

OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
INFO SHEET

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 Oklahoma accredited public and private colleges and at certain public career technology centers. Students enrolled in the eighth, ninth, or tenth grade, whose parents' federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$55,000 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 are required to have a valid social security number on file with OCCC in order to receive the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ***Beginning in the fall of 2018 each year in college Oklahoma's Promise students*** will be required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) , which will be used to determine whether the federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$100,000.
- For any year that the income exceeds \$100,000, the student will not be eligible to receive Oklahoma's Promise.
- Any year the student does not receive Oklahoma's Promise because their income exceeds the income limit will count toward the five-year period of scholarship eligibility.
- ***Beginning in the fall of 2018***, Oklahoma's Promise scholarship funds will not pay for zero level or noncredit remedial coursework.
- ***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.
- If any Oklahoma's Promise student recipient is not eligible to receive financial aid as defined by OCCC's SAP policy, the student is not eligible to receive Oklahoma's Promise.

OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE AWARD PROCESS AT OCCC

- 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 for the academic year.
- Beginning in the Fall 2018, Oklahoma's Promise will no longer pay for non-credit remedial coursework.
- The maximum number of credit hours to which Oklahoma's Promise award will apply is 129.
- 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.
- 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.
- Once OCCC receives Oklahoma's Promise funds, payments will be applied to the student's account to pay any outstanding balance. If no balance is owed, the student will be issued a refund by the Bursar's Office.

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 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at (405) 225-9131. This award is intended for students who are not already eligible for Oklahoma's Promise.