

2020-2021 OSAC Update

OCT 1

2021-22 FAFSA and ORSAA Open

Students should submit their FAFSA or ORSAA as soon as possible to maximize their chances at receiving financial aid

NOV 1

OSAC Scholarship Application Opens

Most scholarships require a completed FAFSA or ORSAA to be eligible

FEB 16

Early Bird Scholarship Deadline

Error-free scholarship applications received by this deadline are entered for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship

MAR 1

Scholarship Application Final Deadline

Students should check their email and student portal regularly for updates on their OSAC Scholarship Application

JUN 1

Oregon Promise Application Deadline

For high school students graduating from Mar 1 to Jun 30; see website for alternate deadlines for other high school and GED® test graduates

All deadlines are 5:00 pm (PST/PDT).

FAFSA or ORSAA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) and the Oregon Student Aid Application (**ORSAA**) are the two primary financial aid applications for students pursuing a higher education degree.

Students can only complete the FAFSA if they are a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-resident. The ORSAA serves an alternative to the FAFSA, solely for students who have undocumented status or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. Students with a valid visa or are an international student are not eligible to complete the FAFSA or the ORSAA.

Students should only fill out the FAFSA *or* the ORSAA, not both. The FAFSA is accessible at StudentAid.gov. The ORSAA is accessible at OregonStudentAid.gov.

Student Support Programs

ASPIRE

ASPIRE is a college and career readiness program that helps middle and high school students explore training and educational opportunities after high school. To learn more about participating in ASPIRE, check out: <https://OregonStudentAid.gov/aspire.aspx>.

FAFSA Plus+

The FAFSA Plus+ program gives its partners access to student-level data on FAFSA completion, which allows site staff to provide extra support to their high school seniors who haven't completed their FAFSA yet. To become a partner, visit our FAFSA Plus+ page at: <https://OregonStudentAid.gov/fafsaplus.aspx>

OregonStudentAid.gov

STATE AID PROGRAMS

Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG)

The OOG is Oregon's largest state-funded, need-based grant program. Grant awardees must be (1) pursuing an undergraduate degree, (2) attending an eligible Oregon college, and (3) enrolled at least half-time fall term.

How to Apply: Complete your FAFSA or ORSAA as soon as possible (*funds awarded until depleted*)

2020-21 Maximum Awards: \$2,778 (2-year college), \$3,600 (4-year college or university)

Oregon Promise Grant

Oregon Promise is a state grant that helps cover tuition costs at any Oregon community college for recent high school graduates and GED® test graduates. Students must meet all eligibility criteria and complete the application process by their deadline. Depending on available funding and the amount of applicants, OSAC may be required to establish and/or adjust an EFC limit for award decision-making.

How to Apply: Complete your FAFSA or ORSAA and submit an Oregon Promise application by your deadline

Deadline: Most students apply during their senior year. Deadline is June 1 for students who graduate in the spring. Check OregonPromise.org for full details.

2020-21 Award Range: \$1,000 - \$4,005 (*before \$50 per term co-pay*)

Other Public Programs

Oregon administers additional government grants, including:

Oregon Chafee Education and Training Grant
Oregon Student Child Care Grant
Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance
Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer Grant

Deadline: March 1
Deadline: May 31
Deadline: varies by term date; see website
Deadline: until funds are depleted

Applications, eligibility criteria, full deadlines, and award amounts are under the Grants tab on our website.

OSAC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

OSAC administers more than 600 scholarships for Oregon students. These scholarships are accessible through our OSAC Scholarship Application, which is open from November 1, 2020 to March 1, 2021. Scholarship criteria based on traits such as county of residence, major or program of study, institution, and much more. Award amounts and renewal guidelines vary by award. Visit OregonStudentAid.gov for a full catalog of scholarships.

How to Apply: Complete the OSAC Scholarship Application by March 1, 2021

OUTREACH RESOURCES

Upon request, OSAC offers a number of physical and virtual resources for students, families, educators, and community members. Under the Outreach & Resources tab on our website you can watch our pre-recorded financial aid guides, request a live presentation, or order publications.

