

Office of Student Access and Completion - Chapter 575

Division 39

OREGON PROMISE GRANT PROGRAM

**575-039-0020**

**Student Eligibility for Oregon Promise Grant**

To be eligible for an Oregon Promise Grant a student must:

- (1) Be an Oregon resident for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in an Oregon community college, unless such student is foster child
- (2) Have attained the highest level of education in this state prior to receiving a high school diploma under ORS 329.451, or earned a General Educational Development (GED) certificate at an Oregon testing center under ORS 350.175, or completed grade 12 while home schooled in Oregon under ORS 339.035, unless such student is a foster child;
- (3)(a) Have earned a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or its equivalent or better;
- (b) The Commission will determine if a student who does not earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in high school may otherwise demonstrate an equivalent academic ability. In making such a determination, the Commission may rely on such documentation as required by the Commission that indicates but not for actions taken by a school district responsive to state declarations of emergency or executive orders issued by the Governor during the period of March 13, 2020 through June 30, 2020 the student would have otherwise met the grade point average requirement.
- (4) Meet one of the following three criteria:
  - (a) Within 6 months of high school (or equivalent GED or homeschool) completion date, enroll in approved courses at an Oregon community college; or
  - (b) If the student completes high school (or equivalent GED or homeschool) on or after January 1, 2020 while they are in custody or incarceration at a correctional facility, they must enroll in approved courses at an Oregon community college within 6 months of the date of first release from a correctional facility.
  - (c) A student who is a foster child and for whom the completion of a high school diploma or credential substantially similar to those listed in OAR 575-039-0020, as determined by the commission, occurred while such foster child was placed in a treatment program, they must enroll in approved courses at an Oregon community college within 12 months of the date of first release from out of state foster care. For this purpose, if the child remained within the jurisdiction of the Oregon Department of Human Services under ORS 417.200 for the duration of the child's placement in foster care outside the state of Oregon, the child is considered a resident of Oregon if they meet all other eligibility criteria.
  - (d) The Commission may waive the requirements of subsection 4(a) and 4(b) of this rule provided a student demonstrates a significant hardship. A student who, for the purpose of meeting the requirement of either subsection 4(a) or 4(b), would have been required to enroll in approved courses at an Oregon community college during the spring term of the 2019-2020 academic year, but does not enroll or enrolls less than half-time, is deemed to have demonstrated a significant hardship due to the issuance of a declaration of emergency and related executive orders by the Governor restricting the

operations of Oregon community colleges, and shall retain eligibility to receive a grant if the student meets or receives any applicable waivers for all other requirements and enrolls in approved courses at an Oregon community college no later than the fall term of the 2020-2021 academic year.

(5) Have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if eligible to file the application, and accepted all state and federal grant aid offered; and

(6) Have not completed more than 90 credit hours, or the equivalent, at a post-secondary institution of education or a curriculum, degree or program.

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**Oregon Promise Grant Amount**

(1) The total amount of an Oregon Promise Grant award will be based on the number of credit hours in approved courses that the student attempts each term. For each academic term, the student's grant award will be reduced by the amount received in state and federal grants.

(2) The maximum grant award available to an eligible a student for a full academic year will be an amount that equals:

(a) No less than \$2,000 or the actual cost of tuition, whichever is less; and

(b) No more than the average cost of tuition at a community college in this state, as determined by the office, or the actual cost of tuition, whichever is less.

(3) Beginning with awards issued for the 2023-2024 academic year, the minimum award amount will be adjusted each academic year for inflation based on the increase of the average cost of tuition at an Oregon community college.

(4) Grant award amounts will be prorated for a student who is enrolled in approved courses for a sufficient number of credit hours to be considered enrolled at least a half-time but less than full time.

(5) Cost calculations each academic term shall include only the amount of tuition charged to the student for credits attempted. Fees will not be included.

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**Conditions of Award**

(1) In order to remain eligible for an Oregon Promise award, continuing students must:

(a) Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better each term for which the student receives the grant.

(b) Make satisfactory academic progress in an approved program, as defined by the institution in accordance with federal Title IV regulations and guidelines.

(c) Enroll for a sufficient number of credits to be considered at least a half-time student, except that the Commission may waive the requirement that a student enroll for terms beginning or ending while a state or local declaration of emergency and related executive orders by the Governor restricting the operations of Oregon community colleges are in effect, as determined by the Commission.

(2) A student continues to remain eligible to receive an Oregon Promise Grant until the student has completed more than 90 credit hours attempted at an eligible Oregon community college, or the equivalent at a postsecondary institution of education, including those postsecondary credit hours attempted while the student is enrolled in high school.

(3) The Commission may deny renewal of an award to any student failing to make satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution.

(4) No Oregon Promise 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.

~~(5) An Oregon Promise Grant recipient shall sign a statement of Selective Service Registration Compliance in conformity with the requirements of Title IV student aid programs, if applicable.~~

~~(5)~~ An Oregon Promise Grant recipient must be enrolled in an eligible program as defined by the Commission.

~~(6)~~ A student who fails to maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better during each term for which the student has received a grant may request that the requirement be waived by the office according to rules adopted by the Commission.

~~(7)~~ Notwithstanding any other provisions that provide for a waiver process, a student that fails to meet the requirements of subsections (1)(a) or who fails to meet the requirement of ORS 341.522(6)(a)(D) related to a first-year experience may remain eligible to receive an award in the following term if the student is unable to meet the requirement due to state declarations of emergency or executive orders issued by the Governor during the Spring Term of the 2019-20 academic year.

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(2) For students who are dually enrolled in two or more community colleges, the Oregon Promise grant award will be based on the tuition charged by the student's "home" institution or the average tuition charged by all community colleges, whichever is lower.

(3) For students who are dually enrolled in a pathways program between an Oregon community college and an Oregon public university, the Oregon Promise grant award will be based on the enrollment status and tuition charged only for courses taken at the community college.

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