



Fact Sheet for New Students & Families: Oregon Promise Awarding for 2022-23

This fact sheet provides information about Oregon Promise awarding and eligibility criteria for the 2022-23 academic year. The Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) is an office of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). For more information, visit OregonPromise.org. Contact OregonPromise@hecc.oregon.gov with questions.

As of April 2022, OSAC has started awarding the Oregon Promise Grant to new students (Class of 2022) who will begin college in Fall 2022.

How can I check my status? I haven't received any emails from OSAC.

- Log in to the [OSAC Student Portal](#) to view your Oregon Promise status. In the Portal, click "Messages" to view all emails that OSAC has sent you.
- Check the Spam/Junk folder in your email account on a regular basis to catch any missed messages. You should also add OregonPromise@hecc.oregon.gov to your email account's Safe Senders list.

Apply for Oregon Promise now!

Regardless of your EFC, you will only be considered for the grant if you complete all application requirements by your deadline. Most students must apply by JUNE 1 at 5:00pm.

Is there an EFC limit for Class of 2022 Oregon Promise applicants?

NO. All eligible students will be awarded the Oregon Promise grant for the 2022-23 academic year. OSAC has sufficient funding due to total number of applicants, lower number of continuing Oregon Promise students, and available funds for the grant.

What should I do?

- *If you have been selected for [FAFSA verification](#), contact your college financial aid office as soon as possible to complete this. You must complete this in order to receive any financial aid (including Oregon Promise). Not all students are selected for FAFSA verification.*
- **If you have application corrections or FAFSA/ORSAA errors** be sure to fix them BEFORE June 1. Email OregonPromise@hecc.oregon.gov with any questions.
- If you have not listed an Oregon community college on your FAFSA/ORSAA, log into your FAFSA/ORSAA account ASAP to add a college. You cannot be considered for the grant until you have a community college listed. Do not log into your OSAC Student Portal account to fix this error.

I haven't applied for Oregon Promise yet. Can I still apply?

YES. If you will graduate high school or obtain your GED® test credential between March 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022, you can apply now. Find your [application deadline and learn how to apply](#).

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How is my award amount calculated?

Oregon Promise is a “last dollar” grant. This means that award amounts are calculated *after* Federal Pell Grant and Oregon Opportunity Grant awards are applied to the average cost of tuition at an Oregon community college. If your award amount is lower than \$4,128, you either have a need based grant covering most of the average tuition costs, or you are attending a less expensive community college.

What is my Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

Your EFC is a number that is calculated according to financial and other information that your family submits on the FAFSA or ORSAA. **You are required to complete either the FAFSA or the ORSAA when you apply for Oregon Promise.** Once you complete the [FAFSA or ORSAA](#), you can find your EFC in your account:

- In your [FAFSA account](#), find your EFC on the 2021-22 confirmation page. If you need help, contact [Federal Student Aid](#) online or call 1-800-433-3243.
- In your [ORSAA account](#), select the blue down-arrow icon to download the PDF of your ORSAA. Your EFC is listed on the last page of the PDF. If you need help, contact ORSAAHelp@hecc.oregon.gov or 1-800-452-8807.

If you have not submitted the 2021-22 FAFSA or ORSAA yet, **[submit it now!](#)** Your EFC is not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college nor is it the amount of financial aid you will receive. Learn more about the [Expected Family Contribution calculation](#).