



Overview of Oregon Financial Aid Programs

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Need-Based Aid: The Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG)

Oregon's *only* state-funded, need-sensitive grant program

OOG awards can be used at eligible Oregon institutions for up to 4 years of full-time enrollment.

Current maximum award amounts have been based on approximately 17% of previous year's Cost of Attendance.

2022-23 Awarding (full-time)

- \$3,600 per year (*community college*)
- \$4,692 per year (*public university/private nonprofit 4-year institution*)

GOAL:

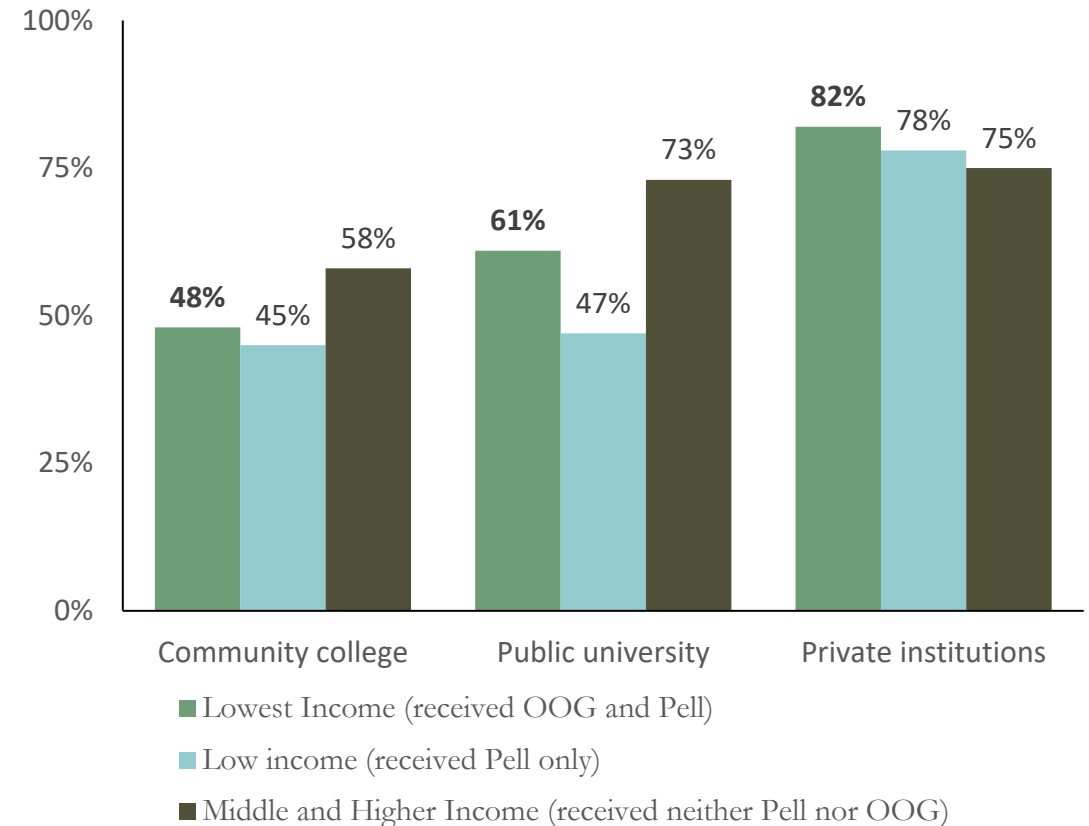
To increase college enrollment, completion, and affordability for Oregon students who have demonstrated financial need.

OOG Recipients Continued in and Completed Their Degree Programs at Higher Rates than Other Students from Low-income Backgrounds

Students with the OOG are slightly **more likely to return** after their first year in college and are **more likely to earn** a certificate or degree than other low-income students.

Students with the OOG who complete a degree are also able to **complete their degree slightly faster** than other low-income students.

Completion rate by educational sector and EFC level

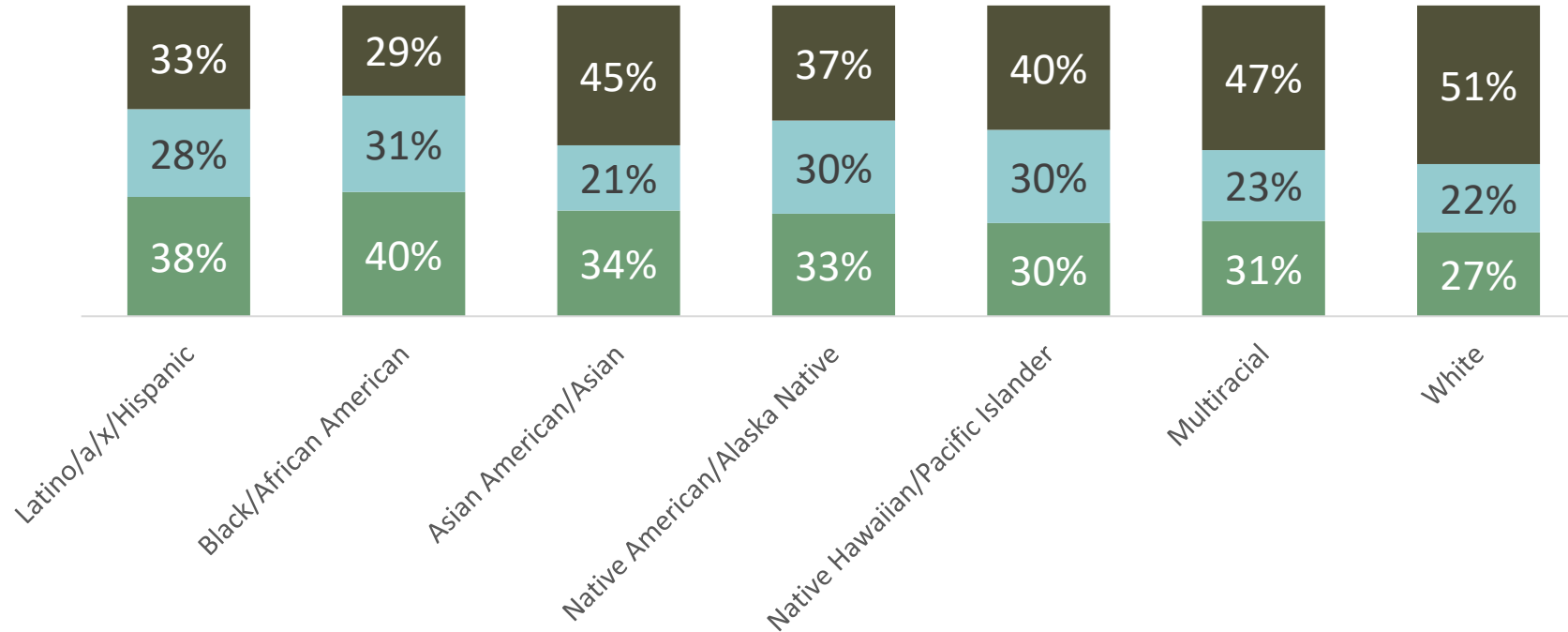


Source: HECC-R&D, January 2021, “Annual Evaluation of the Oregon Opportunity Grant: House Bill 2407 (2015)”

<https://www.oregon.gov/highered/research/Documents/Reports/HECC-HB-2407-OOG-2021-Report.pdf>

The OOG Disproportionately Serves Our Students of Color

Distribution of Oregon students across EFC levels for racial/ethnic groups



- Middle and Higher Income (Neither Pell or OOG)
- Low Income (Pell-only Recipients)
- Lowest Income (OOG Recipients)

Over recent years, about half of OOG recipients are from public universities and just under half are at community colleges.

Prior to the 2018-19 awarding season, the OOG award was increased to keep up with rising cost of attendance. Limitations on program funding increases have meant fewer students have received the award.

Increased investment in the OOG in 2021-23 extends the program's reach

The investment into the OOG has resulted in various transformative steps to increase access to aid and affordability.

2021- 2022 Raised the EFC cap from 3,500 to 6,000

- A significant increase in the EFC cap, from 3,500 to 6,000 EFC, a major shift upward and slightly higher than the EFC limit for the federal Pell Grant of 5,846.
- Removed early FAFSA/ORSA filing deadlines, and the long-standing fall enrollment requirement.

2022-2023 Raised award amounts and the EFC cap to 8,000

- Not only was the EFC raised but award amounts also increased. In 2021-22 top award amounts were 13% of COA and are 17% of COA for 2022-23. Awards are now tiered by EFC level (level of need) and expanded to serve more Oregonians.
- Continuation of the removal of early filing deadlines and fall enrollment requirements.
- The traditional fall enrollment requirement was removed which provided flexibility to nontraditional learners of all ages and resulted in more than **3,500** additional students awarded OOG. There were more than **6,200 additional OOG recipients** in 2021-22 than in 2020-21.
- As of today, more than 56,000 Oregon residents have been extended the OOG award for the 2022-23 school year, only time will tell how many will enroll and utilize it this school year.

OSAC awards until the money allocated for the academic year is forecasted to be exhausted.

We projected to spend 48% in the first year of the biennium (about \$96M), and 52% in the second year (about \$104M).

State Would Benefit from Additional Investment in the OOG

Completion of a postsecondary certificate or degree benefits Oregonians and communities: higher incomes, upward economic mobility lifelong health, family, and civic benefits

The OOG directly serves Oregon's historically underserved low-income populations and is linked to student success.

Primary limitation to expanding the positive OOG impacts:
insufficient resources

Read more from an in-depth evaluation of the impacts of the OOG in the Annual Evaluation of the Oregon Opportunity Grant:

- <https://www.oregon.gov/highered/research/Documents/Reports/HECC-HB-2407-OOG-2021-Report.pdf>
- “If Oregon is going to emerge from the pandemic recession equitably, meet its educational goals, and enjoy the economic and social stability that accompany them, expanded state-based financial aid seems not only warranted but required.”

The Oregon Promise Grant (OPG)

Funds to assist with community college tuition costs for recent high school/GED® graduates

Award can be used at any Oregon community college, up to 90 attempted college credits

2022-23 Awarding (full-time)

- \$2,000 per year (*minimum*)
- \$4,128 per year (*maximum*)



GOAL:

To increase college enrollment, completion, and affordability for recent high school and GED® test graduates.

2022 Oregon Promise Reforms – Senate Bill 1522

Award Calculation Update

- The \$50 per term co-pay has been removed
- The minimum award increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for full-time, full-year students
 - The award will increase each year at the same rate as the maximum award

Renewal Update

- The First-Year Experience is no longer be a requirement to renew the Oregon Promise Grant

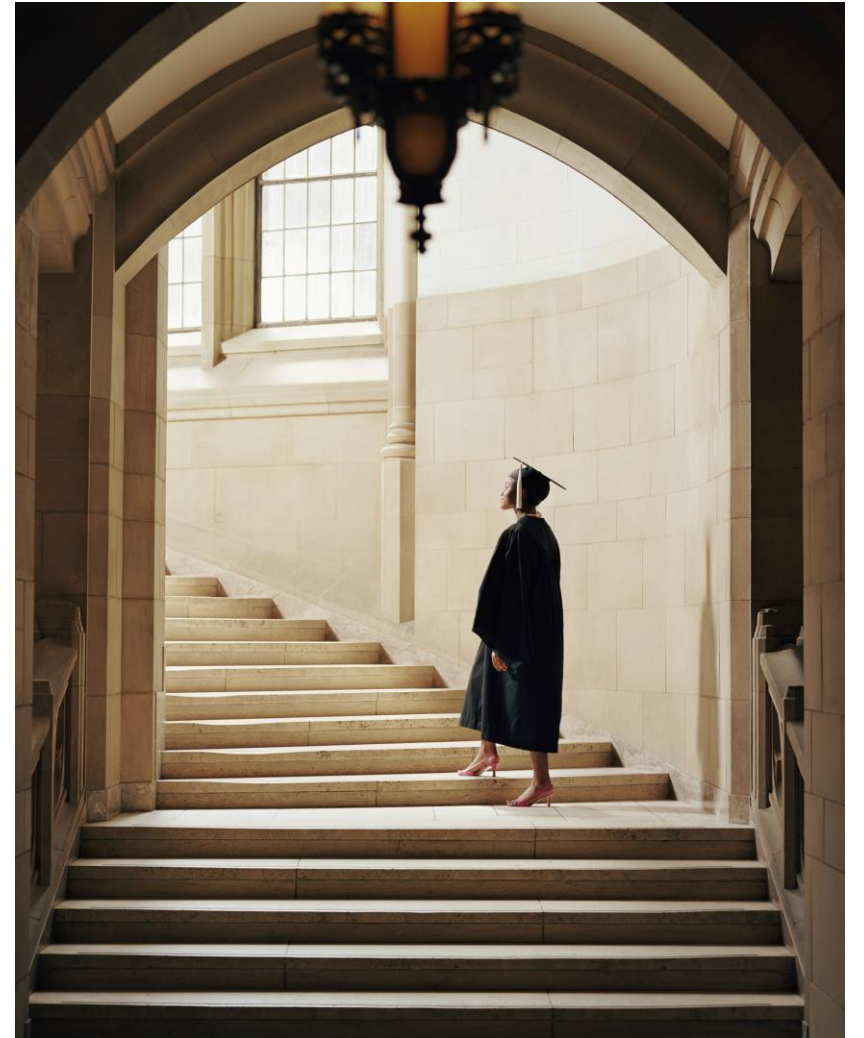
Eligibility Update

- Starting with the Class of 2022 (March 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022, graduates), the GPA requirement has been lowered to a cumulative, unweighted 2.0



2022 Launch of Oregon Tribal Student Grant

- One time funding of \$19 million was approved in the 2022 Legislative Session for the 2022-23 academic year
- Application opened May 1, 2022
- To qualify, members of the 9 federally recognized Oregon tribes must complete the grant application, the FAFSA/ORSAA, and provide their enrollment verification form
- As of 1/19/2023, **535 applicants authorized to receive grant funds.**



The Oregon Tribal Student Grant (OTSG)

Funds for eligible Oregon tribal students to offset the cost of attendance

Award can be used at any eligible Oregon institutions for up to the average cost of attendance after state/federal grants and scholarships

2022-23 Awarding (full-time)

- **Community College award**
 - Max \$25,544
 - Current Estimated Average \$15,244
- **4-year college/university award**
 - Max \$33,639
 - Current Estimated Average \$23,235



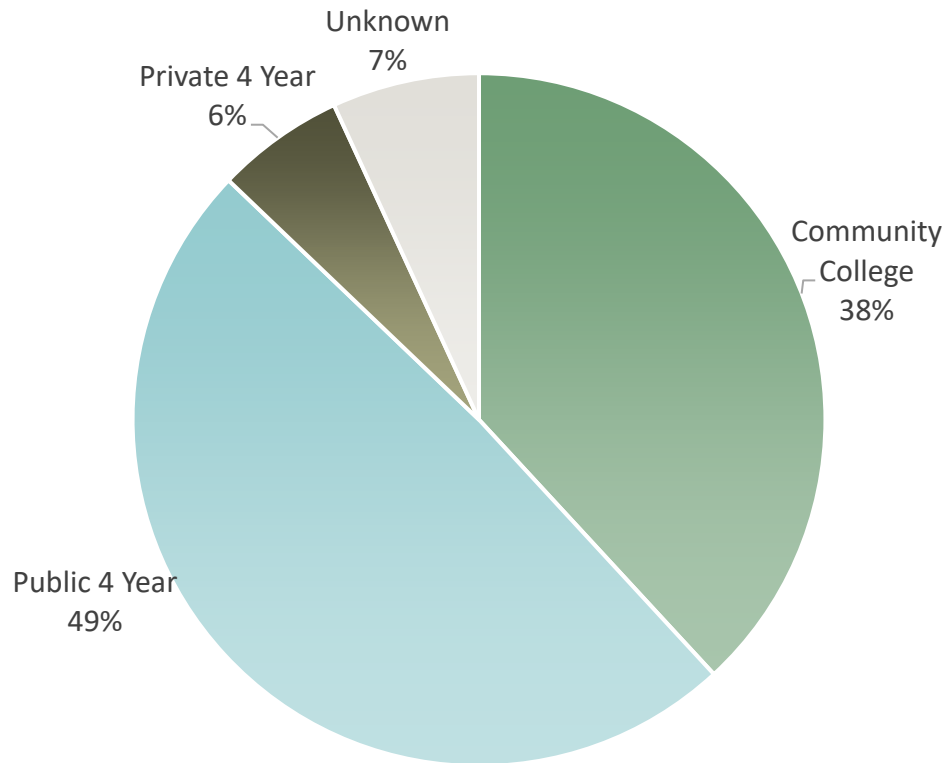
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Eliminate college affordability barriers for students who are enrolled members of Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes.

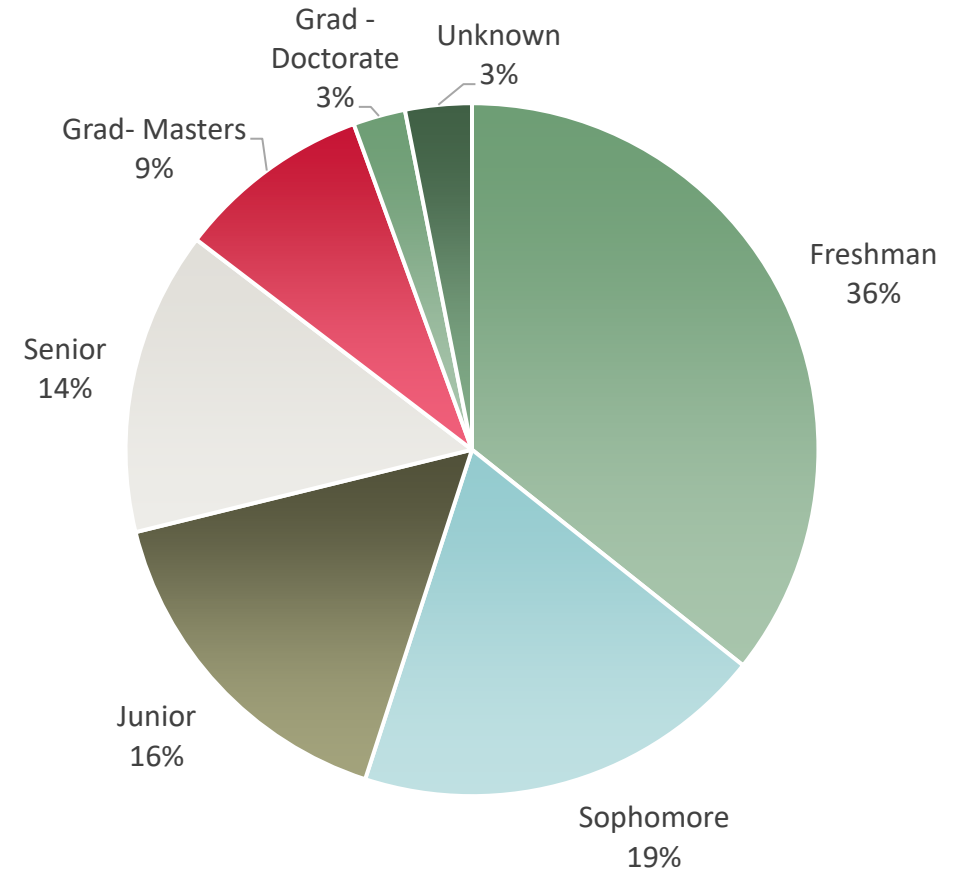
Oregon Tribal Student Grant

Participation in the Oregon Tribal Student Grant Program for the Fall 2022

Eligible Applicants by College Sector

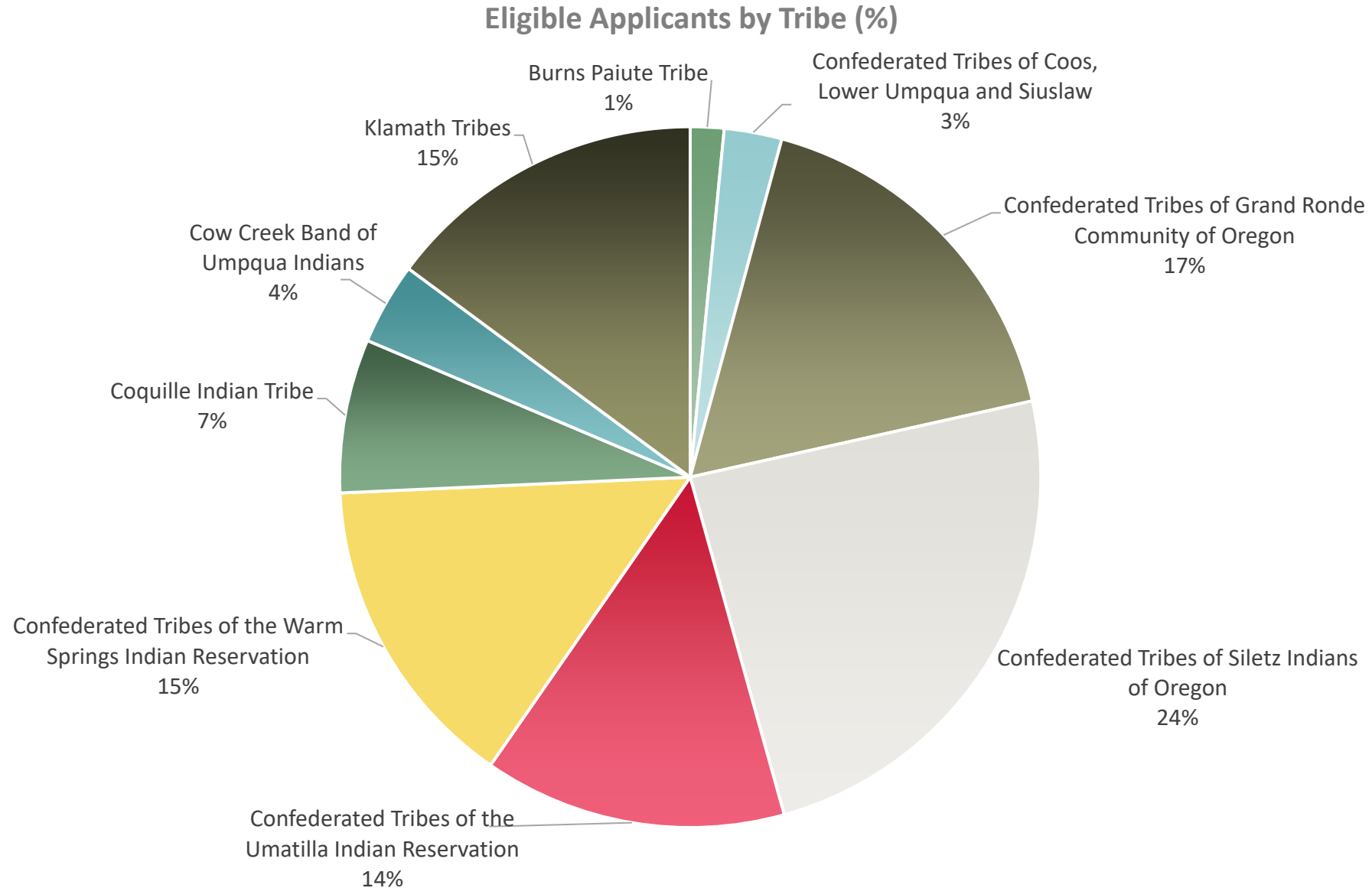


Eligible Applicants by Class Standing



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Oregon Student Child Care Grant

Provides funds to student parents to pay for childcare needs

Eligible applicants have a dependent under the age of 12

- Dependent can exceed 12 years old if the dependent qualifies as having special needs

Students must use an eligible childcare provider and be pursuing an undergrad degree

Grant Recipients

- Nearly every recipient is Pell eligible, and most recipients are OOG eligible
- Majority of these students have an EFC of 0
- Most students are pursuing a 4-year degree

School Year	Total Recipients	Total Awarded	Total Applicants
2016-17	88	\$481,044	751
2017-18	85	\$455,543	1170
2018-19	86	\$501,481	622
2019-20	84	\$466,038	471
2020-21*	101	\$626,556	440
2021-22	86	\$533,700	332
2022-23**	137	\$1,173,057	368

Child Care Grant Data and Findings

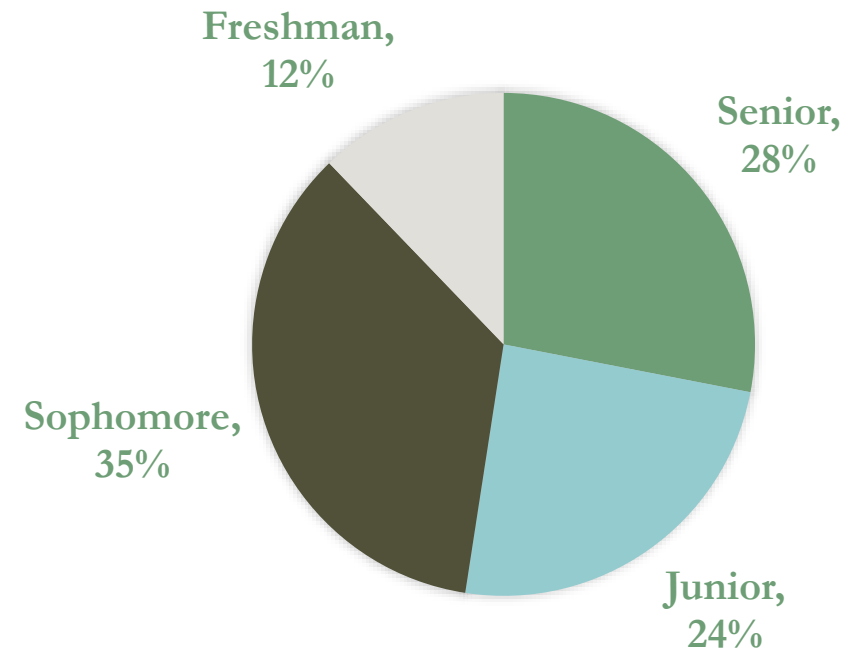
Degree Completion

Data suggests that about 75-80% of Child Care Grant Recipients completed degrees.

Award Prioritization

The Child Care Grant currently prioritizes upperclassmen in awarding funds. However, as additional funds are added, OSAC can award students earlier in their college experience. In 2021, 38% of recipients had received the grant in prior years.

2021-22 RECIPIENTS BY CLASS STANDING



Chafee Education and Training Grant

Funding for current or former foster care youth

Federal program administered at state level by OSAC and Oregon DHS's Independent Living Program. Students are eligible for a maximum of 5 years or until age 26.

Awards

- Awards are based on need after receiving other aid like Pell Grants, Oregon Opportunity Grants, or scholarships
- Award amounts may vary, but will not exceed \$5,000 per academic year

Program Year	# of Students	Award Amount
2018-19	209	\$814,408
<i>Federal allocation for Oregon lowered, partially due to a decline in the state's foster youth population</i>		
2019-20	159	\$316,162
2020-21	148 / 259	\$359,039 / \$1,389,460
2021-22	257	\$1,114,816
2022-23	238	\$1,124,726

Oregon National Guard Tuition Assistance (ONGSTA)

History

HB 4035(2018)

- Last pay, tuition only program after all other federal, military and state grants were applied towards tuition balance of undergraduate degree programs at Oregon public universities and community colleges

HB 2817(2019)

- Expanded for use at OHSU, eligible private colleges, universities and for approved undergraduate certificate programs

SB 101(2021)

- Award calculations restructured to be first pay after Department of Defense Federal Tuition Assistance funds applied towards student's tuition balance.
- Allowed the HECC to determine a fee award structure and a book allowance

Current Overview

- Provides financial aid to active members of Oregon National Guard for their undergraduate college tuition
- Usable at Oregon community colleges, public universities, OHSU, and eligible private institutions
- Provides aid to those who do not qualify for other low-income financial aid programs

OSAC Private Scholarships: By the Numbers

Recent Scholarship Statistics



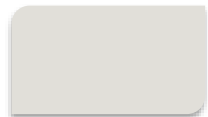
\$10 million+ in scholarships were disbursed to more than **3,400 students** in 2022-23 aid year and **3,300 students** for the 2021-22 academic year.



\$3,300 was the average award amount with awards ranging from **\$500** to **\$40,000**.



12 new scholarships were added to our scholarship portfolio as of the 2023-24 application year, 600+ scholarships administered by OSAC



More than **80%** of current OSAC scholarships are open to students with DACA and undocumented status

Additional Financial Aid Programs

JOB Plus

- Postsecondary education funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) clients
- Participants redeem funds from Individual Education Accounts (IEAs)

Barbers & Hairdressers Grant

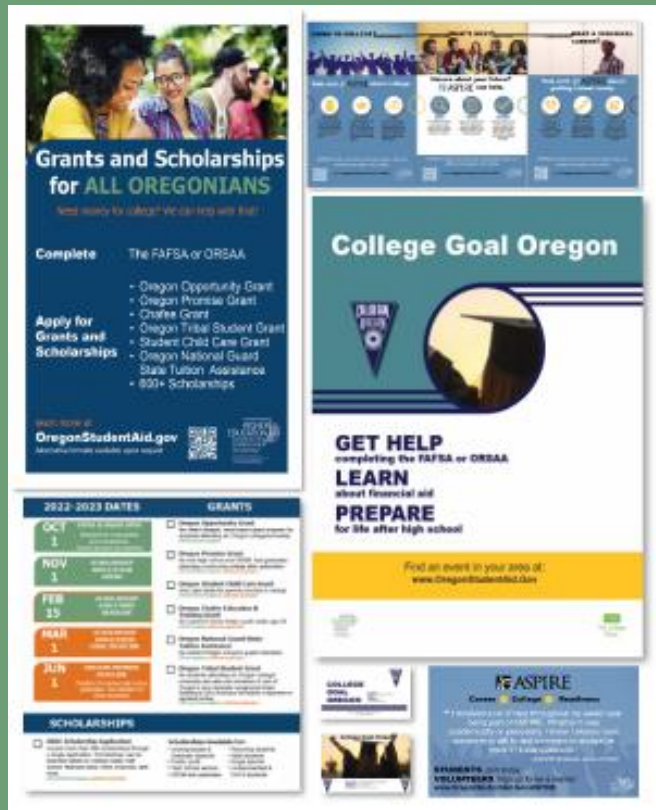
- For students attending eligible schools of barbering, hair design, manicure, or cosmetology
- Grants based on interest earnings from endowment fund

Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer Grant

- Funding for dependents of Oregon public safety officers who were killed or disabled in the line of duty
- Public safety officers include corrections, fire service, parole and probation, among others

OSAC Publications and Communications

Examples OSAC Publications

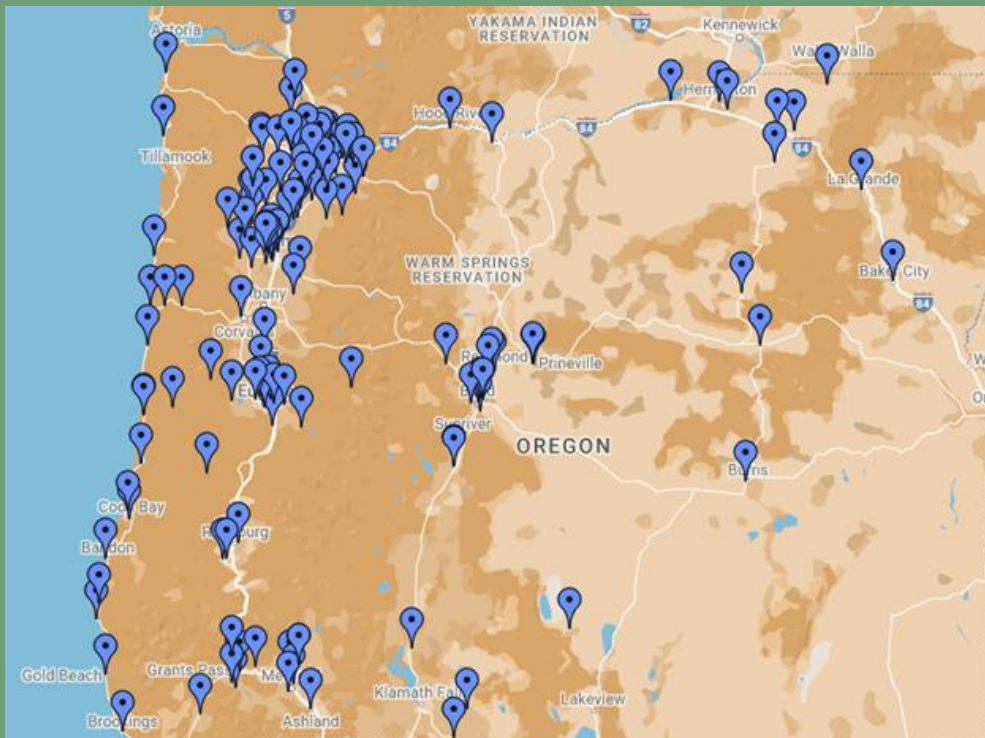


Publications and Communications Data

- Website enhancements; OregonStudentAid.gov has new clean look, greater accessibility, and translation capabilities
- OSAC has 26 different publications for order on our website
 - 25,663 Items ordered this year
 - 5,782 were in Spanish
- Social Media: Active social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube

ASPIRE

Map of ASPIRE Sites for PY 22-23



Serving the State of Oregon

- ASPIRE currently serves 176 sites across Oregon
- Fall Conference: To better serve our state we hosted two ASPIRE Fall Conferences this year at:
 - Western Oregon University
 - Eastern Oregon University
- Regional meetings: ASPIRE hosts regional meetings at multiple locations across the state in the spring

OSAC Outreach

Outreach Requests by Location

Albany	Hillsboro	Pleasant Hill
Amity	Hood River	Portland
Beaverton	Klamath Falls	Redmond
Bend	La Grande	Rogue River
Brookings	Marcola	Roseburg
Canyonville	Milwaukie	Salem
Coos Bay	Molalla	Sandy
Estacada	Monmouth	Sixes
Elmira	Newport	Springfield
Eugene	Ontario	Tillamook
Gresham	Oregon City	Woodburn
Hermiston	Pendleton	

Types of Outreach Support

- OSAC offers outreach support including:
 - Facilitating presentations on financial aid and career and college readiness
 - Assisting with FAFSA/ORSAA and scholarship completion events
 - Participating in career college readiness events
 - And more
- Currently 71 sites have requested outreach support from OSAC

Resources and Reports

Oregon Student Aid Resources & Information:

<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/>

Oregon Opportunity Grant Report:

<https://www.oregon.gov/highered/research/Documents/Reports/2022-HB2407-Oregon-Opportunity-Grant-Report.pdf>

Oregon Promise Report:

<https://www.oregon.gov/highered/research/Documents/Reports/2022-SB81-Oregon-Promise.pdf>

Public High School FAFSA/ORSA completion:

<https://www.oregon.gov/highered/research/Pages/fin-aid-application-data.aspx>

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