



**HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING COMMISSION**  
Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC)

**FINDING FUNDS FOR OREGON STUDENTS**

**KEY TOPICS**

Se habla español! Visita [OregonStudentAid.gov](http://OregonStudentAid.gov)

- **FAFSA/ORSAA**
- **Grant Programs**
- **OSAC Student Portal**
- **Scholarship Applications**

**TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID**

**Grants**

- Government-funded (state or federal)
- Primarily need-based

**Scholarships**

- Privately-funded
- Need-based or merit-based

**Work Study**

- Typically need-based

**No Repayment**

**TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID**

**Federal Loans**


- Coordinated by college financial aid office
- The FAFSA is the application


**Private Loans**


- Administered through a bank/credit union
- Separate loan application

**Must be Repaid**

**FAFSA** Free Application for Federal Student Aid


 Used to determine EFC (Expected Family Contribution)


 Required for federal & state financial aid and most scholarships

 **FAFSA opens October 1**

[fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

**ORSAA** Oregon Student Aid Application

 **FAFSA-Alternative** for DACA and undocumented Oregon residents

 **ORSAA opens October 1**

[OregonStudentAid.gov](http://OregonStudentAid.gov)

## OREGON OPPORTUNITY GRANT

- Oregon's **largest** state-funded, **need-based** grant
- 20-21 Max Award (based on EFC):
  - \$2,778 (2-year)/\$3,600 (4-year)
- Must be **enrolled in fall term** (at least part-time) to retain funds for entire year

**File your FAFSA or ORSAA**

## OREGON PROMISE GRANT

**New Oregon HS/GED® Test Graduate**  
with 2.50+ cumulative GPA

**Begin Community College Immediately**  
within 6 months of graduation

**EFC may be considered**  
EFC criteria subject to change

## OREGON PROMISE GRANT

**Community College tuition grant**

- 2020-21 award range: \$1,000-\$4,005
- Up to 90 credits

**To apply:**

1. **File your FAFSA/ORSAA** with a CC listed
2. Complete **Oregon Promise application** in OSAC Student Portal

## OREGON PROMISE GRANT

I am graduating from:	I am graduating during this time:	DEADLINE to complete both: Oregon Promise App. & FAFSA or ORSAA	You must start community college by this term:
<b>High School</b> or Home School	March 1 – June 30	<b>June 1</b>	Fall
	July 1 – Nov. 30	Nov. 1	Winter
	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	Feb. 1	Spring
<b>GED®</b> Program	March 1 – June 30	<b>July 10</b>	Fall
	July 1 – Nov. 30	Dec. 10	Winter
	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	March 10	Spring

Must apply **DURING senior year** before graduation (or immediately after GED® test completion)

## OTHER OREGON GRANTS

**OR National Guard State Tuition Assistance**  
**OR Chafee Education & Training Grant**

- for foster youth under 26 years old <sup>ELM2</sup>

**Student Child Care Grant**

- for students with children age 12 and under

**Deceased/Disabled Public Safety Officer Grant**

- for dependents of officers

**OregonStudentAid.gov**

## OSAC STUDENT PORTAL

- Create an account, **update profile**
- **Fill out apps** for Oregon Promise, Chafee, Child Care Grant, OSAC Scholarships
- **Accept/decline** scholarships
- Use **personal email** account (NOT school)

**OregonStudentAid.gov**

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**ELM2**

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## OSAC SCHOLARSHIP APP


Application opens November 1

 **Early Bird Deadline: February 15**  
If error free, enter drawing for \$1,000 scholarship.  
Must be submitted by 5:00 pm (PST)


 **Final Deadline: March 1**  
Application and all required documents must be submitted by 5:00 pm (PST)



## OSAC SCHOLARSHIPS EXAMPLES

 **Oregon Teacher Scholars** (\$5,000 award)


- Entering college teaching-program

 **Fred Fields** (\$4,000 - \$10,000 award)


- Industrial Engineering, Business, or CTE majors at community college

 **Trail Blazers Legend** (up to \$2,500 award)


- For Oregon high school grads with strong community service




## OSAC SCHOLARSHIPS EXAMPLES

 **Seneca Sawmill Company** (up to \$10,000)


- Essay-based (5-7 pages)

 **Franz and Kathryn Stenzel I** (\$5,000)



- Medical-field majors (high school GPA 2.75+, college GPA 2.50+)


 **Franz and Kathryn Stenzel II** (\$5,000)

- Non-traditional, first-generation students, and students approaching final year NOT pursuing a medical-field major



## OSAC SCHOLARSHIP APP


-  **Student Profile**
-  **Personal Statements**
-  **Transcripts\* (Ask HS to upload)**
-  **Activities Chart**
-  **Other Documents & Essays**



## ACTIVITIES CHART


<b>School Activities</b>	<b>Volunteer Activities</b> (community or family)	<b>Paid Work History</b>
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\*Space for up to 20 activities



## PERSONAL STATEMENTS

1. What are your **specific educational plans** and career goals and why? What inspires you to achieve them? ELM3
2. What have you **done for your family or community** that you care about the most and why?
3. Describe a **personal accomplishment** and the strengths and skills you used to achieve it.
4. Describe a **significant change** or experience that has occurred in your life. How did you respond and what did you learn about yourself? ELM4



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## HOW TO STAND OUT

-  **Academic Success**
-  **Extracurricular Activities**
-  **Unique Skills, Strengths, Accomplishments, Passions**



## PERSONAL ESSAY TIPS

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  - **Who is my audience?**
    - Educator-mindset
    - Answer the whole question
    - They won't get your slang/humor
    - Avoid repeating application info
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  - **Proofread, get feedback**



## KEEP APPLYING!

-  **School's Career Center**
-  **College & Department**
-  **Local Organizations**
  - Service groups, foundations, employers



## KEEP APPLYING!

**The Ford Family Foundation** 

**National Search**

**CIS:** [oregonCIS.uoregon.edu](http://oregonCIS.uoregon.edu)

**College Board:** [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

**Federal Student Aid:** [StudentAid.ed.gov](http://StudentAid.ed.gov)



## YOUR FIRST STEPS

1. File your **FAFSA/ORSA**
2. Make an **OSAC Student Portal** profile
3. Apply **Oregon Grants & Scholarships**

**OregonStudentAid.gov**



## LEARN MORE





**OSACOregon**



**@OSAC**



## ASPIRE PROGRAM

### Learn from mentors!

- Students learn about college and career planning from trained volunteer mentors



### Become a mentor!

- Get training, work directly with students to help them map out their future

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