The Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship provides all or part of tuition expenses for students who complete the program’s requirements while in high school. The scholarship can be used at accredited public and private colleges and at certain public career technology centers. Students enrolled in the eighth, ninth, or tenth grade, whose family income does not exceed $50,000 may enroll in the program. For additional information, please call 800.858.1840 or visit www.okhighered.org/okpromise.

**OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE ELIGIBILITY**

— Only students certified by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) as having completed the high school requirements are eligible to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship at OCCC.

— Students must begin postsecondary education within three years of graduating from high school. They are then eligible to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship for five years, or until they earn a bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first.

— All Oklahoma’s Promise students must meet the regular admissions requirements of the college and are encouraged to apply for financial aid at the college.

— The Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship **WILL NOT** be available the summer semester immediately following high school graduation.

— Students who enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise after July 2, 2007 are required to have a valid social security number on file with OCCC in order to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.

— Students who are receiving Oklahoma’s Promise for the first time during the 2012-13 school year and thereafter are required to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. If the family adjusted gross income (AGI) is found to exceed $100,000 the student will permanently lose eligibility for the scholarship.

— All Oklahoma’s Promise students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards in order to remain eligible for the scholarship each semester. To review OCCC’s SAP Policy, please visit www.occc.edu/FinancialAid/FactSheets.html.

— Students who are receiving Oklahoma’s Promise for the first time during the 2012-13 school year and thereafter, must meet Oklahoma’s Promise GPA requirements. After a student has completed 60 credit hours, their cumulative GPA will be calculated. Any Oklahoma’s Promise student with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 upon the completion of 60 credit hours will permanently lose their eligibility to receive the scholarship.

For students meeting the first GPA requirement, they must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA for classes taken after 60 credit hours to continue to receive the award. Intermittent semesters of ineligibility do not permanently cancel the award. If the student fails to meet the requirement during a semester, but regains a GPA of at least 2.5 they can again receive the award for the following semesters.

— Students must be attending their classes in order to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship. If a student is paid Oklahoma’s Promise funds and it is later determined they never attended one or more of their classes, they will be required to return the tuition and fees for the classes they never attended.

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OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE AWARD PROCESS AT OCCC

— OCCC Financial Aid Office will determine the eligibility of all enrolled students each semester. If a student feels they are eligible to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship and have not been awarded the scholarship by the first day of classes, they are responsible for providing their social security number and a copy of their class schedule to the Financial Aid Office.

— The Oklahoma's Promise award is calculated based on resident tuition only. There are no limits on the number of hours that the scholarship will pay for each semester. Students will receive the current tuition rate, which is $74.55 per credit hour.

— OCCC will provide a scholarship to pay mandatory fees. This does not include online, remedial, lab or application fees. Students will receive the current fee rate, which is $24.45 per credit hour.

— Oklahoma’s Promise is a cash scholarship. It does not have to be applied to tuition if the student has tuition only scholarships. The Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship can be used with other forms of financial aid.

— Oklahoma’s Promise will be used as a financial aid resource and will be applied to a student’s cost of attendance. If a student’s financial aid awards exceed their cost of attendance, OCCC is required to reduce one or more financial aid awards. Students will be notified via their OCCC student email account if their Oklahoma’s Promise tuition scholarship is reduced.

— At the end of the drop and add period of each semester, OCCC will adjust the student’s Oklahoma’s Promise award based on the current number of credit hours the student is enrolled in and submit a billing invoice to the Oklahoma’s Promise office.

Once OCCC receives Oklahoma’s Promise funds, payments will be applied to the student’s account to pay any outstanding balances. If no balance is owed, the student will be issued a refund by the Bursar’s Office.

— OCCC Financial Aid encourages all students to enroll in classes before the first day of each semester to ensure they receive Oklahoma’s Promise funds on the first disbursement.

If a student enrolls on the first day of classes or later, their Oklahoma’s Promise award will be delayed. OCCC will not submit billing invoices for these students until after the first disbursement has been applied to student accounts.

— Students who enrolled in classes prior to the first day of each semester can expect to receive their Oklahoma’s Promise funds by the following dates:
  o 2013 Fall: October 31, 2013
  o 2014 Spring: March 31, 2014
  o 2014 Summer: July 31, 2014

HEROES PROMISE

— Oklahoma students who lost a military parent in the line of duty since January 1, 2000 may be eligible for a state award similar to Oklahoma’s Promise. These students can sign up for the award up to the age of 21 regardless of family income. The deceased parent must have filed an Oklahoma tax return for the year previous to their death. For more information contact: Chris Wadsworth at (405) 225-9131. This award is intended for students who are not already eligible for Oklahoma’s Promise.