
Financial Aid & Scholarship Opportunities

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Goal of Financial Aid

- Primary goal is to assist students in paying for college and is achieved by:
 - Evaluating family's ability to pay for educational costs.
 - Distributing limited resources in an equitable manner.

Main source of financial aid

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov

-Collects family and personal financial information used to determine eligibility for financial aid programs, including grants and loans.

-FAFSA can be completed on-line, or by printing and submitting a paper application by mail.

Cost of Attendance

Oregon Resident

Non-Resident

Tuition & Fees	\$7,428	Tuition & Fees	\$23,718
Room & Board	\$8,640	Room & Board	\$ 8,640
Books & Supplies	\$1,050	Books & Supplies	\$ 1,050
Personal/Misc	\$2,412	Personal/Misc	\$ 2,412
TOTAL	\$19,530	TOTAL	\$35,820

FAFSA on the Web

- 2010-2011 FAFSA available on or after January 1, 2010 at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Pre-Application Worksheet & built-in edits to help prevent costly errors.
- Apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov both student and parent will need their own PIN.

Application Process

- Submit FAFSA before school's priority funding deadline. (UO= March 1, 2010)
- Be aware of UO Admissions, Housing, & Scholarship Application deadlines

UO Scholarships

- **Presidential Scholarship**
(deadline January 15, 2010)
- **Diversity Excellence Scholarship**
(deadline January 15, 2010)
- **General University of Oregon
Scholarship Program**
-freshmen are automatically considered based on applying for
undergraduate admission by January 15, 2010.

Application forms available at:

http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/uo_scholarship

Scholarship Selection

- Awards are limited and selection is made on a competitive basis using the following criteria:
 - High School GPA
 - SAT or ACT Scores
 - Personal Statement/Recommendations
 - Leadership, Activities, and Awards

How to present yourself

- Prepare a scholarship application that tells who you are and what you have done.
 - The committee will only know you from the information you provide.
 - List your accomplishments, activities, and work experience.
- Tell your personal “story” and why you should receive the scholarship.
 - Sell yourself
 - Tailor your information to the donor/sponsors criteria and goals.
- Grades may only be one factor in the selection process.

Gather your personal information

- List out your background by noting who you are and what you have done.
- Include your activities, awards, community involvement, leadership roles, hobbies and interests and passions, no matter how small it may seem.
- Note associations you may be affiliated with, state and country of birth or current residence.
- Note your educational background, work experiences, volunteer positions.
- Family associations or situations may also be relevant.

Private Scholarship Searches

- **Start Early!** Many scholarship have early deadlines.
 - Begin a search in August or September to know what awards to apply for and when.
 - Early Fall is the time to apply for the following year.
 - Continue to search for scholarships throughout the year.
- **Apply, Apply, Apply!**
 - You cannot be considered if you do not apply.
 - Submit an application to as many scholarships as you are qualified; it will improve your odds of winning.
 - No award amount is too small, all money adds up.
- **Be aware of DEADLINES!**
 - Scholarships usually list a date by which you must apply.
 - Exceptions are rarely granted.

Private Scholarship Searches

Free Scholarship Search Engines:

-UO Scholarship Search

<http://tembo.uoregon.edu/scholarships/search.asp>

-Finaid.org www.finaid.org

-The College Board www.collegeboard.com

-FastWeb www.fastweb.com

-GoCollege/Collegiate Webservice www.gocollege.com

Private Scholarship Searches

- Utilize local library resources
- Resources in High School Guidance Counselor's Office
- Local Businesses and Civic Organizations
- Parent's employers

Don't be scammed!

- Do not pay to file the FAFSA!
FAFSA is a “Free Application” at www.fafsa.ed.gov, not fafsa.com.
- If you are contacted by a scholarship program or agency that you are not sure about, feel free to contact the financial aid office to ask about their legitimacy and/or credibility.

State Assistance for Oregon Residents

Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) administers private scholarship programs for Oregon Residents.

- February 1, 2010 Early Bird Deadline
- March 1, 2010 Regular Application Deadline
- Online application
- www.getcollegefunds.org

Things to remember.....

- Attend College Night or Financial Aid Night hosted by your school, in December or January.
- College Goal Oregon
 - Saturday, January 30, 2010
 - Free event with locations around Oregon
 - Assistance with completing FAFSA
 - More information at <http://www.collegegoaloregon.org/>

Contact Information

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