2019-2020 OSAC Update

**What is the ORSAA?**

The ORSAA is the Oregon Student Aid Application, and it serves as an alternative to the FAFSA. The ORSAA is designed for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) students and other undocumented students who are Oregon residents. These students are not eligible for federal aid, but they may be eligible for grants and scholarships administered by OSAC.

To increase their chances of receiving funds, students should file their ORSAA as soon as possible after the application opens on Oct 1 at OregonStudentAid.gov.

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**FAFSA and ORSAA Open**

Fill out as soon as possible to be eligible for state aid programs like the Oregon Opportunity Grant and the Oregon Promise Grant.

**Scholarship Application Open**

Most scholarships also require a completed FAFSA or ORSAA.

**Early Bird Scholarship Deadline**

Error-free scholarship applications received by this deadline are entered for a chance to win a $1,000 scholarship.

**Final Scholarship Deadline**

Students should check their email and student portal regularly for updates on their scholarship application.

**Oregon Promise Application Deadline**

For high school students graduating from Mar 1 to Jun 30; see website for alternate deadlines for other high school and GED® test graduates.

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Deadlines are all 5:00 pm PDT. If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it will be extended to 5:00pm on the following business day.

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**Student Support Programs**

**ASPIRE**

ASPIRE is a volunteer-based mentoring program that helps middle and high school students explore training and educational opportunities after high school. Learn more about volunteering, participating, or becoming an ASPIRE site at OregonStudentAid.gov/ASPIRE.

**FAFSA Plus+**

FAFSA Plus+ provides education partners with access to student-level data on FAFSA completion, trainings for support staff, and resources for schools and community organizations to help support high school seniors.
STATE AID PROGRAMS

Oregon Opportunity Grant
Oregon’s largest state-funded, need-based grant program for students planning to attend an Oregon college.

How to Apply: Complete the FAFSA or ORSAA
Award maximum: $2,700 (community college) $3,300 (public/private 4-year colleges/universities)
Opens: October 1
Deadline: Funds are limited and will run out; apply as soon as possible

Oregon Promise Grant
State grant that provides funding for recent high school and GED® test graduates entering an Oregon community college within six months of graduation. High school seniors must have a GPA of 2.50 or higher, and most seniors must apply for the grant before their high school graduation date.

How to Apply: 1) Complete the FAFSA or the ORSAA 2) Fill out Oregon Promise Grant application 3) Submit your transcript or GPA verification
Award maximum: $1,000 - $3,834 per year
Opens: September
Deadline: June 1 for most students; visit website for full list of deadlines

Other Public Programs
Oregon administers additional government grants, including:

- Chafee Education and Training Grant
- Oregon Student Child Care Grant
- Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance
- Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer Grant

Applications, eligibility criteria, unique deadlines, and award maximums are online under the Grants tab.

SCHOLARSHIPS

OSAC Scholarship Programs
OSAC administers more than 600 scholarships for Oregon students. By completing a profile on the OSAC Student Portal, you can narrow down scholarship options and apply for ones that match your interests and experiences.

How to Apply: Complete the OSAC Scholarship application
Award average: $4,500
Opens: November 1
Deadline: March 1

RESOURCES

OSAC offers publications, live presentations, webinars, and more for a range of audiences at events such as college fairs and financial aid nights. You can find more resources like this on our website under the Outreach and Resources tab. You can also request a presentation from OSAC staff or learn more about the existing initiatives the office has across the state.