

Hello to the ways and means committee,

My name is Elisa Salgado and I am studying Psychology at University of Oregon.

I am a recipient of the Oregon Opportunity Grant. In addition, I've had to take thousands of dollars of loans to have housing. I have also had to take out the parent plus loan in my disabled mother's name during the pandemic to avoid being evicted. I have to work three jobs to keep myself financially supported while studying at the UO. I had to sacrifice hours of sleep to make sure I could keep my head above water in terms of finances and academic performance.

3 out of every 4 students who needs the Oregon Opportunity Grant does not get it. Please help students by investing \$290 M in the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

Thanks for your consideration,

Elisa Salgado