

# OREGON OPPORTUNITY GRANT

The **Oregon Opportunity Grant** is Oregon's largest state-funded, need-based grant program for post-secondary students. The grant produces funding for nearly 40,000 Oregon resident students each year. OOG is available to those who are pursuing their first associate or bachelor's degree at an eligible public or private institution and enrolled at least half time.

OOG is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible students with the highest financial need until funds are depleted. Amounts vary based on a student's financial need and type of institution the student attends. Students must file the FAFSA or ORSAA each year to be considered for the OOG. The FAFSA/ORSAA filing deadline varies each year based on the number of eligible FAFSA/ORSAA filers and available funds.

**2023-2025 OOG**  
**\$308 million**

**2025-2027 GRB**  
**\$354 million**

**OUR ASK**  
**\$450 million**

## WHAT THE ADDITIONAL ALMOST \$150 MILLION MEANS...

An investment of an additional almost \$150 million to the Oregon Opportunity Grant program would allow more than **15,000 additional students** to receive funds, further decreasing the affordability gap for Oregon's low-income college students.

## EXPECTED AWARDS WOULD MOVE FROM....

\$4,272 at Community Colleges to **\$5,334**

\$5,964 for two-year BAS degrees to **\$7,248**

\$7,800 at four-year institutions to **\$9,312**



## With \$150 million more...

The maximum award amount would cover 92% of tuition for community college students and 82% of tuition for students attending a four-year public institution.

OSAC would have the flexibility to waive fall enrollment requirement (i.e. students could start college mid-year) and to take into consideration situations where a student's family has experienced a significant loss of income.

Award amounts would keep pace with the rising costs of college and living, close the affordability gap, and encourage full-time enrollment.

Allow more room for success with last dollar programs like Oregon Promise and Oregon Tribal Student Grant,

# HIGHER EDUCATION ADVOCACY GROUP



The Higher Education Advocacy Group - **HEAG** is made up of public and private four-year and community college representatives as well as students, HECC and legislative committee staff.

Our goal to work collectively toward improving post-secondary education in Oregon.

We hope public policymakers will consider us a resource while building education policy for the state.



## WHAT MATTERS TO US...

- Supporting Students
- Post-secondary Affordability & Access
- Providing Community Leadership



A successful future for Oregon demands that a college education—and the return on investment that comes with it—is within reach of all Oregon families who want it. Access to an affordable postsecondary education is critical to meeting the state's workforce needs and economic goals and to ensure students are able to reach their full potential, regardless of their background.

## HEAG MEMBERS

### The Alliance

Bushnell University  
Corban University  
George Fox University  
Lewis & Clark College  
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Pacific University  
Reed College  
University of Portland  
Warner Pacific University  
Western Seminary  
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### Oregon Community College Association (OCCA)

Blue Mountain Community College  
Central Oregon Community College  
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Clatsop Community College  
Columbia Gorge Community College  
Klamath Community College  
Lane Community College  
Linn-Benton Community College  
Mt. Hood Community College  
Oregon Coast Community College  
Portland Community College  
Rogue Community College  
Southwestern Oregon Community College  
Tillamook Bay Community College  
Treasure Valley Community College  
Umpqua Community College

### The Oregon Council of Presidents (OCOP)

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