Applying for Financial Aid

Financial aid is money to help pay for college. There are four main types of financial aid: grants, scholarships, work-study and loans. In order to receive financial aid, students and families need to complete one or more applications. Learn more at *oregongoestocollege.org/pay/financial-aid*.

Before applying

- Determine which financial aid applications you will need to complete.
- Review the information you will need for each application and gather it before you apply.
- Schedule time to complete the application(s) and ask for help as needed.

Financial aid applications

APPLICATION NAME	WHO COMPLETES IT	HOW OFTEN	AID TYPE	OPENS	DEADLINE
FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid *fafsa.gov*	Students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or eligible non-citizens	Every year the student will be in college	Grants Scholarships Work-Study Loans	**October 1**	**June 30** apply as early as possible
ORSAA Oregon Student Aid Application *oregonstudentaid.gov/orsaa-filter.aspx*	Eligible undocumented students in Oregon	Every year the student will be in college	Grants	**October 1**	**June 30** apply as early as possible
CSS Profile *cssprofile.collegeboard.org*	Students who apply to colleges who require it	Every year the student will be in college	Grants Scholarships	**October 1**	**Varies** apply as early
Oregon Promise *app.oregonstudentaid.gov*	Eligible students planning to attend an Oregon community college	Once	Grants	**September**	**June 1** for most students
OSAC Scholarship *app.oregonstudentaid.gov*	All Oregon students	Every year the student will be in college	Scholarships	**November 1**	**March 1** Early Bird deadline Feb. 15
Other scholarships *oregongoestocollege.org/pay/scholarships*	All students	Every year the student will be in college	Scholarships	**Varies**	**Varies**

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What you need to apply for financial aid

FAFSA or ORSAA	FAFSA		ORSAA	
	STUDENT	PARENT(S)*	STUDENT	PARENT(S)*
FSA ID, *studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account*	●	●		
E-mail address *(each person needs their own)*	●	●	●	●
Birth date	●	●	●	●
Social Security number, *if applicable*	●	●	●	
Driver's License number, *if applicable*	●		●	
Other ID numbers, *if applicable*	Alien regist.			
Federal tax returns and W-2s	●	●	●	●
Records of untaxed income *(e.g. child support, pensions)*	●	●	●	●
Bank account and small business/family farm records	●	●	●	●

**Independent students do not need this information from parent/guardian(s).*

Oregon Promise & OSAC	OREGON PROMISE	OSAC SCHOLARSHIPS
	STUDENT	STUDENT
Username and password for *app.oregonstudentaid.gov*	●	●
Permanent e-mail address, *no school e-mail*	●	●
Birth date	●	●
Social Security number, *if applicable*	●	●
Address	●	●
GPA / Transcripts	●	●
Activities, volunteer work, paid work history		●
Essays		●
Submit FAFSA or ORSAA	By your deadline	By March 1 for need-based scholarships

After applying

- Confirm that your financial aid application(s) are complete. You may receive an e-mail with confirmation, or you may need to log in to the application portal, or e-mail someone directly.
- Correct any errors or submit missing or additional information as soon as possible.

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