



# OREGON TEACHER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Supporting the development of teachers who represent the diversity of Oregon's students and communities

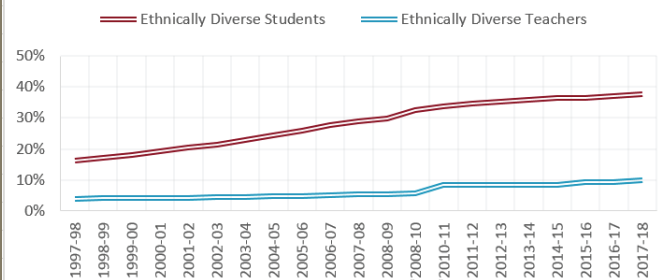
## Our Cause

Students with teachers who match their ethnicity or language of origin are more likely to relate to how content is presented, engage in classroom learning, and be inspired by their teacher.

Oregon's K-12 student population has become more ethnically and linguistically diverse, but our educator workforce does not mirror this change.

The Oregon Teacher Scholars Program seeks to narrow this gap by easing the financial burdens that can prevent diverse candidates from reaching their education and career goals.

## OREGON'S DIVERSITY GAP: K-12 STUDENTS & TEACHERS



\*Guidelines for reporting race changed during 2009-11  
Source: 2018 Oregon Educator Equity Report



## Eligibility

Applicants must be both:

- Ethnically or linguistically diverse
  - Accepted into a preliminary Oregon teacher licensure program upon receiving the award
- Undergraduate applicants will typically apply during the final two years of their program, while graduate students can apply at any time.*

## Benefits

- A scholarship award of \$5,000 per year (for a maximum of two years) to be used for education-related expenses
- Opportunities to connect with fellow recipients
- Networking events with potential employers
- Paid admission to conferences and job fairs



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## Application Timeline

### October

#### File Your FAFSA/ORSAA

As soon as possible after October 1, students should file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA). Filing one of these two aid applications is a requirement for the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program (OTSP).

### November

#### Apply for OTSP

The OTSP application opens each year on November 1 via the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) Scholarship Application. Apply through the OSAC Student Portal at [OregonStudentAid.gov](http://OregonStudentAid.gov) and complete the required essay. Applications are due by March 1.

### Summer

#### Track Your Application

Applicants can monitor their application status via OSAC's Student Portal. Award notifications will be in their portal and sent to the email associated with their profile. Notifications and information on next steps will be sent sometime between April and August.

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