

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

[Office of Student Access and Completion - Chapter 575](#)

Division 95

STUDENT CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM

[575-095-0005](#)

**Definitions**

For the purposes of the Oregon Student Child Care Grant Program the following definitions shall be used:

(1) "Commission" means the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

(2) "Oregon Resident" means resident of the State of Oregon as defined in OAR 575-030-0005.

~~(3) To be eligible, a student must be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States. "Eligible noncitizens" are those defined by federal regulations under Title IV, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.~~

(34) "Student" means an individual who is a resident of Oregon and enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution.

(45) "Child" is defined as a legal dependent of the student age 12 and under, and does not include unborn. An otherwise eligible child who is a qualifying individual under the Americans with Disabilities Act will be exempt from the age limit.

(56) "Postsecondary institution" means any Oregon-based postsecondary institution eligible for federal Title IV financial aid programs.

(67) "Satisfactory Performance" means satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution attended.

(87) "Resident In-state Tuition" means tuition cost of an Oregon postsecondary institution.

(89) "Financial need" means the difference between the family contribution, derived from a system of need analysis annually approved by the Commission, and the cost of education.

(109) "Full-time Enrollment" means registration and payment of required fees as a full-time student, at an eligible institution or combination of eligible institutions, as defined by the institution disbursing funds. A concurrently enrolled is a student who attends more than one eligible institution under a written consortium agreement or concurrent enrollment program. The student's "home" institution determines the student's eligibility for federal and state financial aid, disburses funds to the student, and is responsible for reporting enrollment and disbursement information to the Commission.

(110) "Half-time Enrollment" means registration and payment of required fees as a half-time student, at an eligible institution or combination of eligible institutions, based on 6 to 11 credit-hours per academic term.

(~~1112~~) "Child care provider" means a child care provider who receives payment for care of the child and who is listed with the Oregon Department of Human Services, or, registered or certified with the Oregon Child Care Division.

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**Administration**

- (1) The Commission shall administer the Oregon Student Child Care Grant Program.
- (2) The Commission shall make such rules as are required for the administration of the program.
- (3) The program will be accessible throughout the state, and provide students with a convenient and efficient means to apply.
- (4) The Commission shall implement an Advisory Group with representation such as students, postsecondary financial aid offices, and the Oregon Department of Human Services, to provide input on policies and procedures.

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**Purpose**

- (1) The intent of the Student Child Care Grant Program is to assist parents or legal guardians enrolled in post-secondary education obtain safe, dependable care that supports their children's development while allowing completion of academic programs.
- (2) The Oregon Student Child Care Grant Program will disburse a payment for student child care for eligible recipients on a term/semester basis provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress and has a child. The recipient must utilize paid child care. Disbursements will be made directly to post-secondary institutions.

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#### **Student Eligibility Criteria**

To receive financial aid from this program an applicant must:

- (1) Be an Oregon resident with a child;
- ~~(2) Be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States;~~
- ~~(3)~~ Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate at an Oregon postsecondary institution;
- ~~(3)~~ Maintain satisfactory academic progress; and
- ~~(4)~~ Not be in default on any federal Title IV loan or owing a refund on federal Title IV funds previously disbursed.

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#### **Application Process**

- (1) All applicants will complete an application that is specified by the Commission.
- (2) All applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA).
- (3) The Commission will process all applications and ~~appoint a committee to recommend awardees award students~~ annually.

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### [575-095-0030](#)

#### **Priority in Awarding**

Among applicants who meet the eligibility criteria of this program, priority in the selection process shall be given in the following rank order:

- (1) A prior recipient of benefits of the Student Child Care Grant previously administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services or subsequently by the Commission, with continuing financial need.
- ~~(2) A student with continuing financial need, who was verified as having been on the waiting list kept by the Oregon Department of Human Services during its administration of the Student Child Care Grant.~~
- ~~(3)~~ Students' credits earned toward a Certificate, Associates Degree, or first Bachelor's Degree.

(43) Financial need.

(45) Use of child care providers who are listed with the Oregon Department of Human Services, or, registered or certified with the Oregon Child Care Division.

(65) Students enrolled full-time.

(67) Students enrolled half-time.

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#### **Award Amounts**

Student Child Care Grant award amounts for the next academic year will be determined by the Commission ~~before March 1 and made publicly available~~. The following criteria will also be used:

- (1) Published guidelines from the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Care Market Rate Survey.
- (2) Number and age of qualifying legal dependents in need of paid child care.
- (3) Geographic location where child care is provided.
- (4) Type of child care required, such as infant care, toddler care, after-school care, or special-needs care.

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#### **Maximum Term of Award**

- (1) Students in an academic program must be enrolled at least half-time and are required to complete at least 36-quarter hours for credit, or the equivalent in semester hours, on a yearly basis.
- (2) Participation in the award is limited to total of six years.

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#### **Renewal of Award**

Awards made under this program are renewable provided that:

- (1) The awardee continues to be enrolled as at least a half-time student in an approved program at an eligible institution;
- (2) The awardee is making satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the institution;
- (3) The awardee arranges for the Commission to receive a transcript of the academic work completed in the prior year of award and a child care expense document; and
- (4) Each awardee's child used to determine eligibility must continue to qualify under 575-095-0005(5).

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