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April Spotlight:

State Aid Programs

This month, we're highlighting state financial aid resources, including Oklahoma's Promise, and other state grant and scholarship programs. We'll also take a quick look at College App Week, StartWithFAFSA.org and the newest information on FAFSA simplification.



Oklahoma's Promise

Oklahoma's Promise is a state scholarship program that pays tuition at public colleges and universities, partial tuition at approved private higher education institutions and partial tuition for approved programs offered at career technology centers for eligible students.

Some of the eligibility requirements include:

- Must be an Oklahoma resident.
- Must enroll in the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade.
- Must be a student whose parents' federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$60,000 with 1 or 2 dependent children, \$70,000 with 3 or 4 dependent children, or \$80,000 with 5 or more dependent children.

For more information on Oklahoma's Promise, visit okhighered.org.



State Aid Programs

PROGRAM	TYPE OF AID	PROGRAM DETAILS	ANNUAL AMOUNT
Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)	Grant	Available to eligible Oklahoma residents attending an approved public college or university. Award amount is based on the student's financial need and the institution's cost of attendance.	Up to \$2,000
Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG)	Grant	Available to eligible Oklahoma residents attending an approved public college or university. Award amount is based on the student's financial need and the institution's cost of attendance.	Up to \$2,000
Oklahoma's Promise	Scholarship	Available to eligible Oklahoma residents attending an approved public college or university. Award amount is based on the student's financial need and the institution's cost of attendance.	Up to \$2,000
Academic Scholars Program	Scholarship	Available to eligible Oklahoma residents attending an approved public college or university. Award amount is based on the student's financial need and the institution's cost of attendance.	Up to \$2,000
Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program (Inspired to Teach)	Scholarship	Available to eligible Oklahoma residents attending an approved public college or university. Award amount is based on the student's financial need and the institution's cost of attendance.	Up to \$2,000
George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship	Scholarship	Available to eligible Oklahoma residents attending an approved public college or university. Award amount is based on the student's financial need and the institution's cost of attendance.	\$2,000 annually
Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship	Scholarship	Available to eligible Oklahoma residents attending an approved public college or university. Award amount is based on the student's financial need and the institution's cost of attendance.	\$2,000 annually

Oklahoma offers several grant and scholarship programs to help eligible students pay their college expenses. Review our [State Aid Chart](#) to see program names, details, award amounts and the required application process. Some of these programs include:

- Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)
- Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG)
- Oklahoma's Promise
- Academic Scholars Program
- Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program (Inspired to Teach)
- George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship
- Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship

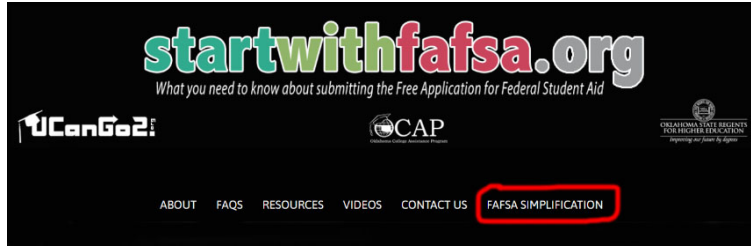
For more information about financial aid offered by the state of Oklahoma, visit these websites:

Okpromise.org

Okcollegestart.org

Start with FAFSA

StartwithFAFSA.org was designed to help Oklahoma students and parents understand financial aid and the FAFSA process. It's a helpful website that provides publications, videos, links and resources to help you understand and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

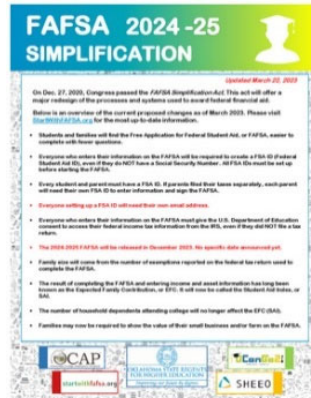


StartWithFAFSA also provides the newest information regarding FAFSA Simplification changes. The most recent update involves the release date for the 2024-2025 FAFSA. Please see below:

FAFSA Release Update

Federal Student Aid recently announced that the 2024-2025 FAFSA will be released in December of 2023 as part of their [Roadmap to the Better FAFSA](#) campaign. A few more announcements to look forward to are the Better FAFSA preview, which will be available in July, and the new FSA ID creation process for parents without a Social Security number, which will be announced in August.

StartWithFAFSA's Simplification tab will link you to our FAFSA flyer which is updated periodically with the most current information that's relevant to you and your students.



College Application Week

College App Week (CAW) is a nationwide effort to encourage and assist students as they navigate the college application process, with the goal to increase college enrollment and bolster success for all who dream of pursuing higher education. The 2022 College App Week event has ended and the results were amazing!



- 132 schools, libraries and community partners registered for the event.
- 365 volunteers provided assistance to students applying for college.
- Over 5,000 seniors participated in school-wide events and submitted over 5,000 college applications.
- Applications were sent to colleges in 36 states, Canada and England.

Each year, participating schools who report their student data from their CAW event will have the chance to win the Oklahoma's College App Week School of Excellence Award. Below you'll find our past winners and the new 2022 School of Excellence Award recipient:

- 2019 – Edmond Memorial High School
- 2020 – Miami High School
- 2021 – Indianola High School
- 2022 – Booker T. Washington High School, Tulsa 🌟

Oklahoma's 2023 College App Week will be held September 25-29. Our new CAW materials are currently being updated, but you can go ahead and [register](#) for the 2023 event!

Contact Us

We offer webinars for educators, students and parents on planning, preparing and paying for college, including financial aid, the FAFSA and finding scholarships. If you would like to schedule a webinar for your students, fill out our [Event Request Form](#) and we'll contact you to plan the details.

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