# ORSAA Application & Resources for Undocumented and DACAmented Students



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Helping Oregon Students Plan and Pay for College

# AGENDA

Connecting with Students

Oregon Financial Aid Overview

ORSAA Tips & Resources

Applying for Scholarships

Q & A

# Building Trust with Students

- What are students' experiences in schools? During the college process and beyond?

- How can we normalize the conversation about college and financial aid? How can we build trust?

# How Do You Process Aid?

*What does processing and awarding for ORSAA students look like?*

- Do you import ORSAA data into your Financial aid management system?
- Do you use the ISIR format or Excel?
- Do you still require FAFSA in some format for DACA/undocumented students?

# How Do You Process Aid?

*What does processing and awarding for ORSAA students look like?*

- How do you follow up?
- What is your timeline?
  - Same timeline for FAFSA & ORSAA?
- Same steps for FAFSA & ORSAA students?

# Oregon Financial Aid Overview

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*What types of financial aid can undocumented/DACA students receive?*

- Oregon Opportunity Grant
- Oregon Promise Grant
- Scholarships
- Institutional Aid
- *Tuition Equity*

# Oregon Opportunity Grant

- Largest need-based state grant
- Submit ORSAA as soon as possible after 10/1 and meet EFC/SAI limit

- Must live in OR for 12 months <u>and</u> meet 4 specific criteria:
  1. Attend K-12 school in <u>US</u> for 5 years
  2. Attend K-12 school in <u>OR</u> for 3 years
  3. Graduate from high school (or equivalent) in OR
  4. Intention to become citizen or legal permanent resident

# Oregon Opportunity Grant

## In-State Tuition & Additional OOG Eligibility Requirements —

Undocumented students may be eligible for in-state tuition rates at public universities as long as they meet the additional eligibility requirements listed below. To apply, undocumented students must either:

- Complete an Affidavit and Request for Exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees, available at the Admissions Office of each Oregon public university; OR

- Submit an official copy of application for registration with a federal immigration program or federal deportation deferral program.

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for in-state tuition rates as well as the Oregon Opportunity Grant, undocumented students must meet all of the following tuition equity requirements:

- Student attended an elementary or secondary/high school in Oregon during all three years immediately prior to earning a high school diploma or leaving school before earning a diploma

- Student attended an elementary or secondary/high school in the United States for at least five years immediately prior to earning a high school diploma or leaving school before earning a diploma

- Student received a high school diploma or GED® in Oregon

- Student certifies intention to become a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident

# Oregon Promise Grant

- For new/recent high school graduates and GED® test graduates
- Only for Oregon community colleges
- Submit ORSAA & complete OPG application by appropriate deadline
- Student (and parent) must live in Oregon for at least 12 months – *No other residency requirements*

# Scholarships & Institutional Aid

- Wide variety of privately funded scholarships available - including over 80% of OSAC Scholarships

- Colleges and universities may have additional financial aid available. What is your scholarship application process for institutional scholarships?

# ORSAA Tips & Resources

# ORSAA

## What is the ORSAA?

**For Oregon residents only (12 months+)**

**DACA**

**For DACAmented & other undocumented students**

**State of Oregon's alternative to the FAFSA**

**ORSAA opens October 1**

**OregonStudentAid.gov**

# ORSAA

- If you know the FAFSA, you're already an expert!

- ORSAA asks same questions as FAFSA and uses the same methodology

# ORSAA

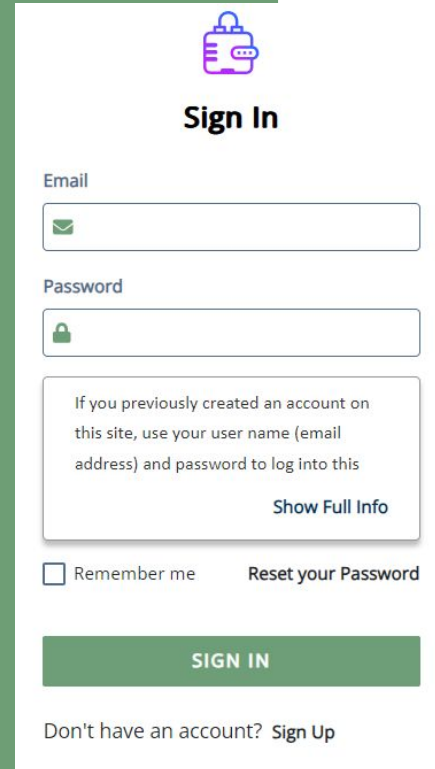Tips to Complete the ORSAA

- Not sure which application to complete? Start with the pre-filter tool for *all* students.

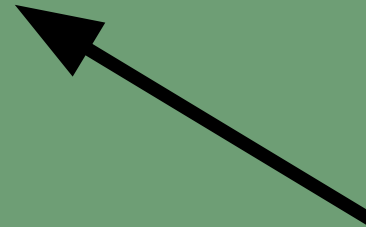- **https://oregonstudentaid.gov /orsaa-filter.aspx**

# ORSAA Account Creation

- Student should use a permanent email (<u>not</u> school email)
- Remember your Secret Answer
- SSN is optional

Don't have an account? **Sign Up**

🔐

**Sign In**

Email

✉

Password

🔒

If you previously created an account on this site, use your user name (email address) and password to log into this

Show Full Info

☐ Remember me     **Reset your Password**

**SIGN IN**

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# ORSAA Oregon State Information

- 4 tuition equity questions

- Student must answer YES to all 4 questions, to be considered for **Oregon Opportunity Grant** and **The Ford Family Foundation Scholarships** (<u>not</u> required for Oregon Promise)

# ORSAA Signature Process

- If **dependent** student, parent and student must e-sign

- After student e-signs, they must send parent an invite via email

- Parent checks email, creates account, reviews & e-signs

# ORSAA Completion

## Most Important:
### *Get to SATISFIED!*

**2024-2025 ORSAA Application**

2024-2025 Federal Award Year

(Transaction Number: 71)

**SATISFIED**

*Status as of 01/18/2024*

👁 View Details

# ORSAA

**Tips to Complete the ORSAA**

- Submitting a revision, adding a college, etc.

- Student should *FIRST* download PDF of the ORSAA

- Student will need to re-enter financial information

- Be sure to e-sign again!

# ORSAA Communication Tools

- OSAC emails students within 1-2 weeks to confirm ORSAA submission.

- OSAC emails students about potential errors on their submitted ORSAA.

- Completed PDF of ORSAA shows the student's EFC. (Student can request letter from OSAC.)

# ORSAA Awarding Information

- **Email notification about Oregon Opportunity Grant** typically starts in March/April (if student is awarded).

- **Students should complete other aid applications** (OSAC Scholarships, Oregon Promise, campus, etc).

# ORSAA Resources

## Understanding the ORSAA
### Oregon Student Aid Application

The ORSAA is the alternative to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for undocumented students in Oregon, including students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. The ORSAA gives students access to state grants and scholarships.

**WHO SHOULD SUBMIT AN ORSAA?**
You should submit the ORSAA if you're an undocumented student, including DACA, TPS, or U-Visa status, and you are a new or continuing college student.
You must currently live and study in Oregon.

**WHY SHOULD I SUBMIT AN ORSAA?**
By submitting the ORSAA - early, and each year you attend college - you can gain access to financial aid through the state of Oregon such as the Oregon Opportunity Grant, Oregon Promise Grant*, and OSAC Scholarships*. You must meet eligibility criteria for each program. Financial aid helps you meet the costs of attending college.

\* You must complete additional applications for these opportunities by the deadline

**DO I NEED TO SUBMIT THE ORSAA AND THE FAFSA?**
First, submit the ORSAA if you are an undocumented, DACA, TPS, or U-Visa student. Next, talk to the financial aid office at your school. Ask if you can complete anything else to apply for campus-based aid.

**WHAT DO I NEED IN ORDER TO SUBMIT THE ORSAA?**
You should gather the following information for yourself (and your parent(s) or spouse if applicable):
- Different email address for student and parent(s)
- Date of birth, phone number, address
- Tax return and/or other income information from two years prior
- Bank statements, records or untaxed income, and/or records of investments

**HOW DO I SUBMIT THE ORSAA?**
The ORSAA is always free to submit. Visit the OSAC website and file online: OregonStudentAid.Gov/fafsa-orsaa

**WHEN DO I SUBMIT THE ORSAA?**
Submit the ORSAA as soon as possible after October 1st each year. For the 2024-25 ORSAA only, the application will open in December 2023.

**CONTACT OSAC WITH ANY QUESTIONS:**
Email: ORSAAHelp@hecc.oregon.gov
Phone: (800) 452-8807
Support available 8:00am- 4:30pm, Monday-Friday

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## Entendiendo la ORSAA
### Solicitud de Ayuda Estudiantil de Oregón

La ORSAA es la alternativa a la Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA) para estudiantes indocumentados en Oregón, incluyendo estudiantes con la Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA). La solicitud de ORSAA les da acceso a estudiantes a subvenciones y becas estatales.

**¿QUIÉN DEBE SOMETER LA ORSAA?**
Usted debe someter la ORSAA si usted es un estudiante indocumentado – incluyendo la Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA), TPS, o U-Visa, y usted es un estudiante nuevo o de la universidad continua. Usted debe actualmente vivir y estudiar en Oregón.

**¿POR QUÉ DEBO SOMETER LA ORSAA?**
Al entregar la ORSAA – temprano, y cada año que asiste a la universidad-usted puede obtener acceso a la ayuda financiera a través del estado de Oregón, como Oportunidad de Oregón, Promesa de Oregón*, y becas de OSAC*. Usted debe cumplir con los criterios de elegibilidad para cada programa.
La ayuda financiera le ayuda a cubrir los costos de asistir a la universidad.

\* Usted debe completar las solicitudes adicionales para estas oportunidades, antes de la fecha límite.

**¿NECESITO SOMETER TANTO LA ORSAA COMO LA FAFSA?**
Primero, solo entregue la ORSAA si usted es un estudiante indocumentado o contiene DACA, TPS, o U-Visa. Luego, hable con la oficina de ayuda financiera de su escuela. Pregunte si puede completar cualquier otra cosa para solicitar ayuda financiera institucional.

**¿QUÉ NECESITO PARA SOMETER LA ORSAA?**
Debe reunir la siguiente información para usted (y sus padres o cónyuge, s corresponde):
- Dirección de correo electrónico diferente para el estudiante y el padre.
- Fecha de nacimiento, número de teléfono, dirección.
- Declara ón de impuestos y/u otra información de ingresos de dos años.
- Declaraciones bancarias, registros de ingresos no gravados, y/o registros de inversiones.

**¿CÓMO SOMETO LA ORSAA?**
La ORSAA es siempre gratis de someter. Visite el sitio web de OSAC y se completa en línea: OregonStudentAid.gov/fafsa-orsaa.

**CUANDO TENGO QUE SOMETER LA ORSAA?**
Someter la ORSAA tan pronto como posible después del 1 de octubre cada año. Para la solicitud de ORSAA del 2024-25 solamente, la solicitud se abrirá en December del 2023.

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# Applying for Scholarships

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- OSAC Scholarships
- Institutional Scholarships
- Local Scholarships
- National Scholarships
- Ask scholarship providers about including undocumented applicants

# OSAC Scholarship Application

- 600+ Scholarships Available
- Over $10 million awarded
- Average award
- Awardees

# Student Scholarships

## Steps

- Research
- Essays
- Resume
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Proving financial need

# What do you need?

- What can OSAC do to make this easier for you and your students?

- What can high schools and college access programs do to make this process easier for students and for you?

# Questions? Feedback?

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