

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

[Office of Student Access and Completion - Chapter 575](#)

Division 67

OREGON NATIONAL GUARD STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE

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Definitions

(1) "Eligible institution" means any Oregon community college operated under ORS chapter 341, any Oregon public university listed in ORS 352.002, Oregon Health and Science University, or a qualifying private nonprofit institution which meets the criteria defined in ORS 348.597(2) for exemption from ORS 348.597 to 348.615.

(2) "Good standing" means the qualified student has a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher or is maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution in accordance with federal Title IV regulations and guidelines.

(3) "Home Institution" means the institution that grants a certificate or degree upon the student's completion of an eligible program. It is the institution that determines the student's eligibility for federal and state financial aid, disburses funds to the student, and is responsible for determining applicant eligibility.

(4) "Tuition" means the amount charged to a student for a course and is based upon the number of credit hours for which the course is offered.

(5) "Fees" means the average amount of standard fees charged to all students by the type of institution the qualified student is enrolled.

(6) "Book Allowance" is a text book stipend for books and other materials which are required for coursework. The book allowance amount will be determined by the Commission and the book allowance amount will be published at the beginning of each academic year.

~~(567)~~ "Certificate of completion" is a form of recognition awarded by an eligible institution for meeting the minimum occupational course, curriculum or proficiency requirements at the undergraduate level. Certificates of completion for certificate programs must be state-approved, if so required by OAR 589-006-0300, have a defined job entry point, represent collegiate-level work, be credit bearing, and meet Commission standards (ORS 350.075, Powers, duties and functions; rules) and criteria.

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Student Eligibility Requirements

(1) In order to be eligible, a student must:

- (a) Not have achieved a baccalaureate or higher degree from any post-secondary institution;
- (b) Be enrolled and in good standing in a program or curriculum designed to lead to a certificate of completion, as defined by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission by rule, an associate degree granting program, or an undergraduate baccalaureate degree granting program at an eligible institution;
- (c) Be a member of the Oregon National Guard and attending all scheduled unit training assemblies and annual training periods and not currently the subject of any adverse actions under the provisions of any Army, Air Force or National Guard Regulations;
- (d) Have completed any military basic training in the United States Armed Forces;
- (e) Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for each academic year, if eligible to file the application, and accept all state and federal aid grants available;
- (f) Have completed a National Guard Federal Tuition Assistance or Military Tuition Assistance request, if eligible, and have accepted all ~~state and federal aid grants available, including but not limited to federal grants offered by the United States Department of Education and the United States Department of Defense;~~ and
- (g) Not be in default on any federal Title IV loan or owe a refund on federal Title IV funds previously disbursed, unless the institution disbursing funds determines that the student has made satisfactory arrangements to repay and has regained federal eligibility.

(2) The Oregon National Guard will confirm subsections (c), (d) and (f) of section 1 of this rule. Eligible institutions will confirm subsections (b) and (g) of section 1 of this rule. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission will confirm subsections (a) and (e) of section 1 of this rule.

(3) A student continues to remain eligible to receive an Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance award until the student has:

(a) 90 credit hours completed at an eligible Oregon community college, or

(b) 180 credit hours completed at an Oregon public university or the equivalent number of semester credit hours completed at a qualifying private nonprofit institution, calculated cumulatively.

(c) If a student is currently enrolled in a degree program when first applying for Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance, only the student's previous completed credit hours for that specific degree program will be counted towards the maximum allowable completed credit hour limit.

(4) In order to remain eligible for the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance, students must remain in good standing.

(5) Students attending eligible institutions may not receive an award in excess of the amount of resident tuition after first subtracting all ~~state and federal~~ US Department of Defense Federal Tuition Assistance aid grants available to the student. The source of the relevant tuition information shall be published annually by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

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Application Process

~~(1) Students shall submit an Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance application in addition to submitting a FAFSA by the deadline published by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Office of Student Access and Completion on the program website prior to enrollment in the next academic term. The deadline is 5:00 pm (PST or PDT). If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it will automatically be extended to 5:00 pm (PST or PDT) on the following business day.~~

~~(2) HECC may waive the requirement set forth in section (1) of this rule for a student who was unable to complete an Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance application due to a significant hardship or whose completion of active duty basic training requirements occurs after the deadline published by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Office of Student Access and Completion on the program website prior to the academic term for which they wish to enroll.~~

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Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance Calculation

(1) An eligible student shall receive an award in an amount that equals the resident tuition charges at Oregon public universities, the Oregon Health and Science University, and community colleges that the student is attending. For qualifying private nonprofit institutions, the award amount shall equal the average base resident tuition rate of all Oregon public universities. For students who are dually enrolled in two or more colleges, the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance award will be based on the resident tuition rate charged by the student's home institution.

(2) Prior to the start of the fall term of each academic year, the Commission shall determine whether there are sufficient moneys to award a grant to each person who meets the eligibility criteria described in OAR 575-067-0006. On the basis of this determination, the Commission may limit eligibility to receive a grant to a person whose family contribution, is at or below the level the Commission determines is necessary to allow the Commission to operate the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance program with available moneys. In setting a limitation on eligibility and setting eligibility limits, the Commission shall consider:

(a) The amount of funds allocated to the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance program for the biennium;

(b) The anticipated tuition changes for eligible institutions defined in OAR 575-067-0002.

(c) For purposes of this section, “family contribution” is the student’s family resources that reflects an evaluation of a student’s approximate financial resources to contribute toward the student’s postsecondary education for the academic year and is determined by the US Department of Education.

(23) For the Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance program, a dually enrolled, or co-enrolled, student is a student who attends more than one eligible institution during the same academic term or year under a written consortium agreement or concurrent enrollment program.

(34) A student can only be awarded program funds for courses that are a requirement for the declared degree-granting program in which they are enrolled.

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~~**Record Keeping**~~

~~(1) Each eligible institution shall maintain sufficient records to document its activities relating to the program by rule regarding student financial aid records (OAR 166-450-0045, OAR 166-475-0055).~~

~~(2) Each eligible institution shall make its academic and financial records available to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission upon request for the purpose of assuring that the institution is complying with the rules relating to the administration of the program.~~

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