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## **Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) and Oregon Promise: ideal financial aid framework.**

### **Ideal Financial Aid Framework for Oregon**

Summary: This concept aligns needed changes in student aid, stability funding and planning, and improvements to programs such as: the Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) under ORS 348, the Oregon Promise (OPG) under ORS 341.522. The proposal makes systemic improvements in equity, access, and affordability, as well as identifies the need for strategic funding resources such as those in ORS 315.643 and ORS 315.646 to promote and establish stable/sustainable funding that support learner affordable access through a more aligned framework of state financial aid in Oregon.

### **Structuring the ideal financial aid framework to improve equity through:**

- Aligned support for pipeline (K12), traditional and non-traditional students.
- Tiered OOG award approach based on need that cover rising costs and maintain student purchasing power. Clarity, sustainability and universal OPG support for recent HS and GED test graduates.
- Expanding the impact of the current OOG program, and of the OPG program
- A more inclusive regime for undocumented students that eliminates the gaps/the limited scope of the tuition equity law which is not inclusive of non-traditional students.
- Clarifying awarding limits, provide added flexibility as to levels of enrollment and timelines, and support student choice.
- Promoting persistence, and completion while allowing for emergencies and exceptional circumstances.
- Creating a state “Oregon Work Study” initiative to connect work experience and learning, and reducing the need for loans. Serving students who don’t qualify for federal work study.

### **Specific change recommendations to existing programs:**

- Removal of the 2.0 GPA requirement for Oregon Promise Grant (OPG)
- Expanding OPG to qualified students enrolled at any Oregon-eligible postsecondary institution, and changing eligibility from not more than 90 credit hours to six quarters or four semesters at full-time
- Removing discounting of accelerated credits under Oregon Promise
- Decoupling the OOG from tuition equity for a more inclusive regime for non-traditional undocumented students, and ensuring that the reform is inclusive of pipeline and adult undocumented students
- Removing current restrictions of half or full-time enrollment to receive an OOG award
- Higher OOG awards based on need and covering more students beyond Pell eligibility.
- Promoting persistence and degree completion as guided by ORS 348.263 while allowing emergencies and exceptional circumstances.
- Creating a work study program to assist those that don’t qualify for the federal program and help reduce the need for loans while promoting paid work experiences adding relevance to a student’s major and/or field of interest.

### **Key awarding questions:**

- Interconnection of a K12 pipeline to postsecondary incentive OPG program with the OOG?
- Awarding OOG up to tuition and fees, plus books and supplies? Or just up to tuition & fees?
- Having a simple application for all aligned resources, OOG/Promise or just for Promise?

Tiered OOG Awards for Cost of Tuition (CoT), Fees, Books & Supplies

**Community Colleges**

EFC Range	<u>0</u>	<u>1-2,000</u>	<u>2,001-4,000</u>	<u>4,001-6,000</u>	<u>6,001-8,000</u>	<u>8,001-10,000</u>
Award Tier (Percent of CoT, Fees, Books & Supplies)	100%	100%	85%	70%	55%	40%
Estimated Average CoT, Fees, Books and Supplies 2023-24	\$7,883	\$7,883	\$7,883	\$7,883	\$7,883	\$7,883
Estimated OOG Award 2023-24	\$7,883	\$7,883	\$6,703	\$5,518	\$4,336	\$3,154
Estimated Average CoT, Fees, Books and Supplies 2024-25	\$8,164	\$8,164	\$8,164	\$8,164	\$8,164	\$8,164
Estimated OOG Award 2024-25	\$8,164	\$8,164	\$6,942	\$5,715	\$4,491	\$3,266

**4 Year Public and Private Institutions**

EFC Range	<u>0</u>	<u>1-2,000</u>	<u>2,001-4,000</u>	<u>4,001-6,000</u>	<u>6,001-8,000</u>	<u>8,001-10,000</u>
Award Tier (Percent of CoT, Fees, Books & Supplies)	100%	100%	85%	70%	55%	40%
Estimated Average CoT, Fees, Books and Supplies 2023-24	\$13,904	\$13,904	\$13,904	\$13,904	\$13,904	\$13,904
Estimated OOG Award 2023-24	\$13,904	\$13,904	\$11,822	\$9,734	\$7,645	\$5,562
Estimated Average CoT, Fees, Books and Supplies 2024-25	\$14,072	\$14,072	\$14,072	\$14,072	\$14,072	\$14,072
Estimated OOG Award 2024-25	\$14,072	\$14,072	\$11,965	\$9,852	\$7,737	\$5,629

	Total Cost Year 1	Total Cost Year 2	Cost per Biennium	Investment above CSL
<b>2020-21 FAFSA Filers</b>	\$395,438,411	\$402,912,857	\$798,351,268	<b>\$598,351,268</b>
<b>2018-19 FAFSA Filers</b>	\$462,920,352	\$471,932,194	\$934,852,546	<b>\$734,852,546</b>

Tiered OOG Awards for Cost of Tuition (CoT) and Fees

**Community Colleges**

Average AGI for Dependent Students	\$21,696	\$39,805	\$52,224	\$62,063	\$70,965	\$79,716
EFC Range	<u>0</u>	<u>1-2,000</u>	<u>2,001-4,000</u>	<u>4,001-6,000</u>	<u>6,001-8,000</u>	<u>8,001-10,000</u>
Award Tier (Percent of CoT and Fees)	100%	100%	85%	70%	55%	40%
Estimated Average CoT and Fees 2023-24	\$6,529	\$6,529	\$6,529	\$6,529	\$6,529	\$6,529
Estimated OOG Award 2023-24	\$6,529	\$6,529	\$5,550	\$4,587	\$3,598	\$2,616
Estimated Average CoT and Fees 2024-25	\$6,810	\$6,810	\$6,810	\$6,810	\$6,810	\$6,810
Estimated OOG Award 2024-25	\$6,810	\$6,810	\$5,789	\$4,784	\$3,753	\$2,728

**4 Year Public and Private Institutions**

AGI Range for Dependent Students	\$21,345	\$38,954	\$53,064	\$62,552	\$72,117	\$81,078
EFC Range	<u>0</u>	<u>1-2,000</u>	<u>2,001-4,000</u>	<u>4,001-6,000</u>	<u>6,001-8,000</u>	<u>8,001-10,000</u>
Award Tier (Percent of CoT and Fees)	100%	100%	85%	70%	55%	40%
Estimated Average CoT and Fees 2023-24	\$12,541	\$12,541	\$12,541	\$12,541	\$12,541	\$12,541
Estimated OOG Award 2023-24	\$12,546	\$12,546	\$10,868	\$8,783	\$6,896	\$5,021
Estimated Average CoT and Fees 2024-25	\$12,892	\$12,892	\$12,892	\$12,892	\$12,892	\$12,892
Estimated OOG Award 2024-25	\$12,897	\$12,897	\$11,172	\$9,029	\$7,089	\$5,161

	Total Cost Year 1	Total Cost Year 2	Cost per Biennium	Investment above CSL
<b>2020-21 FAFSA Filers</b>	\$348,992,731	\$360,186,644	\$709,179,375	\$509,179,375
<b>2018-19 FAFSA Filers</b>	\$407,661,826	\$420,879,196	\$828,541,021	\$628,541,021

OOG and OPG Complimentary  
 Based on Tiered OOG Awards for Cost of Tuition (CoT) and Fees

**Community Colleges**

Average AGI for Dependent Student	\$21,696	\$39,805	\$52,224	\$62,063	\$72,684	\$80,684	\$132,095
EFC Range	<u>0</u>	<u>1-2,000</u>	<u>2,001-4,000</u>	<u>4,001-6,000</u>	<u>6,001-8,000</u>	<u>8,001-10,000</u>	<u>10,001-999,999</u>
Estimated 2023-24 OOG Award	\$6,533	\$6,533	\$5,663	\$4,587	\$3,598	\$2,616	\$0
Estimated 2024-25 OOG Award	\$6,810	\$6,810	\$5,789	\$4,784	\$3,753	\$2,728	\$0
Estimated Max 2023-24 OPG Award	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272
Estimated Max 2024-25 OPG Award	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443

**4 Year Public and Private Institutions**

Average AGI for Dependent Student	\$21,345	\$38,954	\$53,064	\$62,552	\$72,117	\$81,708	\$132,095
EFC Range	<u>0</u>	<u>1-2,000</u>	<u>2,001-4,000</u>	<u>4,001-6,000</u>	<u>6,001-8,000</u>	<u>8,001-10,000</u>	<u>10,001-999,999</u>
Estimated 2023-24 OOG Award	\$12,546	\$12,546	\$10,868	\$8,783	\$6,896	\$5,021	\$0
Estimated 2024-25 OOG Award	\$12,897	\$12,897	\$11,172	\$9,029	\$7,089	\$5,161	\$0
Estimated Max 2023-24 OPG Award	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272	\$4,272
Estimated Max 2024-25 OPG Award	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443	\$4,443

OOG Estimated Total Cost

FAFSA filers	Cost per Biennium	Investment above CSL
2020-21	\$709,179,375	\$509,179,375
2018-19	\$828,541,021	\$628,541,021

OPG Estimated Total Cost

Cost per Biennium	Investment above CSL
\$60,729,244	\$18,529,244

OPG Estimated Costs: Includes estimated expansion to universities, removal of counting accelerated learning credits is a cost over time, doesn't have an immediate expense. GPA removal is not included in this calculation. We anticipate the removal of the GPA minimum cap would have a low additional cost. This calculation assumes that tuition equity is removed from OOG eligibility awarding. Without this change, the OPG costs would rise to cover the low income/EFC pipeline students who are not eligible for OOG based on current tuition equity laws.

OPG Reform Model

<b>Est. 23-25 Oregon Promise Costs with No Changes</b>		<b>Est. 23-25 w no EFC and Reforms</b>	
2023-24	\$ 18,381,526	2023-24	\$ 32,049,063
2024-25	\$ 19,510,995	2024-25	\$ 44,267,157
<b>2023-25</b>	<b>\$ 37,892,521</b>	<b>2023-25</b>	<b>\$ 76,316,219</b>
<b>CSL</b>	<b>\$ 42,200,000</b>	<b>Above CSL*</b>	<b>\$ 34,116,219</b>

**Reforms:**

- Expanding OPG to qualified students enrolled at any Oregon-eligible postsecondary institution, and changing eligibility from not more than 90 credit hours to six quarters or four semesters at full-time
- Removing the discount of accelerated learning credits toward the 90 credit limit
- Removal of the 2.0 GPA requirement for Oregon Promise Grant (OPG)\*

**Est. expand to eligible Oregon 4-year Institutions**

- 2023-24: \$13,667,537
- 2024-25: \$24,756,162

**Est. removing the discounting of accelerated learning credits**

- \$3,624,075 per cohort\*\*

\*The GPA removal is not factored into this calculation, but will be in future models

\*\*The cost of removing accelerated learning credits would not be felt until the 2025-26 academic year, since the removal of accounting for prior credits would keep students eligible for OPG longer