



OREGON PROMISE

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LOW-COST COMMUNITY COLLEGE: THE OREGON PROMISE

Oregon's newly launched program provides grants to support most community college tuition costs for recent high school graduates and GED recipients.

- Established by Senate Bill 81 (2015) to “provide a waiver of tuition for community college courses.”
- Grants apply after federal and state aid grant (i.e. “last dollar” model).
- Students may be eligible for up to 90 credits attempted (i.e. up to two years at full-time enrollment).
- Grant sizes ranged from minimum of \$1,000 to maximum of \$3,397 in 2016-17 (based on average community college tuition).

GOAL: To increase college enrollment, completion, and affordability for recent high school graduates and GED recipients.

OREGON PROMISE: FALL TO WINTER 2016-17

UTILIZATION AND RETENTION RATES

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	Grant Dollars Disbursed (Fall 2016)	Grant Dollars Disbursed (Winter 2017)	Grant Dollars Utilization Rate (Fall-Winter)	Number of Recipients (Fall 2016)	Number of Recipients (Winter 2017)	Retention Rate (Fall-Winter)
\$0	\$467,506	\$401,623	85.9%	1,736	1,500	86.4%
\$1 - \$4,999	\$464,283	\$418,608	90.2%	1,462	1,343	91.9%
\$5,000 - \$9,999	\$1,039,272	\$904,931	87.1%	1,062	942	88.5%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	\$1,133,013	\$1,003,160	88.5%	1,162	1,027	88.4%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	\$886,484	\$777,180	87.7%	900	790	87.8%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	\$208,683	\$183,286	87.8%	213	187	87.8%
\$60,000 - \$79,999	\$81,594	\$68,262	83.7%	82	70	85.4%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	\$48,586	\$43,798	90.1%	48	43	89.6%
\$100,000 and up	\$71,775	\$61,163	85.2%	74	65	87.8%
	\$4,401,196	\$3,862,011	87.4%	6,741	5,967	88.2%

*Dependent students generally qualify for an "automatic" \$0 EFC if annual family incomes are \$25,000 less or if family members receive means-tested benefits (TANF, WIC, etc.). Source: HECC analysis.

ANALYSIS AND REPORTS AFTER END OF 2016-17 ACADEMIC YEAR

Oregon Promise recipients by eligibility for and size of Federal Pell Grant

Estimated number of Pell Grant recipients, Pell Grant size, and estimated total Pell Grant dollars brought into Oregon by Promise Recipients based on enrollment level

Total Oregon Promise awards, mean award size, and total awarded amount by community college (i.e. based on dollars disbursed)

Oregon Promise recipients as percentage of all community college students

Oregon Promise recipients, FTE enrollment, and percentage of Promise recipients per FTE by community college

Oregon Promise recipients by race/ethnicity

Oregon Promise recipients by prior dual-credit enrollment