

2026-2027 FAFSA/ORSAA Instructions:



Before Getting Started:

- Not sure which application to complete? Fill out the FAFSA/ORSAA Pre-Filter Tool:
 - <https://osacapps.hecc.oregon.gov/orsaa-filter.aspx>
 - You are either filling out the FAFSA or the ORSAA* application (**not both**).
 - *If you are filling out the ORSAA, continue onto their website and disregard the instructions below.
 - What should I have ready?
 - My SSN (required for FAFSA)
 - Parent(s) SSN (only required if they have an SSN): <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-apply/parents> (This link determines which parent(s) need to complete the form)
 - Tax Returns (may be able to transfer IRS data directly via FAFSA if you filed taxes electronically).
 - Full list of needed documents here: <https://studentaid.gov/help/info-needed>
- 1) **Create a StudentAid.gov Account** (same as FSA ID) studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch
a) Use a personal email address (your high school email will expire!)
b) You create an account and your parent/contributor creates an account too (unless they already have one from an older sibling or from their own college experience).
- 2) **Start/Submit the 2026-2027 FAFSA Application:** studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
~NOTES (optional or keep in a safe place): ~

Username: _____
Password: _____

Personal Email: _____
Phone Number: _____

FSA ID (FAFSA) only (Answers are case-sensitive):

Challenge Question 1 Answer: _____
Challenge Question 3 Answer: _____

Challenge Question 2 Answer: _____
Challenge Question 4 Answer: _____

Need Help?

FAFSA Help / Ayuda de FAFSA: (800) 433-3243 [FAFSA Help Page](#); 8 Steps for Parents Completing the FAFSA [link](#)
ORSAA Help / Ayuda de ORSAA: (541) 687-7400 ORSAAHelp@hecc.oregon.gov; Understanding the ORSAA [English.pdf](#) [Spanish.pdf](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!! What happens after I submit the FAFSA/ORSAA?



1) Confirmation of Submission:

- Check your personal email to make sure your FAFSA or ORSAA submission went through.
- The Financial Aid Offices at each of your prospective colleges will use the information you provided to prepare a financial aid offer most likely by Spring - a detailed list of the types and amounts of aid you will receive if you enroll.
- If you have questions, please check with your college's Financial Aid Office. Only they can provide you with information on their financial aid offer/process.

2) Apply for the Oregon Promise Grant: www.oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/oregon-promise-grant/

- Pays for up to 90 credits tuition at any of the 17 Oregon community colleges if you graduate with a 2.0+ GPA. Must have less than 90 credits at graduation to qualify and must start community college within 6 months of graduating high school.

3) Apply to a College (or multiple!!) → including apprenticeship program, military, trade school/CTE, etc.

- Apply to multiple 4-year colleges at once with Common App www.commonapp.org/
- Reach out to an Admissions Counselor at the colleges if you need help getting started.
- Use a personal email address (NOT your CMC one).
- Check your college email regularly for any financial aid updates (FAFSA/ORSAA, scholarships, etc.)
- Stay ORGANIZED - have a system for keeping track of deadlines, usernames/passwords, etc

4) Apply for Scholarships! Where do I find them?

- [CMC Scholarship Page](#): Under "Students" → "College & Career Center" → See link on top of page
- **Oregon Goes to College Scholarship Page**: <https://oregongoestocollege.org/pay/scholarships>
- **N. Clackamas Scholarships**: www.nc-foundation.org/applications
- **OSAC Scholarships**: www.oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships/
- **College(s)** you applied to → go to their Financial Aid & Scholarships webpage.
- Ask your job, church, club/organization, volunteer place, mentors, etc. if they offer scholarships.
- Other reputable search engines - but never if they ask for your SSN or money (this is a scam!)

