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Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG) July 2025

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant

- In 2003, the Oklahoma Legislature enacted the Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG) Act to provide grants to Oklahoma residents attending not-for-profit, independent institutions in Oklahoma.
- Last year over \$2.91 million was awarded to 1,795 students.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant

- OTEG is a decentralized program. Institutions select recipients according to some basic eligibility guidelines; however, within those guidelines the institution can develop and implement their own priorities in the selection process.
- Choosing recipients based on a couple of factors may help. First, it is good to select recipients that received it previously and are still eligible. Like Oklahoma's Promise, the clock on the five years begins with the first disbursement of OTEG. Next, it is good to select recipients with the highest unmet need.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Update

➤ **Legislation:** HB2888

Status: Signed/Passed without Governor's Signature on 05/08/2025

Authors: Rep. Tammy Townley & Sen. Aaron Reinhardt

➤ **Summary:**

HB2888 removes non-taxable sources from the eligibility requirements for the Tuition Equalization Grant. This update ensures compliance with current regulations.

➤ **Impact:**

There are no changes to your processes; this update simply ensures compliance.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Eligibility

- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and report Oklahoma as the state of legal residence. A FAFSA must be filed each year in order to be considered for an award.
- Be enrolled full time in the fall and/or spring semester(s) at a school that is eligible to offer OTEG awards.
- Have a family income of \$50,000 or less.
- Have sufficient unmet financial need in meeting the cost of attendance as determined by the campus financial aid office.
- Be an Oklahoma resident according to the State Regents' Policy on In-State/Out-of-State Status of Enrolled Students in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Eligibility Cont.

- Meet the institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.
- Not already have received a grant for a period of five consecutive years of study. The eligibility period begins when the student first receives the grant.
- Not already have earned their first bachelor's degree.
- *Pay more tuition than is required at a comparable public institution of higher education*

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Notes

- Oklahoma residency is required. See OSRHE policy at: <https://okhighered.org/state-system/policy-procedures/> (see 3.18)
 - Please note that self-reported Oklahoma residency on the FAFSA is not verification of Oklahoma residency.
- Use O-SAFE for all claims processing.
- The FAFSA must be valid and the student must be eligible for Title IV aid.
- Must be enrolled full-time and eligible for the full amount of the need based semester amount (no partial grants). *There are no amounts on the claim form because all eligible students receive \$1,000 for the semester.*

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Notes Cont.

- Must meet OTEG income requirements:
- Independent (per Title IV definition): total of student/spouse AGI (use income earned from work-for non-filers) equals \$50,000 or less.
- Dependent (per Title IV definition): total of student's parents' AGI (use income earned from work-for non-filers) equals \$50,000 or less .
 - OTEG statutes specify only parental income is counted for dependent students.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Notes Cont.

- Must have sufficient unmet need before the grant is applied.
- Students who have previously received OTEG funds and who continue to meet the requirements for eligibility shall have absolute priority for continued financial support superior to any student who is applying for a grant for the first time.
- Cannot receive awards for more than five years from the time the first OTEG award was received.
- DACA students filing a FAFSA are not eligible for OTEG at this time unless the specific requirements outlined in the Regent's residency policy are met (See 3.18.6 (C)(4)).

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Procedures

- In July, presidents receive a letter from the Chancellor and an allocation worksheet showing the amount allocated to each institution.
- Institutions select eligible recipients based on OTEG program and institutional eligibility requirements.
- Template is retrieved from the OTEG resources page and selected recipients are placed on the blank claim form.
- Each school is responsible for determining eligibility, packaging the award, and notifying the student that he/she is eligible to receive OTEG.
- Submit your claim form via O-SAFE by October 15 for the fall semester and by March 15 for the spring semester. You may submit partial or multiple claims, provided you do not exceed your allocated amount before the respective deadlines.
- Each recipient is verified by OSRHE and checked for expiration.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Procedures Cont.

- Payment is made to institutions on student's behalf.
- In January, each institution is supplied with a pre-populated claim form that lists each student submitted by the institution for payment (and paid) in the fall semester.
- Institutions verify the continued eligibility of those students. Ineligible students are left on the claim with notations indicating the reason for ineligibility. **New or transfer students are added at the bottom of the worksheet to replace fall recipients that are no longer eligible.**
- Claims are submitted, eligibility of new students are verified, and payment is made to the institution on the student's behalf.
- Annual reconciliation reports are placed on O-SAFE after the spring deadline. Cumulative GPA's are required to complete a statutory report.
- Generally, new allocations are calculated for the next year based on percentage of funds used.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Procedures Cont.

ALTERNATES

1. Submission of alternates on both the fall and spring claims allows institutions to retain funds if a recipient is found to be ineligible after the claim submission deadline.
2. Unused program funds may be paid to alternates based on highest unmet need.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant O-SAFE

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OTEG CLAIM FORM

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Financial Aid Resources for Institutions

- <http://www.okhighered.org/admin-fac/FinAidResources/>
- One location for up-to-date information including:
 - Administrative rules and statutes
 - Report form templates
 - Eligibility requirements
 - Claim form instructions
 - Allocation information for OTEG
 - Other information related to OSRHE financial aid programs

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Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG) General Information

[Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant \(OTEG\) Webpage](#)

[Administrative Rules](#)
(maintained by the Office of Administrative Rules of the Oklahoma Secretary of State)

[OSRHE Residency Policy](#)
(OSRHE Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter 3 - Academic Affairs. View Section 3.18 of PDF file.)

[OTEG Award Procedures for Institutions](#) (PDF, 137k)

[OTEG Student Eligibility Requirements](#) (PDF, 108k)

[2023-24 Allocation of Funds](#) (PDF, 16k)

OTEG Forms


[Award Claim Form Template](#) (XLS, 60k)

Statutes (Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Act)

(external links to the Oklahoma State Courts Network)

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- [Academic Scholars Program](#)
- [Oklahoma College Assistance Program](#)
- [Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant \(OTAG\)](#)
- [Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant \(OTEG\)](#)
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Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Issues

- O-SAFE sign-up
- Program differences
(OTAG/OTEG/Oklahoma's Promise/
Academic Scholars)
- Timelines-statutory deadlines
- New institutional employees

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