

# Oregon Teacher Scholars Program

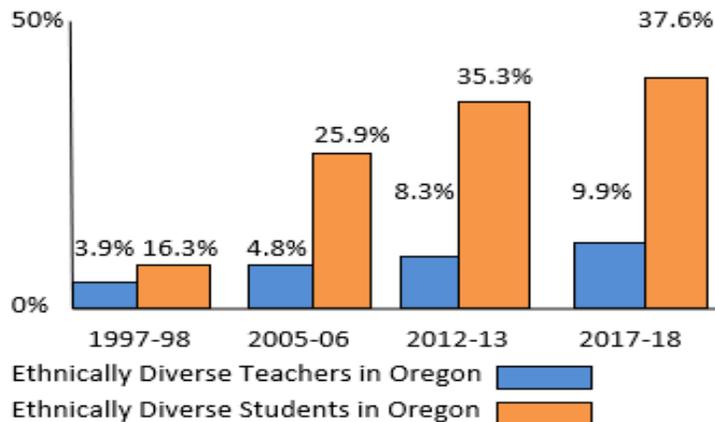


## What:

The Oregon Teacher Scholars Program (OTSP) provides specific financial support in the form of a scholarship to teacher candidates who are linguistically or ethnically diverse and enrolled in an Oregon-approved preliminary licensure programs. The scholarship award amount is \$5,000 per year per student for up to two years to be used for education expenses such as tuition, books, gas money to support travel to teaching practicum location, test prep materials, and living costs. OTSP also provides students with opportunities to connect with other scholars, build resume skills, participate in paid personal development events/conferences, and network with potential future employers.

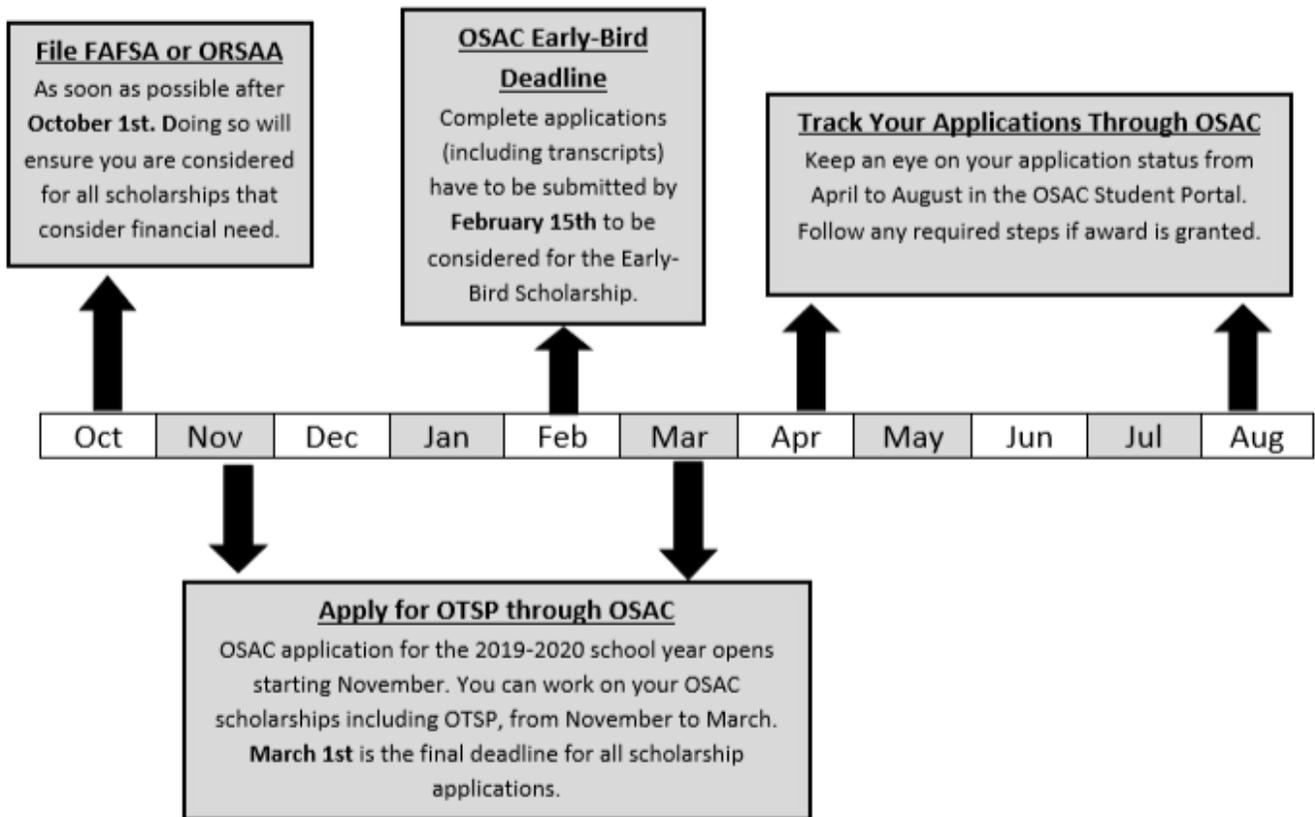
## Why:

Students who have teachers who match their ethnicity or language of origin are more likely to relate to how content is presented, be inspired by adults who share common attributes, and engage more in classroom learning. As Oregon's K-12 student population becomes more ethnically and linguistically diverse, our educator workforce needs to better mirror the demographics of the students in our classrooms. The Oregon Teacher Scholars Program seeks to address financial barriers that pose challenges for ethnically and linguistically diverse candidates seeking to become teachers and help these Scholars navigate the journey towards becoming a teacher in Oregon.



**When:** The timeline below demonstrates key dates in applying for the OTSP Scholarship which is hosted by The Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC).

## 2019-20 School Year OSAC/OTSP Timeline



### Who:

Oregon Teacher Scholars Program applicants must be ethnically or linguistically diverse to qualify for selection. University or college students in both undergraduate and graduate level initial/preliminary Oregon teaching licensure programs are eligible to apply. Students must be enrolled in an education preparation program at the time of receiving the OTSP scholarship. For undergraduate degrees this is typically the last two years of an education degree.

### Other Features:

The Oregon Teachers Scholars Program will be providing the following assistance to its recipients:

- Help Scholars meet potential future employers
- Assist Scholars in adding to their resume skills and experiences
- Link Scholars across the state
- Connect Scholars to other ethnically or linguistically diverse educators at education related workshops, field trips, and job fairs
- Attend culturally specific and social events

### Contact information:

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