Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

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Financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and employment is available to eligible students who need assistance to attend school. The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships provides counseling and information services to students and parents and administers a comprehensive program of financial assistance. Office hours are 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Federal and state regulations are subject to change and may affect current policies, procedures, and programs.

Estimated Student Expenses

The following information is provided to help students estimate the total cost of attending the University of Oregon.

Budgets established for financial aid purposes are based on average expense. Some students have higher costs in a few categories. For example, students in the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, the School of Music and Dance, and some of the science departments have expenses ranging from $30 to $500 a year for equipment, supplies, and field trips in addition to books. Students living alone in an apartment or in university housing may spend more than the budgeted amount for meals and housing, based on personal choice.

Residence hall room and board for2015–16 range from $11,430 to $19,786. Cooperative housing costs are generally less than the minimum residence hall rate. Sorority and fraternity costs are typically higher.

Although the university does not require proof of health insurance for domestic students, the provisions of the Affordable Care Act may apply. International students are required to purchase health insurance. For more information about health services and coverage, please visit the University Health Center website. (https://healthcenter.uoregon.edu/Home.aspx)

Personal expenses are governed by individual preference but may include such items as transportation, health care, and entertainment.

The figures in the following table are the2015–16 tuition and fees for an undergraduate student enrolled in 15 credits and a graduate student enrolled in 9 credits. Tuition schedules are subject to revision. See the **Tuition and Fees** section of this catalog.

Tuition and Fees

Student Classification	One Term or Semester	Three Terms or Semesters
Undergraduate resident	$3,429	$10,287
Undergraduate nonresident	$10,674	$32,022
Graduate tuition varies by program. A base tuition would be as follows:		
Graduate resident	$5,346	$16,038
Graduate nonresident	$8,649	$25,947
Law resident (semester)	$15,753	$31,506
Law nonresident (semester)	$19,605	$39,210

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships used the expenses in the following tables to estimate a student's educational costs for the 2015–16 academic year.

Meals and Housing

	One Term	Three Terms
Student commuter living with parents	$1,098	$3,294
Undergraduate student living off campus	$3,310	$9,930
Undergraduate student living on campus	$3,810	$11,430
Graduates	$3,706	$11,118
Law (semester)	$5,559	$11,118

A dependent child-care allowance may be added to the budget for each child less than 12 years of age who is living with a student and for whom the student is paying child-care expenses.

Books and Supplies

	One Term	Three Terms
Graduates and undergraduates	$356	$1,068
Law (semester)	$534	$1,068

Miscellaneous Personal Expenses

	One Term	Three Terms
Undergraduates	$794	$2,382
Graduates	$794	$2,382
Law (semester)	$1,191	$2,382

Applying for Financial Aid

Undergraduate, graduate, and law students use the following procedure to apply for financial aid:

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The official website is www.fafsa.ed.gov (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
2. List the University of Oregon (using code number 003223) on the FAFSA application as a school to receive the application information
3. Apply for admission to the University of Oregon

Deadlines

To be given priority consideration for the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study Program, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant for all or part of any given academic year, a valid FAFSA must

be received by the federal processor on or before March 1 prior to the academic year for which the student is applying. To meet this deadline, submit the FAFSA no later than February 15. Signing the FAFSA electronically is the recommended method for submission. If applicable, online applicants should mail the FAFSA signature page, obtained from the FAFSA website, in early February.

Eligibility

Financial aid eligibility for any student is determined by the difference between the estimated cost of education at the University of Oregon and the anticipated family contribution from the student's family, the student and parents if the student is a dependent, or the student and spouse if the student is married. Students (and their families if appropriate) are expected to bear the primary responsibility for meeting educational costs. When a student's anticipated family contribution is less than the cost of education, the university attempts to meet the difference with need-based financial aid.

Assessing Financial Aid Eligibility

The university uses a method prescribed by law to determine an expected contribution from the student and family toward the cost of the student's education. The expected family contribution, derived from using the federal formula, is based on income and asset information as well as certain variables such as family size and number of family members attending college. This system ensures that students receive consistent and equitable treatment. Financial aid counselors review unique circumstances case by case.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

To be eligible for financial aid, students must make satisfactory academic progress toward their degrees and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) and pace. Progress is reviewed annually at the end of spring term.

The minimum cumulative GPA needed to meet satisfactory academic progress is 2.00 for an undergraduate and 3.00 for a graduate student (except for law students seeking a JD or LLM degree, who require a 2.00 GPA). If a student's cumulative GPA drops below the required minimum at the time of the evaluation, eligibility for financial aid will be suspended unless the student appeals and is approved for reinstatement. Students may also reestablish eligibility, for the subsequent term, after raising their GPAs to the minimum requirement. Visit the website for information on the appeals process.

Progress toward a degree is a further requirement, determined by dividing the number of credits attempted by the number of credits earned. Students are expected to earn credit for at least 67 percent of the credits attempted on an aggregate basis. Credit is earned for grades A, B, C, D, and P. Credit is not earned for grades of F, W, I, Y, N, and X. A progress calculator is located online.

Students must also complete their degrees within a maximum time frame. A student must graduate before accumulating 150 percent of the attempted credits required for completing his or her major. Most majors at the University of Oregon require 180 credits; 270 would be 150 percent of that. If a student is unable to fulfill the requirements for his or her degree before reaching this maximum time frame, financial aid will be suspended. Visit the website for information on the appeals process.

Complete withdrawal (or receiving a 0.0 GPA) from the University of Oregon during a student's first term ***or*** complete withdrawal (or receiving a 0.0 GPA) from the UO for two consecutive terms constitutes failure to meet satisfactory academic progress standards regardless of GPA, pace, or time frame.

Additional information may be found on the website (http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/satisfactory_academic_progress) for the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Financial Aid Packages

Students will receivenotification of their awards after their financial aid eligibility has been established. The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships attempts to award financial aid to students up to their estimated cost of education, which could include scholarship and grant money, work-study, and loan eligibility.

A student may not receive assistance from any financial aid (Title IV) program if

1. The student is in default on any educational (Title IV) loan
2. The student has borrowed in excess of federal (Title IV) loan limits
3. The student owes a refund on federal or state grants or a Federal Perkins Loan due to an overpayment
4. The student has been convicted of violating certain federal or state drug possession or sale laws within a certain time period

A parent may not borrow from the Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (Parent PLUS) if the parent or student is in default on any educational loan or owes a refund on an educational grant as described above.

Federal law requires, in most cases,that male students born after 1960 be registered with Selective Service to receive financial aid.

There may be other conditions when a student would be ineligible for financial aid—for example,when a student is not maintaining satisfactory academic progress or when not enrolled in an eligible program.

Undergraduates

Federal Pell Grants, Oregon Opportunity Grants, and university scholarships are considered to be part of the student's financial aid package, even though the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships may not determine eligibility for these programs.

The office determines the student's eligibility for and the amount of assistance from the Federal Perkins Loan, the Federal Direct Loan, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and the Federal Work-Study Program.

Financial aid offers are made in accordance with federal and state regulations, as well as university policies. Some awards are tentative if selected for verification and may be revised after verification has been completed.

Graduate and Law Students

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships determines eligibility and the amount of assistance that may be received from the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Direct UnsubsidizedLoan, Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, and the Federal Work-Study programs. Offers are made in accordance with federal regulations and university policies.

Refunds and Repayment

Students who withdraw from school may be expected to repay a portion of their financial aid. According to a formula prescribed by state and federal regulations, any refundable amount used to pay tuition and fees or for university housing is returned to the appropriate financial aid sources. Students may also be required to pay the unearned portion of assistance that was directly disbursed to them.

Additional information concerning the institution's refund policy may be found on the website for the Office of the Registrar. (https://registrar.uoregon.edu/calendars/refund-schedules)

Additional information concerning return of financial aid (http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/return_of_financial_aid) and participation requirements (http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/participation) may be found on the website for the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Notification of Financial Aid

Beginning in March, financial aid award letters are mailed to first-year students who have supplied the necessary information to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships and the Office of Admissions. Award letters are then mailed on a continuing basis to those entering students who supply the necessary information to the offices after the March 1 deadline.

When aid is accepted, the student (and spouse if married) and the student's parents (if applicable) may be asked to provide documents, such as federal income tax returns, to verify the information on the application.

Students should read the financial aid award letter and instructions carefully.

An explanation of revision and appeal policies and procedures may be found on the financial aid website. A financial aid package may be revised when a student's eligibility changes. The student receives a revised notification and, if necessary, is advised of any repayment of aid. The federal regulations covering financial aid programs, the explanation of the federal method of determining student and family contributions, and the university policies and procedures for offering financial aid are available in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. Students are welcome to review them during office hours or on the financial aid website.

Financial Aid Programs

To be eligible for certain financial aid programs that depend on federal or state funding, the student must be a citizen of the United States or in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and with the intention of becoming a permanent resident. Students who are citizens of the Freely Associated States (the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau) may be eligible for certain types of federal (Title IV)aid.

Financial aid is typically disbursed to students near the beginning of a term based on their enrollment at that time. However, financial aid is actuallyearned over the course of a term. Therefore, if a student completes a term at a different enrollment status than he or she began the term, some or all of the student's financial aid may need to be returned.

Federal Pell Grant

This program provides grants (funds that do not require repayment) to eligible undergraduates who do not have a bachelor's degree.

To be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, a student must be admitted to the university in a program leading to a degree and enrolled in good standing.

The grant is reduced proportionately if the student is enrolled less than full time (12 credits a term).

The Federal Pell Grant program determines eligibility based on the student's and parents' income and assets, or the student's and spouse's if applicable. The university disburses the money.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

Federal supplemental grants, which do not need to be repaid, are for undergraduates with exceptional need. To be eligible, a student must be admitted to the university in a program leading to a degree and enrolled in good standing. The amount a student receives is determined by university policy and fund availability.

Funds are granted to the university by the federal government to award to eligible students.

Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants

The Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant is afederal grant that, although it does not need to be repaid, has special eligibility criteria. This grant is for undergraduates who

- are not eligible for the Federal Pell Grant on the basis of their expected family contribution but meet the remaining Federal Pell Grant eligibility requirements
- have a parent or guardian who was a member of the US armed forces and died as a result of military service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of September 11, 2001
- were under 24 years old or enrolled in college at least part-time at the time of their parent's or guardian's death

State of Oregon Opportunity Grants

Oregon Opportunity Grants are awarded to eligible undergraduate Oregon residents who complete the FAFSA.

A grant may be renewed for a total of 12 terms if the student applies each year, demonstrates financial need, is enrolled at least half time (6 credits a term) in a program leading to a degree,and has not completeda bachelor's degree. In addition, the State of Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) requires that a student receive the Oregon Opportunity Grant during the fall term in order to have any eligibility for the remainder of the year.

OSACdetermines eligibility and notifies the university. The funds areprovided by the state and disbursed by the university.

University of Oregon Tuition Waiver (Grant)

The UO Tuition Waiver may remit (reduce) a portion of a full-time Oregon resident's tuition charges, for undergraduates who demonstrate financial need and complete their FAFSA application by the published

priority deadline. Funding is limited and the amount a student receives is determined by university policy and fund availability.

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH)

The TEACH program provides up to $4,000 a year to students enrolled in an eligible education program and who agree to teach in a high-need field at a low-income school for at least four years within eight years of completing the program for which the grant was awarded. If these requirements arenot met, the grant converts to a loan, interest is assessed retroactively, and the loan must be repaid.

Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Program provides part-timejobs for students with financial need and who are in good academic standing in an eligible program leading to a degree or certificate.

The amount a student may earn is determined by university policy and fund availability. Students earn an hourly wage based on thetype of work, their skills and experience. Students may work a maximum of 25 hours a week while school is in session.

University departments and offices, as well as approved off-campus nonprofit agencies that perform services in the public interest, list available jobs with the Career Center, 220 Hendricks Hall, and on the center's website. Funds are used to pay a portion of student wages; the employer pays the remainder.

Federal Perkins Loan

The Federal Perkins Loan Program provides long-term, low-interest loans to eligible students who are admitted to an eligible program leading to a degree or certificate and have good academic standing.

The Federal Perkins Loan Program is scheduled to expire on October 1, 2015. For a student to be eligible for the Perkins Loan during the 2015–16 school year, the first disbursement must be made prior to October 1, 2015. For the loan to disburse, it must be accepted; the promissory note and entrance counseling (if applicable) must also have been completed and processed. In addition, students would need to meet other general student eligibility requirements before the loan could disburse. Students should complete all requirements well in advance of the October 1 date to allow sufficient time for processing. Any Perkins loans that are not disbursed by October 1, 2015, will be cancelled and will not be eligible for reinstatement.

The federal maximums that may be borrowed are $5,500 a year for undergraduates, up to a total of $27,500; $8,000 a year for graduate students; $60,000 is the combined maximum for undergraduate and graduate study. The amount a student receives is determined by university policy and fund availability.

Repayment of a Federal Perkins Loan begins nine months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half time. The minimum repayment is $40 a month or $120 a quarter. However, the actual amount of payments and the length of the repayment period depend on the size of the debt. Interest is charged during the repayment period at the rate of 5 percent a year on the unpaid balance. The university contracts with ECSI Corporation, a third party that will contact borrowers regarding repayment. The maximum repayment period is 10 years.

Repayment of a Federal Perkins Loan that is not delinquent or in default may be deferred if a borrower is enrolled at least half time in an eligible institution.

A borrower of a Federal Perkins Loan may be eligible for other deferments for periods up to three years. For information about deferments, write or call theStudent Loan Office, Office of Business Affairs, 3237 University of Oregon, Eugene OR 97403-0237; call 541-346-3171; or see the office's website.

Repayment of a Federal Perkins Loan is canceled upon the death or permanent total disability of the borrower. In addition, repayment of the loan may be canceled, in full or in part, for public service.

Information about cancellation provisions is available in the Office of Business Affairs and on its website. Additional information regarding the Perkins Loan can be found at https://studentaid.ed.gov .

Federal bankruptcy law generally prohibits student-loan borrowers from the routine discharge of their debts by declaring bankruptcy within seven years after the repayment period begins.

Money available for Federal Perkins Loans is collected from former university borrowers to lend to eligible students.

William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program

Federal Direct Subsidized Loan

Students must demonstrate need to qualify for a Federal Direct Subsidized Loan. The university determines the amount the student may borrow within federal limits: $3,500 for the first academic year of undergraduate study (up to 44 credits); $4,500 for the second academic year (45–89 credits); and $5,500 an academic year for the remaining years of undergraduate study. Not all students are eligible for the maximums. The Federal Direct Subsidized Loan is for undergraduate students with financial need. The US Department of Education pays the interest (subsidizes) on a Direct Subsidized Loan while the student is enrolled, during a student's grace period, and during a period of deferment.

Student borrowers must be enrolled in good academic standing at least half time and have been accepted for admission to an eligible program leading to a degree or certificate. Once repayment begins, borrowers are charged a fixed interest rate that is set every July 1. The interest rate for the 2015–16 academic year is 4.29 percent with an origination fee of 1.073 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2014, and before October 1, 2015) or with an origination fee of 1.068 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2015 and before October 1, 2016).

If a student receives a Direct Subsidized Loan that is first disbursed between July 1, 2012, and July 1, 2014, he or she will be responsible for paying any interest that accrues during the grace period. If the student chooses not to pay the interest that accrues during the grace period, the interest will be added to his or her principal balance.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Direct Unsubsidized Loans are available to students who do not qualify, in whole or in part, for the Direct Subsidized Loan. The university determines the amount the student may borrow within federal limits: $5,500 for the first academic year of undergraduate study (up to 44 credits); $6,500 for the second academic year (45–89 credits); and

$7,500 per year for the remaining years of undergraduate study. Not all students are eligible for the maximums.

Direct Unsubsidized Loans are available to undergraduate and graduate students. There is no requirement to demonstrate financial need. The student is responsible for paying the interest on a Direct Unsubsidized Loan during all periods. If the student chooses not to pay the interest while in school and during grace periods and deferment or forbearance periods, the interest will accrue (accumuluate) and be capitalized (that is, your interest will be added to the principal amount of your loan).

A student's financial need and dependency status determines the amount of the loan offered. Independent students, as defined by answers on the FAFSA, may borrow up to an additional $4,000 in their freshman and sophomore years and up to an additional $5,000 in their junior and senior years.

The interest rate on undergraduate loans for the 2015–16 academic year is 4.29 percent with an origination fee of 1.073 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2014 and before October 1, 2015) or with an origination fee of 1.068 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2015 and before October 1, 2016). Interest that accrues during in-school, grace, and authorized deferment periods will be added to the principal when repayment begins. The interest rate for the Direct Unsubsidized Loan is fixed every July 1.

Graduate and law students may borrow up to $20,500 a year depending on their financial need. Interest on this loan for graduate and law students for 2015–16 is5.84 percent with an origination fee of 1.073 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2014 and before October 1, 2015) or with an origination fee of 1.068 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2015 and before October 1, 2016).

Additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Dependent undergraduate students whose parents are denied access to the Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (Parent PLUS) program may be eligible for additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds. Students with fewer than 90 credits may borrow a maximum of $4,000 a year in additional funds above the maximum Federal Direct Loan limits. Students who have earned 90 credits or more may borrow a maximum of an additional $5,000 a year. Not all applicants qualify for the maximums. The Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan may be used to replace expected family contribution, but total direct loan (subsidized and unsubsidized) borrowing cannot exceed the cost of education.

Generally, the cumulative amount a student can borrow from all Federal Direct Loans is as follows:

- $31,000 (only 23,000 may be subsidized) as a dependent undergraduate
- $57,500 as an independent undergraduate (only $23,000 of this amount may be subsidized)
- $138,500 as a graduate or professional student

Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (Parent PLUS)

This program provides loans to parents of dependent undergraduate students. Parents may borrow up to an annual amount that is equal to the cost of education minus any estimated financial assistance the student receives during the periods of enrollment. The borrower may use the amount of the Federal Direct PLUS to replace the expected family contribution for the loan period.

The Federal Direct PLUS is limited to parents who do not have an adverse credit history or who have obtained an endorser who does not have an adverse credit history. A direct loan program servicer, contracted by the federal government, performs the required credit check. The interest on the Federal Direct PLUS is fixed every July 1. The interest rate for 2015–16 is6.84 percent with an origination fee of4.292 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2014 and before October 1, 2015) or with an origination fee of4.272 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2015 and before October 1, 2016).

Parents interested in participating in the Federal Direct PLUS program may request the loan by visiting the US Department of Education website (https://studentloans.gov) .

Federal PLUS Loan for Graduate and Professional Students (Graduate PLUS)

This program is offered to qualified students with or without financial need, but the student must have financial aid eligibility. Like other direct loans for students, the US Department of Education is the direct lender of the Graduate PLUS. Typically, repayment must begin within 60 days after the Graduate PLUS is disbursed. However, students who meet the requirements may obtain an in-school deferment from the US Department of Education. There is no grace period for this loan. Interest begins to accrue at the time the first disbursement is made at a fixed rate set every July 1. The interest rate for 2015–16 is 6.84 percent with an origination fee of 4.292 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2014 and before October 1, 2015) or with an origination fee of 4.272 percent (if first disbursed on or after October 1, 2015 and before October 1, 2016).

Repayment

Payment of all Direct Loans are handled through an assigned direct loan servicer. To locate the appropriate direct loan servicer, the student may sign in to the National Student Loan Data System (https://www.nslds.ed.gov) .

Repayment of Federal Direct Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) begins six months after termination of at least half-time enrollment. Repayment of Federal PLUS loans typically begins within 60 days of the last disbursement of the loan. A deferment may be requested after loan approval. Borrowers have the right to prepay their loans without penalty. Furthermore, they may choose from the following repayment plans:

- a standard repayment plan with a fixed payment amount (at least $50 a month) over a fixed period of time, not to exceed 10 years
- an extended repayment plan with a fixed or graduated annual repayment of at least $50 a month over a period of up to 25 years, depending on the total amount owed
- a graduated repayment schedule in which payments are lower at first and then increase, usually every two years, over a period of as much as 10 years
- an income-contingent repayment plan with varying annual repayment amounts based on the total amount owed and the annual income of the borrower (and that of the borrower's spouse, if a joint return is filed) paid over a period not to exceed 25 years (Parent PLUS Loans are not eligible for this plan)
- an income-based repayment plan designed to make repaying federal loans easier for students who intend to pursue jobs with lower salaries such as careers in public service. Monthly payments are capped at a percentage of the borrower's discretionary income, which is based on family size and income rather than total amount

borrowed. Payments change as the borrower's income changes and made over a period of up to 25 years

- the Pay As You Earn Plan is the most recent option, designed for new borrowers (since 2008) with at least a partial financial hardship. Payment amounts change as the borrower's income changes, with a repayment period of up to 20 years (Parent PLUS Loans are not eligible for this plan, unless it is part of a Direct Consolidation Loan).

If the borrower does not select one of these five plans, the Department of Education assigns the standard repayment plan.Visit studentaid.ed.gov (http://studentaid.ed.gov) for details on all repayment plans.

The borrower's repayment liability is discharged if the borrower becomes permanently and totally disabled or dies or if the student for whom a parent has borrowed dies. Federal Direct Student Loans are generally not dischargeable in bankruptcy.

Deferring Repayment

Repayment of a Federal Direct Student Loan that is not in default may be deferred for

- at least half-time enrollment in an eligible program at an eligible school
- an approved graduate fellowship program or rehabilitation training program for disabled individuals (except medical internship or residency program)
- unemployment (up to three years)
- economic hardship (up to three years)

During periods of approved deferment, a Federal Direct Subsidized Loan borrower does not need to make payments of principal, and the interest is paid by the federal government. For the Federal Direct Unsubsidized or PLUS borrower, principal repayment may be deferred, but interest continues to accrue and is capitalized or paid by the borrower during that time.

Forbearance

A direct loan borrower or endorser may receive forbearance from the federal government if the borrower or endorser is willing but unable to make scheduled loan payments. Forbearance is the temporary cessation of payments, an extension of time for making payments, or the temporary acceptance of smaller payments than previously scheduled. Forbearance may be granted for up to 12 months for reasons such as financial hardship, illness, or while serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program.

Deferments and forbearance are handled by the assigned direct loan servicer. To locate the appropriate direct loan servicer, the student may sign in to the National Student Loan Data System at https://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds/ .

Federal Direct Consolidation Loan

Loan consolidation is a way of lowering monthly payments by combining several federal loans into one loan at the time of repayment. Borrowers may consolidate any amount of eligible loans including those borrowed under the Federal Family Education Loan program, the Federal Perkins Loan program, and the Direct Loan Program. The interest rate is fixed at the time of consolidation based on the weighted average of the loans being consolidated. Repayment of Consolidation loans may extend to 30 years depending on the repayment plan selected and the amount borrowed. The result of a longer repayment term, however, is an increase in the total cost of the loan.

Entrance and Exit Counseling

First-time Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and Graduate PLUS Loan borrowers must participate in entrance counseling before a loan disbursement can be made.

Shortly before graduating from or terminating enrollment at the University of Oregon, borrowers must also participate in exit loan counseling.

Both entrance and exit counseling sessions are completed on the federal student loan website (https://studentloans.gov) .

Alternative Loans

Privately funded loans are not based on need and no federal formula is applied to determine eligibility. However, the amount borrowed cannot exceed the cost of education minus other financial aid. Interest rates and repayment terms vary, but are generally less favorable than those provided through the federal direct lending program. Private loans are used to supplement the federal programs when the cost of education minus federal aid still leaves unmet need. Information is available in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships or on its website under *Alternative Student Loans*.

Debt Management and Default Reduction

The University of Oregon is committed to helping students achieve sound financial planning and debt management. Information about loans, repayment options, and debt management strategies is available in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships and on its website.

Scholarships

Scholarships Awarded by a Department or School

Undergraduate and graduate students who have selected a major field of study should consult the appropriate school or department about possible scholarships and application procedures and requirements.

Many departments offer outstanding graduate students assistantships and fellowships, which include an instructional fee waiver, a monthly salary, and health insurance benefits, are offered to outstanding graduate students by many departments. Each year the College of Arts and Sciences solicits and screens applicants for Rhodes, Truman, Churchill, Marshall, and Mellon graduate fellowships.

National ROTC Scholarships

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship Program sponsors two-, three-, and four-year scholarships. These scholarships include full tuition and fees, an annual book allowance of $1,200, and a monthly stipend of $300 for a freshman, $350 for a sophomore, $450 for a junior, and $500 for a senior. An additional housing subsidy for a portion of the cost is provided to qualifying students. For more information, call the Department of Military Science, 800-542-3945. High school students also can contact their school's counselor.

National and Community Service Trust Act

This legislation created Americorps, which gives citizens the opportunity to perform community service in the United States and, for that service, receive an education award. This award can be used to pay for

postsecondary education or to repay qualified student loans. Information about Americorps is available online.

Scholarships Awarded through the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

General University Scholarships

This group of university scholarships is not attached to a particular department or school. Detailed information is available on the financial aid website. All of these scholarships require academic achievement (merit). Some of them require financial need. Scholarships administered by this office are governed by the University Scholarship Committee, whose members are drawn from the faculty, the staff, and the student body. This committee reviews and formulates policies and evaluates applicants' academic qualifications.

A single application form is used for all the scholarships in this group. Application and recommendation forms are available in the office and on its website. Applicants must provide copies of academic transcripts from schools they have attended.

Prospective students entering from high school need only to apply for admission by the January 15 deadline to be considered for scholarships in this group. For students transferring from another college, the deadline to apply for admission and submit a scholarship application and supporting documents is February 15. Continuing UO students must apply by February 15 as well.

When awarding financial assistance, the university does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, disability, age, national origin, veteran or marital status, or sexual orientation.

Presidential Scholarship

In 1983, the university established the Presidential Scholarship Program to recognize and reward outstanding Oregon high school graduates. Presidential Scholarships awarded in 2015–16 will be $9,000 a year for four years (12 terms).

Incoming resident freshmen must submit the Presidential Scholarship application (https://tembo.uoregon.edu/scholarships/presidential) (available on the financial aid office website)—in addition to applying for admission—by January 15.

Selection is based on academic achievement and leadership. To retain the scholarships for four years, recipients are expected to maintain a 3.25 grade point average at the university.

Stamps Scholarship

The Stamps Scholarship is awarded competitively to the state's brightest incoming freshman students. Scholars receive UO tuition with room and board for four years of undergraduate study. Approximately five students per year are awarded this merit-based scholarship by the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation in partnership with the University of Oregon. Recipients also benefit from as much as $12,000 in enrichment funds to be used over four years to help them pursue study abroad, unpaid internships, or other experiences. In addition, students who receive a Stamps Scholarship are automatically granted admission to the University of Oregon's Robert Donald Clark Honors College.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply and compete for this scholarship, a student must

- be an Oregon resident, graduating from an Oregon high school
- be an incoming freshman
- have a minimum 3.85 cumulative high school grade point average on a 4.00 scale
- have a minimum 1240 combined mathematics and critical reading SAT score or 28 ACT composite score
- exemplify leadership, perseverance, scholarship, service, and innovation

Interested students may apply online. The submission deadline is November 1. Admission application materials, including test scores, must be provided to the University of Oregon by December 1.You must also apply for admission to the UO by November 1 and be admitted by December 15.

Your scholarship application will be evaluated along with the academic transcripts and test scores included in your UO Undergraduate Admissions Application.

The University of Oregon interviews as many as 18 semifinalists; 10 will be interviewed by the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation. The Stamps Foundation will make the final selection of the five recipients, who are notified by March 15.

Scholarship Renewal

Stamps Scholarships are available for up to 12 terms, renewed annually, provided recipients meet the following requirements:

- Enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 UO credits per term
- Maintain a 3.25 UO grade point average

See the financial aid website (http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/stamps_scholarship) for applications and filing deadlines.

National Merit Scholarships

The University of Oregon participates with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to award merit-based scholarships to incoming freshmen. Interested high school students should consult their high school counselors and arrange to take the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) in their junior year. This test is usually offered during October.

Diversity Excellence Scholarship

The University of Oregon Diversity Excellence Scholarship recognizes undergraduate and graduate students who enhance the educational experience of all students by sharing diverse cultural experiences. These tuition-remission scholarships are an integral part of the university's effort to meet the educational-diversity needs of its students, and they complement other programs in the UO diversity plan (http://inclusion.uoregon.edu/diversity-strategic-action-plan-progress-reports) .

Diversity Excellence Scholarships awarded to undergraduates in 2015-16 will be $6,500; graduate student awards will be $9,000. The amount of each award is determined by the UO Diversity Excellence Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are renewable for up to 16 terms for entering freshmen, and are prorated for transfer, continuing, and graduate students. Recipients must meet specific scholarship renewal requirements to retain their scholarships.

Scholarship Criteria

In order to be considered for this scholarship, an applicant must be a United States citizen or permanent resident and be a currently enrolled

UO student with at least a 2.50 GPA, or apply for admission and meet standard UO admission requirements and have a 3.00 high school GPA. Scholarship recipients are selected competitively by the UO Diversity Excellence Scholarship Committee. Priority consideration is given to students who demonstrate the following:

1. commitment to diversity through documented history of community service, leadership, or other activities
2. educational background and performance as documented by official high school and/or college transcripts
3. financial aid eligibility as determined by federal guidelines
4. ethnic minority status consistent with the UO Campus Diversity Plan
5. status as a first generation or nontraditional student as determined by federal guidelines
6. residence in the state of Oregon

Application

The application is electronic and the submission deadline for the Diversity Excellence Scholarship is January 15. Application forms are available on the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website.

Summit Scholarship

The Summit Scholarship for incoming freshmanin 2015–16is awarded to Oregon resident scholars with a $24,000 payout over four years, and to out-of-state scholars with a $36,000 payout over four years.

Scholarship Criteria

- Minimum 3.80 high school GPA on a 4.00 scale
- Minimum score of 1190 on the SAT or 26 on the ACT

The SAT score is based on the critical reading and mathematics sections only, and is the highest combined score. The ACT score is the highest composite score. Students who fail to meet the above criteria may qualify instead for the Apex Scholarship.

Award Information

Oregon residents receive $6,000 per year for four years. Out-of-state students receive $9,000 per year for four years. The Summit Scholarship may be combined with other scholarships, including the Presidential, Diversity Excellence, and General University Scholarships. Summit Scholarships may not be combined with the Apex Scholarship.

Application Procedures

Students who apply for admission by January 15 and meet the criteria are automatically awarded the Summit Scholarship. No separate application is required. Application materials, including test scores, must be received by the February 15 document deadline.

Electronic submission of scores is preferred. When taking the test, students should list the UO as one of the score recipients. The school code number for the SAT Reasoning Test is 4846; the code for the ACT is 3498.

Scholarship Renewal

Summit Scholarships are renewable for up to 12 academic terms (excluding summer session) within a five-year period. Renewal awards require a minimum 3.00 cumulative UO GPA and completion of 36 credits per year.

Apex Scholarship

The Apex Scholarship for incoming freshman in 2015–16 is awarded to Oregon resident scholars with a $12,000 payout over four years and to out-of-state scholars with $16,000 over four years.

Scholarship Criteria

- Minimum 3.60 high school GPA on a 4.00 scale
- Minimum score of 1150 on the SAT or 25 on the ACT

The SAT score is based on the critical reading and mathematics sections only, and is the highest combined score. The ACT score is the highest composite score. Students whose GPA and test scores are higher than the above criteria may instead qualify for the Summit Scholarship.

Award Information

Oregon residents receive $3,000 per year for four years. Out-of-state students receive $4,000 per year for four years. The Apex Scholarship may be combined with other scholarships, including the Presidential, Diversity Excellence, and General University Scholarships. Apex Scholarships may not be combined with the Summit Scholarship.

Application Procedures

Students who apply for admission by January 15 and meet the criteria are automatically awarded the Apex Scholarship. No separate application is required. Application materials, including test scores, must be received by the February 15 document deadline.

Electronic submission of scores is preferred.When taking the test, students should list the UO as one of the score recipients. The school code number for the SAT Reasoning Test is 4846; the code for the ACT is 3498.

Students whose high school GPA or standardized test scores improve sufficiently to make them eligible for the Summit Scholarship by the February 15 document deadline should have their latest transcripts and SAT or ACT scores sent to the UO Office of Admissions by that date. They will be notified of changes by April 1. New scholarship awards will not be made based on transcripts or test scores received after February 15.

Scholarship Renewal

Apex Scholarships are renewable for up to 12 academic terms (excluding summer session) within a five-year period. Renewal awards require a minimum 3.00 cumulative UO GPA and completion of 36 credits per year.

Pathway Oregon

Pathway Oregon is the university's promise of full tuition and fees for Oregon residentswho are academically qualified and eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. Eligible students will have their tuition andfees covered by a combination offederal, state, and university grants and scholarships for up to four years. Students also receive the academic and personal support that enable them to succeed and graduate from the UO within 12 terms.

To be automatically eligible for Pathway Oregon, students must

- be Oregon residents, have graduated from an Oregon high school in the last two years, and be admitted to the UO as first-time freshmen
- complete a UO admissions applicationby January 15
- establish Federal Pell Grant eligibility by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the March 1 deadline (include the UO code **003223** as a college choice)

- earn a minimum 3.40 high school GPA

Students who earn less than a 3.40 high school GPA but meet all other program eligibility criteria will be considered for the program on a space- and funding-available basis.

Renewal Criteria

- Remain Pell-eligible
- File the FAFSA by March 1
- Enroll for and maintain full-time attendance
- Make satisfactory academic progress