

**Docket Item:**

Approve Permanent Rule 575-031-0030: Align Oregon Opportunity Grant requirements with Title IV Federal Regulations for Selective Service

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Rule                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amend Existing Rule | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal Rule                    |   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State law changes              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal law changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                          |

These changes go into effect on adoption.

**Summary:**

On June 17, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published in the Federal Register regarding Early Implementation of the FAFSA Simplification Act's removal of Selective Service and drug conviction requirements for Title IV Eligibility. This implementation is to be in effect 60 days after the publication of the Federal Register notice. By removing the language in OAR 575-031-0030 regarding the Selective Service registration statement requirement for the Oregon Opportunity Grant program eligibility, this would allow the Oregon Opportunity Grant program to align with federal government regulations for student aid programs.

**Material:**

Rule Text

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approving the permanent rule as drafted.

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**Conditions of Award**

(1) To apply for an Oregon Opportunity Grant, a student must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for each academic year, if eligible to file the application, or submit an alternate need analysis form approved by the Commission for this purpose.

(2) Except for subsection (2) below, the maximum period of Oregon Opportunity Grant eligibility shall not exceed the equivalent of 12 quarters or 8 semesters of full-time enrollment.

(3) Students whose statutory rights provide for a legitimate need to extend the maximum period beyond a period equal to 12 quarters or 8 semesters of full-time enrollment remain eligible to receive an Oregon Opportunity Grant until completion of their undergraduate program.

(4) The Commission may deny renewal of an award to any student failing to make satisfactory academic progress.

(5) No Oregon Opportunity Grant shall be made to any student enrolled in a course of study required for and leading to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.

(6) No Oregon Opportunity Grant shall be made to any student in default on any federal Title IV loan or owing a refund on federal Title IV funds previously disbursed, unless the institution disbursing funds determines that the student has made satisfactory arrangements to repay and has regained federal eligibility.

~~(7) An Oregon Opportunity Grant recipient shall sign a statement of Selective Service Registration Compliance in conformity with the requirements of Title IV student aid programs.~~

~~(8)~~ An Oregon Opportunity Grant recipient must be enrolled in an eligible program as defined in 575-031-0016.

~~(9)~~ An Oregon Opportunity Grant recipient must be an undergraduate student, as defined by the institution disbursing funds.

~~(10)~~ An Oregon Opportunity Grant recipient may apply for renewal of the grant on an annual basis until the student has received grant funding for the maximum period noted in subsection (1) above. The Commission may not renew the grant if the recipient has not made timely application for renewal of the grant.

~~(11)~~10(a) The Commission will renew an Oregon Opportunity Grant for a second year of attendance if the grant recipient makes a timely application for renewal of the grant, meets academic standards and benchmarks established by the Commission, and continues to meet all other grant eligibility criteria.

(b) The Commission may continue to renew the grant after the second year if the grant recipient continues to apply timely and meet all academic and other grant eligibility requirements. Additional requirements may include applying by an established application deadline and meeting academic standards and benchmarks that exceed federal requirements for satisfactory academic progress.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 348.205

**Statutes/Other Implemented:** ORS 348.205, 348.250, 348.260

**History:**

OSAC 1-2016, f. & cert. ef. 4-21-16

OSAC 5-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-7-07

OSAC 6-2002, f. & cert. ef. 3-12-02

SSC 3-1988, f. & cert. ef. 8-9-88

SSC 5-1987, f. & ef. 10-23-87

SSC 5-1986, f. & ef. 6-12-86

SSC 2-1985, f. & ef. 4-17-85

SSC 4-1983, f. & ef. 11-29-83

SSC 1-1981, f. & ef. 9-3-81

SSC 4-1980, f. & ef. 10-22-80

SSC 18, f. & ef. 10-19-77

SSC 12, f. & ef. 12-15-76