

INFORMATION FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

If you change high schools between the time you enroll in Oklahoma's Promise (OKPromise) and the time you graduate, inform your new school that you are an OKPromise student and also notify the OKPromise office.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS (MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME THE STUDENT GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL):

- You must strictly follow the 17-unit college preparatory curriculum listed below. Be aware some courses that qualify for high school graduation requirements do not qualify for OKPromise requirements. For more information, go to the Frequently Asked Questions section at www.okpromise.org.
- You must achieve at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA for all course work attempted in grades 9 through 12.
- You must also achieve at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA for the 17-unit OKPromise core curriculum. *
[*If you're a homeschool student or you're graduating from a high school not accredited by the Oklahoma State Board of Education, you must also achieve a composite score of 22 or higher on an ACT test reported on an official test report issued by ACT. "Residual" (or On-Campus) ACT test scores do not qualify.]
- If you have a disability or you're on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) the core courses you complete must have the same academic content and be of the same academic rigor as the regular college preparatory core courses offered by your high school in the same academic subject to qualify for the scholarship. It's important to note that courses titled "Concepts" or "Essentials" don't meet Oklahoma's Promise requirements or count toward curricular requirements for college admission.

4	English (grammar, composition, literature: courses should include an integrated writing component)
3	Lab science (biology, chemistry, physics, or any lab science certified by the school district. General science with or without a lab may not be used to meet this requirement)
3	Mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, math analysis, trigonometry, pre-calculus, statistics and probability [must have completed geometry and Algebra II], calculus, Advanced Placement statistics)
3	History and Citizenship skills including 1 unit of American history and 2 units from the subjects of history, economics, geography, government, and/or non-Western Culture.
2	2 units of Foreign or non-English language (two years of the same language) OR 2 units of Computer Technology (Courses in programming, hardware, and business computer applications such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics will qualify. Keyboarding or typing classes <u>do not</u> qualify.) (1 foreign language & 1 computer course <u>will not</u> meet this requirement.)
1	Additional course from any of the subjects listed above or psychology, sociology or any concurrent liberal arts and science course at a State System institution.
1	Fine arts (music, art, or drama) or speech

- You must also agree to:
 - attend school regularly and do homework regularly [you must be in attendance at least 80% of each school year, excluding absences excused by the school];
 - refrain from substance abuse [you must not be adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile and not convicted of a crime as an adult by a court of law for an offense involving a controlled dangerous substance];
 - refrain from criminal or delinquent acts [you must not be adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile and not convicted of a crime as an adult by a court of law];
 - have your school work and school records reviewed by an appropriate school official;
 - when requested, provide information to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or the State Board of Education and participate in program activities.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS

Your parent(s), custodial parent(s), or guardian(s) must sign your agreement and further agree to:

- help you comply with the program requirements;
- talk with the school contact person or other program personnel when asked to do so;
- when requested, provide information to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or the State Board of Education;
- help you complete any forms or reports required for program participation, apply for admission to institutions and schools of higher learning, and file applications for college financial aid.

When it's time for you to graduate from high school, you and your parent(s) should check with the school contact person to make sure your school has confirmed with the State Regents for Higher Education that you completed the program requirements. Your OKPromise scholarship can't be awarded until the school contact person provides your necessary documentation to the State Regents.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION

- Oklahoma's Promise students graduating high school are subject to a second income limit and you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<https://studentaid.gov>) each year you're enrolled in college or at a technology center. The information from the FAFSA will be used to determine whether or not your parents' federal adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds \$100,000 (the income limit will apply to your income if you are officially determined to be financially independent of your parents). The check of the second income limit will be applied each year you're enrolled in college or at a technology center. For any year that the income reported on your current FAFSA exceeds \$100,000, you won't be eligible to receive the OKPromise benefit for that year. If the income is less than \$100,000 in a future year, you may be eligible for the award that year. Any year that you don't receive the award because the income exceeds the limit will count toward your five-year period of scholarship eligibility. [For certain students adopted between the ages of birth and 12, the second income limit will be \$150,000. For certain students adopted between the ages of 13 and 17, the second income limit will be \$200,000].
- You must be a resident of Oklahoma at the time of high school graduation according to the residency policy of the Oklahoma State Regents' for Higher Education (OSRHE policy 3.18 – In-State/Out-of-State Status of Enrolled Students). [In accordance with this policy, students who are temporarily in the United States on a visa and graduate from an Oklahoma high school are not considered residents of Oklahoma and may not be eligible for the OKPromise award.]
- Students who enroll in Oklahoma's Promise must be a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States at the time they enter postsecondary education to receive the program award. Students who later become a United States citizen or lawfully present may become eligible for the award at that time. Students with temporary DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) immigration status are not eligible to receive the OKPromise scholarship.

- The award can only be used at eligible institutions within Oklahoma. It's not available for students attending colleges/postsecondary institutions outside Oklahoma. You must enroll in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at an eligible college or in a program that meets the requirements for federal financial aid at a public career technology center. A list of eligible colleges is available at <http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/colleges-universities/list.shtml>. A list of public technology centers is available at <https://www.okcareertech.org/technology-centers>.
- You must meet the regular admission requirements for the institution you plan to attend. Students admitted to an institution by special or alternative admission standards are not eligible for the award their first semester of enrollment. Completion of the program's high school requirements does not guarantee admission to an institution of higher education. Admission standards for state public colleges and universities can be found at <https://secure.okcollegestart.org/College Planning/Prepare for College/grades to make.aspx>.
- You must begin classes in college or at a technology center within three years of graduating high school. [Students that cannot meet this three-year deadline due to active military service may receive an extension to the three-year limit. This provision applies only to students serving in the U.S. Armed Services, the Reserve Corps of the U.S. Armed Services and the Oklahoma National Guard.] Please contact the OKPromise office for information regarding exceptions to this requirement.
- Once you begin classes in college or at a technology center, you're eligible for benefits for a maximum of five consecutive years or completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. (For students serving on active military duty during this time period, please contact the OKPromise office for information regarding exceptions to this requirement.).
- You can't use the OKPromise award to pay for noncredit remedial courses.
- Your OKPromise award will not cover courses taken in excess of the requirements for completion of a baccalaureate (undergraduate) degree program.
- Payment of your OKPromise scholarship is limited to 129 semester credit hours. Exceptions to the limit may be considered for degree programs that require more than 129 semester credit hours. Contact the OKPromise office for information regarding exceptions to this requirement.
- Your award will not be available for the summer semester immediately following your high school graduation. Since official eligibility for the OKPromise award is not determined until high school graduation, your eligibility cannot be determined in time to process your award for the first summer semester. Your first award will be available for the fall semester. However, once you're officially verified in our system, you may use the award in summer semesters of later years.
- Once in college, you must meet the following requirements to remain eligible for your scholarship benefits.
 - ✓ You must maintain "satisfactory academic progress" (SAP) according to the college's policy as required for eligibility for federal Title IV student financial aid programs. This requirement applies to ALL OKPromise students, even if the student is not currently receiving federal financial aid. Please contact the financial aid office at the institution you're attending for specific questions regarding their SAP policy.
 - ✓ You must also meet any other requirements for retention, degree completion, or "good academic standing" as established by the college in which you're enrolled.
 - ✓ If you're suspended from a college or technology center for more than one semester for conduct reasons, you will lose the scholarship permanently.

HOW IS THE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT DETERMINED?

- The OKPromise award is not a pre-set amount; the award amount depends upon the institution you attend and the number of hours in which you enroll. The award is calculated on the resident tuition cost¹ only; the award does not include the cost of other required fees, room and board expenses, books, or other costs related to college attendance. Tuition rates are set and approved during the summer. These rates will be posted on our website at <http://www.okpromise.org> in July.
- Oklahoma Public Colleges and Universities: The OKPromise award will equal the resident tuition¹ at Oklahoma public colleges and universities. It does not include the cost of other required fees such as student activity fees, facility fees, library fees, technology fees, health fees, special or remedial course fees, parking fees, etc. The final amount awarded to each student will vary depending on the tuition rates in effect at the time, the type of institution attended, and the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled. A list of institutions is available at <http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/colleges-universities/list.shtml>.

Examples of a semester award at public institutions:

Type of Public Institution	2021-22		Hours Enrolled (2)		OKPromise Semester Award
	Tuition Rate (1)				
Research University	\$173.00 per credit hr.	X	15	=	\$2,595.00
Regional University	\$191.00 per credit hr.	X	15	=	\$2,865.00
Community College (2 yr.)	\$117.00 per credit hr.	X	15	=	\$1,755.00
Technical Branch (2 yr.)	\$140.00 per credit hr.	X	15	=	\$2,100.00

⁽¹⁾ Tuition rates are subject to change and may be higher or lower at different institutions; an **average** rate is shown. The award is based on the non-guaranteed resident tuition rate. If the student opts for the guaranteed rate of tuition, he/she will be responsible for the cost difference. ⁽²⁾ Enrollment in 12-15 semester credit hours per fall or spring semester is considered full-time enrollment. While students are not required to take a certain number of credit hours each semester, students will need to take 12-15 credit hours per semester to complete a bachelor's degree within the five-year time period allowed.

- Oklahoma Independent/Private Colleges and Universities: The OKPromise award will cover a portion of the tuition at accredited independent/private colleges or universities in Oklahoma that offer an associate degree and higher. The amount awarded to a student attending an independent/private institution will be equivalent to the amount the student would have received if the student had attended a comparable public institution. Comparability is determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Examples of a semester award at independent/private institutions:

Type of Independent Institution	Independent Tuition Rate(1)	OKPromise Award Rate(2)		Hours Enrolled(3)		OKPromise Semester Award
Research University	\$600 / hr.	\$173.00/ hr.	X	15	=	\$2,595.00
Regional University	\$600 / hr.	\$191.00/ hr.	X	15	=	\$2,865.00
Assoc. degree inst.	\$600 / hr.	\$117.00/ hr.	X	15	=	\$1,755.00

¹The tuition rates shown here are for example only. Actual tuition rates may be higher or lower, and will vary by institution. ²At independent research and regional universities, the OKPromise award is the average of the rates at public institutions. ³Enrollment in 12-15 semester credit hours per fall or spring semester is considered full-time enrollment. While students are not required to take a certain number of credit hours each semester, students will need to take 12-15 credit hours per semester to complete a bachelor's degree within the five-year time period allowed.

- Public Career Technology Programs: The OKPromise award will cover a portion of the tuition cost for enrollment in certain programs at public career technology centers supervised by the Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education. Programs must meet the requirements to be eligible for federal student financial aid. The award is limited to an amount similar to tuition at a public two-year college.

SINCE THE OKPROMISE AWARD DOES NOT PAY FOR ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COLLEGE, HOW WILL IT AFFECT OTHER FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH I MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

- As an OKPromise award recipient, you may also receive other financial aid for which you're eligible, such as the federal Pell Grant, Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG), other academic scholarships, fee or tuition waivers, student loans, etc.
- The only state restriction on other financial aid is that as an OKPromise award recipient, you may not receive total financial aid that is more than your cost of attending an Oklahoma college or technology center, as determined by the institution in which you're enrolled. If necessary, your OKPromise award may be reduced or eliminated so that your total financial aid doesn't exceed the cost of attendance or budget.
- If you receive federal financial aid, such as federal Pell Grants, federal student loans, Federal Work-Study (FWS) and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), you may be subject to federal regulations that limit other sources of financial aid you're eligible to receive (such as the OKPromise award).
- Oklahoma's Promise can be used for distance learning courses (online, interactive video, correspondence, etc.) offered for college credit by an eligible Oklahoma institution and for college-credit courses taken through an institution's continuing education/extension divisions. However, all students must go through the financial aid and/or bursar's office for payment processing. Award payments for these courses will be limited to the tuition rate of the institution's regular on-campus undergraduate courses.

FUNDING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

- During the 2007 legislative session, the Oklahoma Legislature passed Senate Bill 820 that authorized a dedicated funding source for the OKPromise scholarship beginning in 2008-09. This change should ensure that the program is fully funded each year. However, if at any time there are not enough funds to pay all eligible students, the State Regents are directed by law to use the following priorities to make awards:
 1. OKPromise students who have previously received the award shall receive the award first*; and
 2. OKPromise students eligible to receive the award for the first time shall receive the award second. *

*If funds are not sufficient for all eligible students within the priority category, distribution of the available funds will be based on current financial need.

WHAT IF MY NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGES?

- Please contact the OKPromise office if you have a change to your name, your permanent address, your current phone number or your current email address. If there are any changes in the program or if we have any questions, we'll need to know how to contact you. There is a simple link for contacting us on our website at www.okpromise.org, look for the "Contact Us" tab.

INFORMATION ON OKLAHOMA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

You can find information on Oklahoma's colleges and universities and financial aid information at www.okcollegestart.org.

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OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE CONTACT INFORMATION

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