

Oklahoma's Promise 101

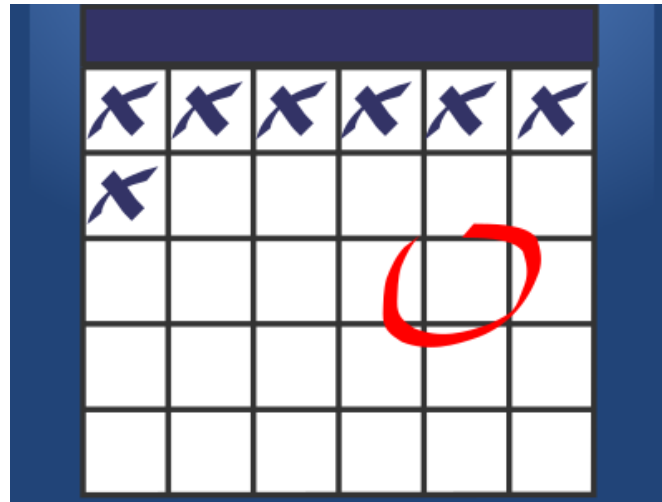
*Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
March 2024*

Application Requirements

- Student must currently be attending the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade
- New income limit at the time of application!
 - \$60K AGI with 1-2 dependent children
 - \$70K AGI with 3-4 dependent children
 - \$80K AGI with 5 or more dependent children

(there is a check for a 2nd income limit when the student starts college or career education)
- Must be an Oklahoma resident
- Deadline for the 2023-2024 school year:

July 1, 2024



December 31 Incomplete App deadline

- June 30/July 1 remains the deadline for the initial application.
- Applications are incomplete until the income documentation is received and processed.
- December 31 of the student's senior year (prior to graduation) is the deadline for the incomplete application.

Additional Requirements

- Graduate from an Oklahoma high school (or other education program for homeschool students)
- Complete the 17 unit curriculum with at least a **2.50 cumulative GPA in these units**
- Achieve at least a **2.50 cumulative GPA in overall courses for grades 9-12**
- Attend school regularly
- Refrain from substance abuse
- Don't commit criminal or delinquent acts

Curriculum – 17 units

- 4 English
- 3 Lab Science
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 History and Citizenship Skills
- 2 Foreign or Non-English Language OR Computer Technology
- 1 Additional Unit
- 1 Fine Arts or Speech

Benefits

- Pays tuition only (fees are not included) at an Oklahoma **public** college or university; a portion of tuition at an Oklahoma private college or university or qualified career technology programs
- Pays for the **actual hours enrolled**; recommend full-time enrollment
- May be used until the completion of a bachelor's degree, five consecutive years or at the time OKPromise has paid 129 credit hours, whichever comes first

Applications

- Ways to Apply
 - Paper applications
 - Download application from the website
 - Online application
- www.okpromise.org
 - Look for the Apply Now! button

APPLY NOW!



4. REVIEW

*****APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024*****

ALERT! Your application has NOT been submitted!

1. **REVIEW:** Look over your application data here. If you need to make any changes, return to the section on the application by selecting it from the menu on the left.
2. **CLICK:** "Go to application submission" at the bottom of the page.
3. **SIGN:** Both the student and the parent are required to sign the Application Submittal page.
4. **SUBMIT:** Click 'SUBMIT NOW' at the end of the page or your application will NOT be sent to the OKPromise office. Once you submit the application, you will NOT be able to make any changes to the application.

Program Requirements

I have read and agree to the requirements of Oklahoma's
Promise:

Where did you learn about Oklahoma's Promise?

Total income if not required to file a federal tax return:

« SAVE AND GO BACK

GO TO APPLICATION SUBMISSION »

Application Submittal

You are about to submit your application electronically to Oklahoma's Promise. Sign (type) your name in the certification field below and click SUBMIT NOW.

You have the following payment option(s):

- No Payment Necessary -

Student: I have read and understand the requirements of the program. I promise to follow all the program requirements and understand that if I do not fulfill the requirements, I will be disqualified from the program. I consent to the use of my contact information by the OKPromise office to contact me with information relevant to my application or the program and/or released to eligible Oklahoma universities, colleges, and technology centers so they can send me information.

Please type your name below as you would sign an official signature.

Student Signature:

Parent(s) or Custodial Parent(s): I/We have read, and understand the requirements of the program. I consent to the use of my contact information by the OKPromise office to contact me with information relevant to the application or the program. I/We certify that my/our income from our federal adjusted gross income for the most recently completed federal tax year is accurately reported in this application. I/We understand that any falsified or undisclosed financial information will result in the student's disqualification from the program.

Legal Guardian(s): I/We have read, and understand the requirements of the program. I consent to the use of my contact information by the OKPromise office to contact me with information relevant to the application or the program.

Please type your name below as you would sign an official signature.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

SUBMIT NOW ✓

Application and Income

- What income is counted?
- Whose income should be provided?
- Income limit - \$60-70-80K or \$100K – Which is correct?

- OKPromise FAQ on the website
 - Okpromise.org; scroll to the bottom and click on FAQ under Quick Links; click on Application and Income FAQ

Income Documentation

- Pages 1 & 2 of the parents 1040 tax form submitted to the IRS
 - Most recent tax year
 - Dependents must be listed if over \$60,000
- Divorce decree to confirm custody
- Untaxed income

Students

Foster Care

- Students in DHS custody should contact DHS for an OKPromise application at 405.522.3945.

Legal Guardian

- Documentation issued by a court of law authorizing legal guardianship is required
- No proof of income at the time of application

Students (cont.)

- **Undocumented Immigrant** status – Students may enroll in OKPromise, however they must attain legal status before they will be eligible to receive awards in college.

Adopted Students

- Adopted Students – Expanded Income Eligibility
 - Applies only to students adopted while:
 - In the permanent custody of Oklahoma DHS; or
 - In the court-ordered custody of a licensed, private, non-profit child-placing agency; or
 - In the court-ordered custody of a federally recognized Indian tribe.
 - No initial income requirement at the time of application; proof of legal adoption required
 - 2nd income limit levels at the time of college enrollment
 - Birth to age 12 - \$150,000
 - Ages 13-17 - \$200,000

Other Issues

- OKPromise students must meet the regular admission requirements in order to be eligible for the OKPromise award.
- Students on IEPs (language from website)
 - “... to qualify for the scholarship, the core courses completed by the student must have the same academic content and be of the same academic rigor as the regular college preparatory core courses offered by the high school in the same academic subject.”

Will the OKP award work with other financial aid?

- Students may receive other aid as long as they don't exceed the cost of attendance (COA).
- It may include Pell, OTAG, other academic scholarships, fee or tuition waivers, student loans, etc.
- The OKP award may be reduced or eliminated to be sure it is within the COA.
- If received with federal aid, the student may be subject to federal regulations that limit other sources of financial aid they can receive.

We Need YOU!

- Continue to encourage all students to file the FAFSA.
- Families who know they won't qualify for Pell still need to file.
- If they claim that they cannot file the FAFSA, they should contact the FA director at the college they plan to attend.
- **Note: 2024-25 FAFSA update.**



Legislative update from the 2024 session

Contact Information

okpromise@osrhe.edu

OR

1.800.858.1840 (option 2)

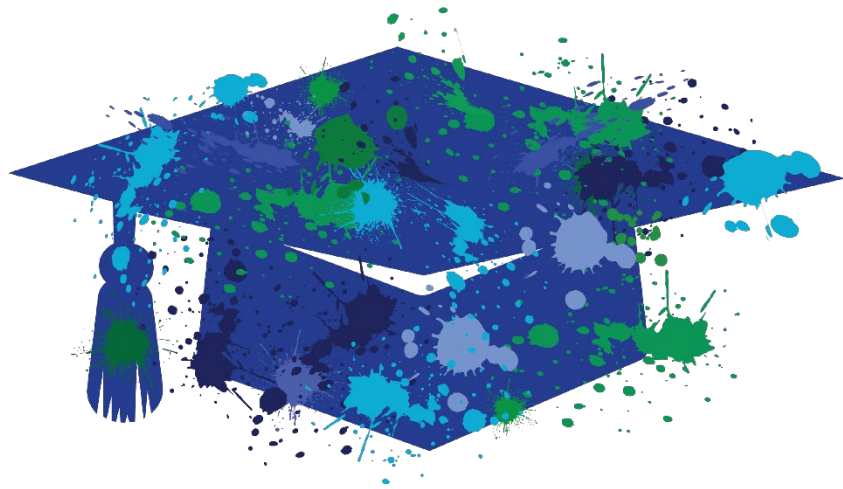
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New FAFSA Graduation Requirement

Begins 2024-25



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FAFSA Graduation Requirement & the Oklahoma FAFSA Data Portal

2:10 – 3:00
Redbud Room



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