

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.

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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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.

Quick tips to complete the ORSAA

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USE A PERMANENT EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOUR ACCOUNT.

Remember your username and password so that you can log into your account later. Do not create multiple accounts.



READ AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS CAREFULLY.

Make sure you understand ORSAA questions before you answer them, so that you provide accurate information.

If you're not sure what a question means, contact OSAC.



HAVE YOUR PARENT ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THE ORSAA.

All students must electronically sign (e-sign) their ORSAA. Most students under age 24 must also have a parent e-sign the ORSAA. If your ORSAA says "Request Parent Signature," then you need to click the buttons to invite your parent to sign your ORSAA. Your parent must use a different email address than the student's ORSAA account email.



GET TO SATISFIED!

Make sure your ORSAA status says "Satisfied". This means your ORSAA is submitted and you will be considered for Oregon financial aid opportunities. Print or save a copy of the PDF version of your completed ORSAA for your reference.



COMPLETE OTHER GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.

The ORSAA is the *first* step in applying for financial aid. You may be eligible to apply for the Oregon Promise Grant or OSAC Scholarships in the OSAC Student Portal by completing additional applications. Also, talk to your college or university's financial aid office about other opportunities.

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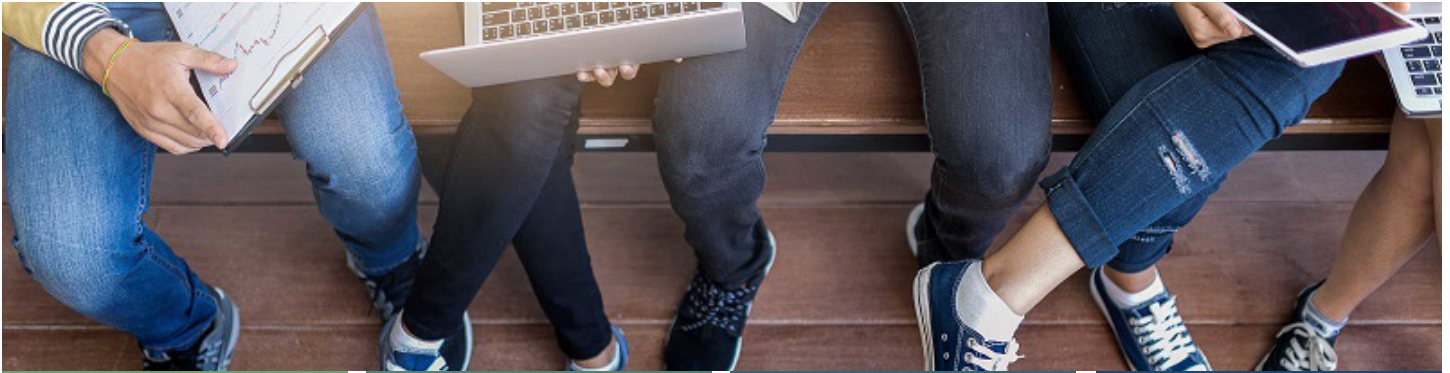
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I completed the ORSAA now what?

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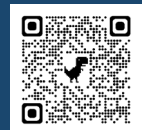


What other financial aid can I apply for?

The ORSAA is a *first* step to apply for financial aid. You can apply for other opportunities by completing additional applications.

- Oregon Promise Grant
- OSAC Scholarships
- Other private scholarships
- Aid at your university

Visit the OSAC website to learn more:
OregonStudentAid.gov



How is my ORSAA information used once I submit it?

Your ORSAA information goes to the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) - the state financial aid office. OSAC only shares your information with the Oregon colleges and universities that you list on the ORSAA. All information is secure and confidential. The State of Oregon protects the privacy of individuals' immigration information, as described in House Bill 3464 (2017).

When will I know about financial aid awards?

When you submit the ORSAA, you will automatically be considered for the Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG), Oregon's largest need-based grant for college students. If you are awarded the OOG, you will receive an email from OSAC (typically in spring or summer) with award information.

What if I need to correct information on my ORSAA?

To correct information or add a college, simply update your ORSAA online:

1. Log in to your ORSAA account and click "Documents."
2. Download the PDF of your application before editing anything.
3. Edit the application. You will need to re-enter some financial information.
4. You must e-sign the ORSAA again. If dependent student, your parent may need to e-sign again.
5. Make sure your status says "Satisfied" at the end.

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