The Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship provides all or part of tuition expenses for students who complete the program’s requirements while in high school. The scholarship can be used at accredited public and private colleges and at certain public career technology centers. Students enrolled in the eighth, ninth, or tenth grade, whose family income does not exceed $55,000 may enroll in the program. For additional information, please call 800.858.1840 or visit www.okhighered.org/okpromise.

OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE ELIGIBILITY

— Only students certified by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) as having completed the high school requirements are eligible to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship at OCCC.

— Students must begin postsecondary education within three years of graduating from high school. They are then eligible to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship for five years, or until they earn a bachelor’s degree, whichever comes first.

— All Oklahoma’s Promise students must meet the regular admissions requirements of the college and are encouraged to apply for financial aid at the college.

— The Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship WILL NOT be available the summer semester immediately following high school graduation.

— Students are required to have a valid social security number on file with OCCC in order to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.

— Students who are receiving Oklahoma’s Promise for the first time during the 2012-13 school year and thereafter are required to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. If the family adjusted gross income (AGI) is found to exceed $100,000 the student will permanently lose eligibility for the scholarship.

— All Oklahoma’s Promise students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards in order to remain eligible for the scholarship each semester. To review OCCC’s SAP Policy, please visit www.occc.edu/FinancialAid/FactSheets.html.

— If any Oklahoma’s Promise student recipient is not eligible to receive financial aid as defined by OCCC’s SAP policy, the student is not eligible to receive Oklahoma’s Promise.
OKLAHOMA’S PROMISE AWARD PROCESS AT OCCC

— OCCC Financial Aid Office will determine the eligibility of all enrolled students each semester. If a student feels they are eligible to receive the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship and have not been awarded the scholarship by the first day of classes, they are responsible for providing their social security number and a copy of their class schedule to the Financial Aid Office.

— The Oklahoma's Promise award is calculated based on resident tuition only. There are no limits on the number of hours that the scholarship will pay for each semester. Students will receive the current tuition rate for the academic year.

— Oklahoma’s Promise is a cash scholarship. It does not have to be applied to tuition if the student has tuition only scholarships. The Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship can be used with other forms of financial aid.

— Oklahoma’s Promise will be used as a financial aid resource and will be applied to a student’s cost of attendance. If a student’s financial aid awards exceed their cost of attendance, OCCC is required to reduce one or more financial aid awards. Students will be notified via their OCCC student email account if their Oklahoma’s Promise tuition scholarship is reduced.

— At the end of the drop and add period of each semester, OCCC will adjust the student’s Oklahoma’s Promise award based on the current number of credit hours the student is enrolled in and submit a billing invoice to the Oklahoma’s Promise office.

Once OCCC receives Oklahoma’s Promise funds, payments will be applied to the student’s account to pay any outstanding balance. If no balance is owed, the student will be issued a refund by the Bursar’s Office.

— OCCC Financial Aid encourages all students to enroll in classes before the first day of each semester to ensure they receive Oklahoma’s Promise funds on the first disbursement.

If a student enrolls on the first day of classes or later, their Oklahoma’s Promise award may be delayed. OCCC will not submit billing invoices for these students until after the first disbursement has been applied to student accounts.

— Students who enrolled in classes prior to the first day of each semester can expect to receive their Oklahoma’s Promise funds by the following dates:
  o Fall: October 31
  o Spring: March 31
  o Summer: July 31

HEROES PROMISE

— Oklahoma students who lost a military parent in the line of duty since January 1, 2000 may be eligible for a state award similar to Oklahoma’s Promise. These students can sign up for the award up to the age of 21 regardless of family income. The deceased parent must have filed an Oklahoma tax return for the year previous to their death. For more information contact the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at (405) 225-9131. This award is intended for students who are not already eligible for Oklahoma’s Promise.