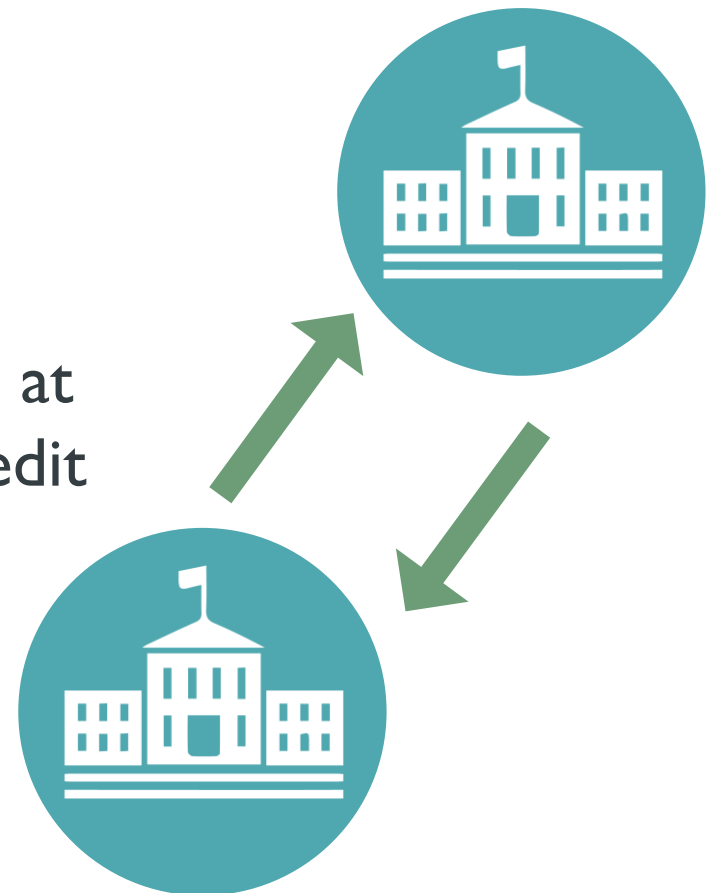
**VERIFY GPA IN HIGH SCHOOL PORTAL**



# For 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.



# For DACA and Other Undocumented Students

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

DACA students and other undocumented students must complete the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA) to be considered for the Oregon Promise.



**ORSAA at [OregonStudentAid.gov](https://OregonStudentAid.gov)**

# For Home-School Students

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

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



# For GED Completers

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 transcripts from the GED Testing Service®. This can be the electronic copy that is emailed to you upon completion of your GED.
2. Confirm your name and scores from all four of the GED® tests are on your transcript.

# Renewal Process For Current Recipients

**Current Oregon Promise recipients must file the 2017-2018 FAFSA or ORSAA by July 14, 2017 and list their Oregon community college to renew their award. No additional application is required.**

However, please remember that your continued eligibility is dependent on following the requirements found on Slide 10 and 11.