

Oregon Senate Bill 11

My name is Kelsey Douglas and I'm a **high school student** at West Linn, interested in college affordability and opportunity.

I **support** Senate Bill 11 for the Opportunity Initiative Fund.

I have good grades and aspirations to be in the medical field. I live with my single father and brothers, one of which is currently studying to be a computer programmer. My family is not struggling financially; we are deemed "middle class" and therefore aren't eligible for as many scholarship and loan opportunities. My dad started his business just last year and it won't be built up any time soon. He faces other expenses such as the need to save for retirement. This position means that I will be relying on scholarships and loans in the preceding years to get through college. The average student debt for a 4-year college education is \$23,967. However, it takes 7 years to become a Physical Therapist, which means the expenses I will be facing are even more extravagant.

Please support Senate Bill 11; because students with educational opportunity will be able to give more back to Oregon in the years to come.