



# The Oregon Opportunity Grant

The **Oregon Opportunity Grant** (OOG), formerly called the state Need Grant, is a state-funded need-based grant that serves low-income undergraduate Oregonians attending eligible Oregon institutions. Grant eligibility is based solely on financial need, without regard to grade point average, class standing, test scores, etc. All students who file their *Free Application for Federal Financial Aid* (FAFSA) forms and list at least one participating Oregon college or university are considered for the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

## **To be eligible for an Oregon Opportunity Grant students must meet all of these requirements:**

- Be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States.
- Be a resident of Oregon.
- Be an undergraduate student attending a nonprofit, postsecondary college eligible to participate in federal Title IV programs and headquartered in Oregon.
- Show financial need, based on family income and household size.
- Be enrolled at least half-time (minimum 6 credit-hours per term) in a certificate- or degree-granting program.
- Apply annually by completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) form.
- Be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Not be in default on any federal student loan or owe a repayment on a federal student grant.

## **If you qualify:**

- The Opportunity Grant may be received for the equivalent of twelve quarters or eight semesters of full-time enrollment. Students must also maintain satisfactory academic progress and file a new *FAFSA* each year to demonstrate continued financial need.
- Students who enroll in a course of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education are not eligible to receive this grant.
- Schools that are listed on the student's FAFSA will notify the student if she/he qualifies for an Oregon Opportunity Grant

## **Award amounts based on type of institution:**

**Amount of Awards:** Opportunity Grants vary in amount, based on the cost of attendance at the institution the student chooses to attend.

### **2006-07 Award Amounts**

Community Colleges	\$1,398
Oregon University System Institutions	\$1,674
Private 4-year Institutions (varies by school)	\$2,196 –\$4,684

## **Next Steps:**

- After filing your *FAFSA*, go ahead and complete the Oregon Student Assistance Commission's Scholarship application available mid-October and due March 1 each year.
- Applications are available at local high schools and colleges and on the web at **[www.GetCollegeFunds.org](http://www.GetCollegeFunds.org)**.
- Stay in touch with the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend!

