COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE
TUITION ASSISTANCE

Grants
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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 2026-27 year: June 30, 2027
Federal deadline for the 2027-28 year: June 30, 2028
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 12, 2027
Award: Up to $3,000.00
Contacts: Tiana Hudak, or Lori Smoker
Contact emails: tiana@rankinfoundation.org or lori@rankinfoundation.org
Link: Jeannette Rankin National 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 12, 2027
Award: Up to $3,000.00
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: Opened in October 2026 for the 2027-28 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

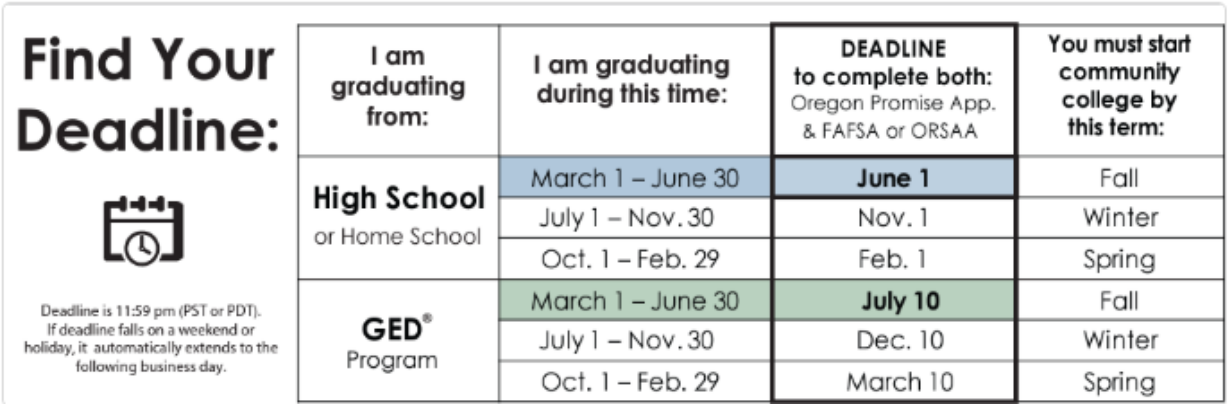
Link: Oregon Opportunity Grant | Oregon Student Aid

Oregon Promise Grant

Specifications:

- Be a recent Oregon high school graduate or GED® test graduate.
- Attend an Oregon community college by your required start term, based on your graduation date.
- Have a 2.0 cumulative high school GPA or higher, or a 145 grade on all GED® tests.
- Be an Oregon resident for at least 12 months prior to college attendance.
    - For dependent students, your parent(s) must also live in Oregon.
- Have no more than 90 college credits completed or attempted.
- Students may be subject to eligibility requirements based on their Student Aid Index (SAI). SAI eligibility requirements are subject to change based on available funding.
    - For the class of 2026 students, OSAC has classified the SAI limit at 27,000.

Deadline: Varies by graduation date.



Find Your Deadline:

Deadline is 11:59 pm (PST or PDT). If deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it automatically extends to the following business day.

I am graduating from:	I am graduating during this time:	DEADLINE to complete both: Oregon Promise App. & FAFSA or ORSAA	You must start community college by this term:
High School or Home School	March 1 – June 30	**June 1**	Fall
	July 1 – Nov. 30	Nov. 1	Winter
	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	Feb. 1	Spring
GED® Program	March 1 – June 30	**July 10**	Fall
	July 1 – Nov. 30	Dec. 10	Winter
	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	March 10	Spring

Award: Varies; To apply submit the Oregon Promise Grant application AND the FAFSA or ORSAA by the appropriate deadline, and list at least one Oregon community college on the FAFSA or ORSAA.
Contact phone: (541) 687-7400, press 2
Contact email: OregonPromise@hecc.oregon.gov

Oregon Teacher Scholars Grant
Specifications:

- The Oregon Teacher Scholars Program (OTSP) Grant provides funding for eligible candidates who have experience with diverse populations who are pursuing their preliminary licensure program for teaching, school counseling, social work, and school psychology. The OTSP Grant is offered in partnership with the Educator Advancement Council and the Oregon Department of Education. Eligible students must complete the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program (OTSP) Grant application and the FAFSA or ORSAA by the designated deadline for full consideration.
- **Continuing Scholars:** Renewal applicants (those who have received the grant in a prior year) must login to their OSAC Student Portal account and re-apply for the next academic year in addition to submitting their FAFSA or ORSAA for the corresponding academic year. Applications for the OTSP Grant are now accepted on a rolling deadline basis, with review periods prior to the start of each academic term (see "What are the deadlines?" section below).

Deadline: Varies

Award: up to $12,000 for a full-time student. The Oregon Teacher Scholars Program (OTSP) Grant award amount depends on a student's remaining eligibility and enrollment level each term. Oregon Teacher Scholars Program Grant funds are sent to the student's eligible school's Financial Aid office to be disbursed to the student's billing account with the rest of their financial aid funds on a term/semester basis.
Contact phone: (541) 687-7400, press 2
Contact email: PublicPrograms@hecc.oregon.gov

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: September 30, 2026

The Oregon Teacher Scholars Program Grant applications will be accepted on a rolling deadline basis, with review periods prior to the start of each academic term (see the list of deadlines below). Students must apply to the OTSP grant by the deadline prior to the start of their term.

I AM STARTING MY LICENSURE PROGRAM IN:	DEADLINE TO COMPLETE BOTH: OTSP APP & FAFSA OR ORSAA
Fall	April 15
Winter	September 15
Spring	December 15

Deadlines are 11:59 PM (PST or PDT). *If deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline moves to the next business day.*

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

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

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