Oklahoma’s Promise
Frequently-Asked Questions

We’re committed to helping academically-eligible Oklahoma’s Promise recipients achieve the dream of a college education at OSU. Oklahoma students in grades 8-10 can sign up to participate in the program, previously known as OHLAP and administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE). Once you graduate from high school and complete the curricular and conduct requirements for the program, you will receive funding from Oklahoma’s Promise to cover the cost of tuition at OSU.

**Oklahoma’s Promise Academic Progress Standards:**

Per Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) policy, all Oklahoma’s Promise recipients must meet OSU’s Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy, located on our website at (https://financialaid.okstate.edu/sites/default/files/PDF/sap.pdf). If you become ineligible to receive federal/state financial aid as defined by OSU’s SAP policy, you won’t be eligible to receive Oklahoma’s Promise or Cowboy Covenant funding.

**Oklahoma’s Promise FAQ’s:**

**What’s the value of my Oklahoma’s Promise Award?**

Oklahoma’s Promise is a cash award that pays an amount equal to a student's undergraduate resident tuition charges. The value of the Oklahoma's Promise award doesn't include fees, books, supplies, room, board, or other charges. If your tuition charges are paid by another form of aid (a tuition waiver scholarship, for example), you'll still receive Oklahoma's Promise equal to the tuition charges, and these funds can be used to pay for any costs associated with your attendance at OSU.

**I'm eligible for Oklahoma's Promise and I've been offered an undergraduate tuition waiver scholarship from OSU. May I receive both of these at the same time?**

Yes. Students who previously qualified for and were awarded an undergraduate tuition waiver by OSU may receive that tuition waiver scholarship and Oklahoma's Promise at the same time. Oklahoma’s Promise is a cash award from the State of Oklahoma, while the tuition waiver scholarship is an award from OSU. A student who qualified for both awards and is currently eligible for both awards may receive payments for both provided that such payments don’t result in the student receiving award amounts that exceed the Cost of Attendance figure for that student for that term.

**I qualify for Oklahoma’s Promise but I was admitted to OSU under the Alternative Admission standards. May I receive Oklahoma’s Promise?**

No, not for your first semester at OSU. If you’re permitted to enroll at OSU for a second semester, your eligibility to receive Oklahoma's Promise payments begins with that second semester of enrollment. However, that first semester, during which you did not receive Oklahoma's Promise payment, does count against your five years of Oklahoma's Promise eligibility.

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When does my eligibility for Oklahoma’s Promise start?
The first semester you may begin using your Oklahoma’s Promise eligibility is the fall term after you
graduate from high school. You can’t be paid Oklahoma’s Promise in the summer term immediately after
graduating from high school. If you graduate in December, Oklahoma’s Promise will be available for your
spring semester tuition as long as the final paperwork is provided to the Oklahoma’s Promise office in a
timely manner.

As an Oklahoma’s Promise-eligible student, you may be paid Oklahoma’s Promise during any fall,
spring, or summer term for the duration of your Oklahoma’s Promise eligibility except the first summer
term after graduating from high school. If you wait longer than three years after graduating to start
attending college, your eligibility for Oklahoma’s Promise is lost permanently.

When does my eligibility for Oklahoma’s Promise end?
Your eligibility for Oklahoma’s Promise ends once you earn a baccalaureate degree or five years after
you start college, whichever comes first.

Once you start your college career, your five-year time clock for Oklahoma’s Promise eligibility starts
ticking. Any term that you do not attend college during that five-year window DOES count against your
five-year period of Oklahoma’s Promise eligibility and is lost permanently.

What are the minimum and maximum hours of enrollment for Oklahoma’s Promise
eligibility?
There is no minimum or maximum number of hours of enrollment required for payment of Oklahoma’s
Promise during any term of eligibility. However, you are encouraged to take enough hours to earn a
degree before your period of Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship eligibility expires.

Where Can I Get More Information About OSU and Oklahoma’s Promise?

Oklahoma’s Promise Program
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Email: okpromise@osrhe.edu
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