



The Ins & Outs of Oregon Promise

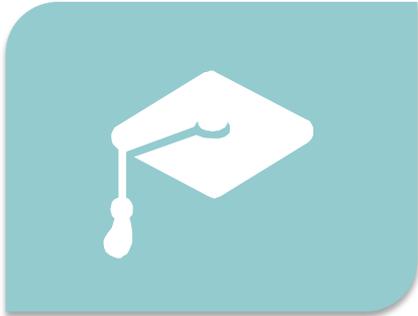
Oregon GED[®] Program Summit

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Agenda



Introduction to
Oregon Promise



Common Myths –
Busted!



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What is Oregon Promise

Oregon Promise is a state grant that helps cover tuition at any Oregon community college for recent high school graduates and GED[®] test graduates.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify, applicants must:



Be a recent Oregon high school graduate or GED® test graduate



Be an Oregon resident at least 12 months prior to attendance

2.5+
GPA

Have 2.50 cumulative GPA or higher – or 145 on GED® test credential



Attend an Oregon community college within 6 months of graduation

90
CREDITS

Have no more than 90 college credits completed or attempted

Your eligibility may be determined by your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC criteria is subject to change.

How to Apply

- 1) FAFSA or ORSAA
- File the FAFSA or ORSAA
 - List at least one Oregon community college

- 2)  Complete an Oregon Promise Grant Application in the *OSAC Student Portal*
- Provide official GED® test transcript

Find Your Deadline

I am graduating from:	I am graduating during this time:	DEADLINE to complete both: Oregon Promise App. & FAFSA or ORSAA	You must start community college by this term:
High School or Home School	March 1 – June 30	June 1	Fall
	July 1 – Nov. 30	Nov. 1	Winter
	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	Feb. 1	Spring
GED[®] Program	March 1 – June 30	July 10	Fall
	July 1 – Nov. 30	Dec. 10	Winter
	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	March 10	Spring



Must apply immediately after
GED[®] completion.



Myth #1



Students can receive Oregon Promise for exactly two years.

FACT:

Students can receive Oregon Promise until they have 90 attempted college credits.



Myth #2



I have a bill at my college.

I thought Oregon Promise meant 2 years of free college!

FACT:

Oregon Promise \neq 2 years of free college.

Oregon Promise helps pay for tuition (up to 12 credits), but there are *other college costs*.

Each student's award depends on a few factors (watch the video!).



Myth #2



I have a bill at my college.

I thought Oregon Promise meant 2 years of free college!

FACT:

Oregon Promise is a “last dollar” grant. If the student’s tuition is already covered by need-based grants, Oregon Promise pays \$850/year.

Each student’s award depends on a few factors (watch the video!).



Myth #3



My family makes too much money to apply for Oregon Promise.

FACT:

All interested students should *apply*, regardless of their financial situation.

Students may be subject to eligibility requirements based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). **This may vary each year.**



Myth #3



My family makes too much money to apply for Oregon Promise.

FACT:

Students who are beginning Oregon Promise *this year* (graduating 7/1/19-2/29/20), **there is no EFC limit.**

For students graduating 3/1/20 or later, the EFC criteria is not determined yet. Will be announced by April 2020.

Myth #4



Adult learners are not eligible for Oregon Promise.

FACT:

Students of ANY age can apply for Oregon Promise.

Eligibility is based on your **GED® test graduation date**, not your age.

Myth #5



I thought I had 6 months after I graduate to apply.

FACT:

GED[®] test graduates should apply immediately after final test completion.



Myth #6



I can start community college at any time and receive Oregon Promise.

FACT:

Most students must start college during the next term after graduation.

Myth #7



I can submit my GED® diploma to apply.

FACT:

Students must submit the official GED® test transcript.

VERIFIED OFFICIAL GED® TRANSCRIPT IN PDF FORMAT ONLY

GED OFFICIAL GED® TRANSCRIPT
TESTING SERVICE | Send us your test transcript of GED Testing Services at 06/29/2014 | *Martin D. Kehl*
Member of the *Martin D. Kehl* Visit Pearson's Assessment Services

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

LAST NAME: Doe FIRST NAME: John MIDDLE: M
ADDRESS: 123 Main Street ADDRESS2: P.O. Box 300 CITY: Anytown STATE: OR ZIP: 12345
COUNTRY: United States PHONE: 123-456-7890
DATE OF BIRTH: 01/05/1978 ID NUMBER: 1234567890
TESTING JURISDICTION: OR PASS DATE: 06/29/2014

Click on a test subject area or performance level for more detailed information.

TEST RESULTS

	LANGUAGE	DATE	SCORE* <small>(on a scale of 100-200)</small>	PERFORMANCE LEVEL	STATUS	PERCENTILE RANK
Assessing Through Language Arts	English	05/10/2014	175	GED® with Honors	PASS	75
Mathematical Reasoning	English	05/10/2014	180	GED® with Honors	PASS	80
Science	English	05/10/2014	180	GED®	PASS	70
Social Studies	English	05/10/2014	172	GED® with Honors	PASS	80

SCORES **847** **STATUS** **PASS**

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Myth #8



I am receiving Oregon Promise this year. I need to submit a new application for next year.

FACT:

Oregon Promise recipients must file a FAFSA or ORSAA each year of college by JUNE 1.

No additional application is required.

Effective January 1, 2020: HB 2910

- *HB 2910 expanded eligibility requirements for the Oregon Promise Grant to support eligible individuals who complete their high school diploma or GED[®] while incarcerated or in custody.*
- Change impacts students who graduate on or after 1/1/20.
- Student must attend community college within 6 months of release date.
- Student must comply with deadlines – same as GED[®] applicant deadlines.

Deadlines for Students Eligible under HB 2910:

Find Your Deadline:



I am graduating from:	My release date is during this time:	Deadline to complete both : Oregon Promise Application & FAFSA or ORSAA	You must start community college by this term :
a high school or GED [®] program within a correctional facility	March 1 - June 30	July 10	Fall
	July 1 - Nov. 30	Dec. 10	Winter
	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29	March 10	Spring

All deadlines are 5:00pm (PST/PDT). If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it automatically extends to 5:00pm on the following business day.



Oregon Promise Resources

www.OregonStudentAid.gov



Oregon Promise Handouts

English & Spanish
PDF



OSAC YouTube Channel

Oregon Promise
Playlist



Website

FAQs
Communications
Toolkit



Oregon Promise Listserv

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Tips to Support Applicants

1) Help students determine their deadline and college start term, based on their final test date.

2) Help students obtain and upload the official GED® test transcript.

3) Support students in filing the FAFSA or ORSAA.

Questions?

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