

Oregon's Community Colleges

Student Aid Overview



Background

Financial assistance is critical for most Oregon community college students to be able to pursue their post-secondary educational goals. However, not all financial aid is created equal, and not all students qualify to receive all types of aid. Here is a general overview of the three primary financial assistance opportunities.

Aid Program	Eligibility	Maximum Award	Type of Aid	When Students Can Apply	% of CC Students Receiving Aid (2021-22)
Oregon Opportunity Grant <i>Oregon's largest and primary source of state need-based financial aid for college students.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have financial need based on the difference between cost of attendance and student's financial resources including federal aid and student's estimated family contribution • Must maintain satisfactory academic progress • Finite amount of funding 	2023-24 awards range from \$1,602 - \$3,900	First Dollar	Prior to the start of Fall Term	10.4%
Oregon Promise Grant <i>State grant that helps cover tuition costs at any Oregon community college for recent high school graduates and GED® test graduates.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must enroll in a community college within 6 months of graduating high school or passing the GED® test; vast majority of adults NOT eligible • Must have 2.0 GPA or higher or at least a 145 on all GED® tests • Have no more than 90 college credits completed or attempted • Must maintain satisfactory academic progress 	2023-24 awards range from \$2,058 to \$4,248 for full-time, full-year students.	Last Dollar - must first accept all other state and federal grant aid offered	During senior year of high school or immediately following completion of GED® test	4.1%
Pell Grant <i>Federal grant available to undergraduate students displaying financial need.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must display exceptional financial need and have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree; finite amount of funding • As long as they don't exceed 12 full terms • Available to incarcerated individuals • Must maintain satisfactory academic progress 	2023-24 award maximum is \$7,395	First Dollar	Anytime	13.7%