



General Fact Sheet: Oregon Promise Awarding for 2020-21

This fact sheet provides information about Oregon Promise awarding and eligibility criteria for the 2020-21 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.

Oregon Promise has started the awarding process for 2020-21. What does this mean for new students?

OSAC has started awarding the Oregon Promise Grant to new students (Class of 2020) who will begin college in Fall 2020. **As of March 2020:**

- Who has been awarded so far? Eligible applicants with an [Expected Family Contribution](#) (EFC) below 34,000 have been awarded the grant for 2020-21. Approximately 9 out of 10 eligible applicants have been approved for Oregon Promise.
- Who is in Pending status? *The tentative EFC limit for 2020-21 is 34,000.* Applicants with an EFC at or above 34,000 have a “Pending” award status. The tentative EFC limit results from a larger applicant pool and from projected expenditures during the coming year. OSAC will email students in July about whether or not they are awarded the grant. Students with EFCs at or above 34,000 are NOT guaranteed to receive Oregon Promise in 2020-21.

In July 2020, OSAC will determine and announce the final EFC limit based on applicant volume and available funds. In 2019, the Oregon Legislature approved a budget of \$40 million for Oregon Promise for the 2019-21 period. If additional funds are allocated by the Oregon Legislature in 2020, OSAC will review the tentative EFC limit and may be able to award additional students who are in the “Pending” award status. The final EFC limit may remain at 34,000, or it may be adjusted higher or removed in July to award additional students. This will depend on total applicant volume and available funds.

For new students (Class of 2020) who will begin college in Fall 2020, please read the [Fact Sheet for New Students & Families](#). The Fact Sheet answers these questions:

- *How can I check my status? I haven't received any emails from OSAC.*
- *My award status in the OSAC Student Portal says “Pending.” What does this mean?*
- *I haven't applied for Oregon Promise yet. Can I still apply?*

Regardless of a student's EFC, they will only be considered for Oregon Promise if they apply by their deadline. Most students must apply by JUNE 1 at 5:00pm.

What are the awarding criteria for continuing Oregon Promise recipients?

For students who began receiving the Oregon Promise Grant in 2019-20 or earlier, they are **not** subject to any EFC limit for the upcoming year. These students can be eligible for the grant in 2020-21, regardless of their EFC. Students must meet all requirements for renewal of the grant, including filing the FAFSA or ORSAA by **June 1**. OSAC will begin emailing students in June 2020 with renewal award information.

What are the awarding criteria for applicants in future years?

For students who graduate in *March 2021 or later*, OSAC has not determined if there will be an Expected Family Contribution limit. OSAC evaluates available funds on an annual basis to determine if and where to establish an EFC limit for each new group of applicants. OSAC may decide to adjust or eliminate the EFC limit in future years, depending on available funds. OSAC typically announces any EFC limit information for the upcoming year in early spring. All awards are subject to action and adjustments by the Oregon Legislature.

