

Joint Resolution No. 2
FINANCIAL AID--OHLAP

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) provides a crucial resource for students within the state both in terms of stimulating academic quality and providing financial support for higher education; and,

WHEREAS, OHLAP students have a higher college entry rate (76 percent versus 55 percent for all students), a lower college remediation rate (26.3 percent versus 37.1 percent for all students), a higher tendency to remain a full-time student once enrolled, and a higher likelihood to complete degrees in six years (54 percent versus 35 percent for general population); and

WHEREAS, 61.2 percent of all Oklahoma families qualify for OHLAP, with the highest proportion of families making under \$25,000 a year; and,

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that education is one of the most beneficial investments a state can make both in terms of an increased quality of living for its citizens and an increased tax revenue from the higher wages a college degree demands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Advisory Board and the Faculty Advisory Council to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education:

1. THAT the Oklahoma Legislature and Governor keep the promise made to Oklahoma 8th-12th graders and provide funding to give an OHLAP scholarship to every enrolled student who takes the tough 17-unit curriculum, does well, and stays out of trouble.
2. THAT the State Regents be urged to make all Oklahoma students and their families aware of the free college tuition opportunity.

Asher Killian, Chairman
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Meeting in joint session on February 16, 2003.