



Cowlitz Indian Tribe - Tuition Assistance Program

Non-Tuition Allowable Grants for Students

Federal Pell Grant

Can be used towards living expenses after other state/federal aid has been applied to tuition

Specifications: Open to residents in all US states. Needs-based, awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's degree. However, some postbaccalaureate teacher certification and prison education program students may be eligible.

Deadlines: Each state and/or college may have its own deadline.

State deadlines can be found here: [FAFSA® Application Deadlines | Federal Student Aid](#)

Federal deadline for the **2025-26 year: June 30, 2026**

Federal deadline for the **2026-27 year: June 30, 2027**

Award: As of 2026, the maximum award amount is \$7,395.00. Funds may be paid directly to the student, or their school.

To apply: submit a FAFSA form here: [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#).

For Application Assistance: [Contact Us](#)

Info link: [Federal Pell Grants | Federal Student Aid](#)

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Specifications: Open to residents in all US states. Need-based, awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree.

Deadline: Not specified, but awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Award: \$100-\$4,000/year

To apply: Submit a FAFSA, form here: [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#).

Info link: [Federal Pell Grants | Federal Student Aid](#)

Jannette Rankin Foundation – National Scholar Grant

Specifications: This is an unrestricted non-tuition grant for self-identifying women and non-binary students, 35 years+, who are pursuing a vocational/technical, first associates, or first bachelor's degree at an accredited U.S. institution. Proof of financial need is required.

Deadline: **February 13, 2026**

Award: Up to \$2,500.00

Contacts: Tiana Hudak, or Lori Smoker

Contact emails: tiana@rankinfoundation.org or lori@rankinfoundation.org

Link: [Tribal Scholar Grant - Jeannette Rankin](#)

Jannette Rankin Foundation – Tribal Scholar Grant

Specifications: This is an unrestricted non-tuition grant for self-identifying women, non-binary and Two-Spirit students, 25 years+, who are pursuing a vocational/technical, first associates, or first bachelor's degree at Tribal College. Proof of Tribal affiliation, enrollment in a Tribal College and Pell/SNAP eligibility are required.

Deadline: February 13, 2026

Award: Up to \$2,500.00

Contacts: Tiana Hudak, or Lori Smoker

Contact emails: tiana@rankinfoundation.org or lori@rankinfoundation.org

Link: [Tribal Scholar Grant - Jeannette Rankin](#)

Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG)

Can be used towards living expenses after other state/federal aid has been applied to tuition

Specifications/open to:

- Oregon residents (for at least 12 months prior to college attendance) and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen:
- For dependent students, your parent(s) must live in Oregon
- Out-of-state students who are members of [Native American tribes](#) with traditional ties to Oregon may be considered Oregon residents.
- Undergraduate student with no prior baccalaureate degrees.
- Have financial need based on the difference between cost of attendance and student's financial resources including federal aid and student's estimated family contribution.
- Have no federal student loans in default and not owe refunds on federal student grants.

Deadline: Opens October 2025 for the 2026-27 year

Award: Varies

To apply: Submit a [FAFSA or ORSAA](#) as soon as possible after the application opens each year. No other application is required.

Contact phone: (541) 687-7400, press 2

Contact email: OOGAward@hecc.oregon.gov

Link: [Oregon Opportunity Grant | Oregon Student Aid](#)

Oregon Tribal Student Grant (OTSG)

Can be used towards living expenses after other state/federal aid has been applied to tuition

Specifications: Open to members of the Burns Paiute Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Coquille Indian Tribe, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians & the Klamath Tribe. This grant provides funding for eligible Oregon tribal students to offset the cost of attendance at eligible Oregon colleges & universities.

Deadline: Closed September 29, 2025; Check back for the 2026-27 application

Award: Award amounts will vary depending on where you attend school and the degree that you are pursuing. Awards will be reduced by state and federal grants. Awards will also be reduced by publicly funded state and federal scholarships.

To apply: Submit a FAFSA or ORSAA

Contact phone: (541) 687-7400, press 2

Contact email: PublicPrograms@hecc.oregon.gov

Link: [Oregon Tribal Student Grant | Oregon Student Aid](#)

Native America Resident Grant (Portland State University -Oregon)

The Native American Resident Grant (NARG) is awarded to qualifying undergraduate first-time resident applicants who are enrolled citizens of a Federally Recognized Tribe for up to 4 academic years. Award amount is \$770 a quarter/\$2100 annually.

Website: [Native American Resident Grant | Portland State University](#)

Contact email: askres@pdx.edu

Contact phone: (503) 725-3000

Washington College Grant (WCG)

Specifications: Open to WA State residents. provides need-based financial aid to income-eligible resident students pursuing education beyond high school. Award amounts vary based on income, family size, and the school or program attended

Deadline: For FAFSA applications, please see the info above. For WASFA applications January 15th annually.

Award: Varies

To apply: Submit a FAFSA, or A WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid)

Contact: finaid@wsac.wa.gov, or College Access Initiatives at: cas@wsac.wa.gov

Link: [WA Grant Eligibility & Awards | WSAC](#)

Washington College Bound Grant (Part of the WCG)

Specifications: Open to WA State residents. Through the generous Washington College Grant (WA Grant), eligible College Bound students who fulfill the program requirements get free public college tuition, or an equivalent amount for an approved private college or career school. Students must apply for financial aid and attend a participating college in Washington.

Link to participating WA Institutions: [State Financial Aid - Participating Institutions | WSAC](#)

Deadline: Varies

Award: Free public college tuition, or an equivalent amount for an approved private college or career school.

Contact phone: (888) 535-0747, Option 1

Contact email: collegebound@wsac.wa.gov

Link: [College Bound | WSAC](#)