



# Oregon Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver Information and Instructions

## Admission

Student must be admitted to an undergraduate degree program at an Oregon University System campus.

## Criteria

The Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver is open to qualified current and former foster children enrolled as undergraduate students within the Oregon University System for the purposes of pursuing an initial undergraduate degree (as evidenced by admission into an undergraduate degree program). This program waives tuition and fees for current and former foster youth who access prior to reaching 25 years of age, until the student receives “the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education”.

To qualify for the Tuition and Fee Waiver, a student must:

1. Have spent at least 365 days in substitute care after age 16, and either left foster care (had wardship terminated), or completed high school/GED within the previous three years.
2. Enroll as an undergraduate student not later than three years after the earliest of:
  - The date the student was removed from the care of the Department of Human Services;
  - The date the student graduated from high school; or
  - The date the student received the equivalent of a high school diploma.
3. Submit a completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for each academic year he/she is eligible for the program.
4. For each subsequent year after the first academic year at an institution of higher education, have completed a minimum of 30 volunteer service hours in the previous academic year, performing community service activities such as mentoring foster youth or assisting in the provision of peer support service activities, according to policies developed by the institution of higher education at which the student is enrolled.

## Program Qualifications

## Residency

The student must meet Oregon residency requirements as stipulated within OAR 580-010-0030 through 580-010-0045.

## Award Information

1. A qualified student for the Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver is entitled to waiver of tuition and fees as noted below:
  - Tuition for academic credit courses (at base or different rates, depending upon the program to which the student is admitted), but not for noncredit courses;
  - Mandatory enrollment fees: building, incidental, health service, recreation center, or other mandatory fees that may be added from time to time;
  - One-time fees: matriculation, transcript for life (OIT only);
  - Fees required for instruction-related services, such as lab or course fees that are assessed upon registration for a particular course.

(The waiver excludes all fees and fines for non-instruction related services and materials, such as residence hall room and board, dining services, parking fees and

fines, library fines, etc. In addition, text books and other course materials not assessed as part of a course fee are also excluded. Fees considered as “pass through” fees, paid to an outside provider, are exempt from the Tuition and Fee Waiver.)

2. Eligible students may receive the Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver for up to 12 terms of full-time study or the equivalent. Attendance at less than full-time will be prorated accordingly.
3. If a student meets all the other criteria for eligibility, but does not require the foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver, the student shall remain eligible until the student receives the equivalent of four years of undergraduate education.
4. As noted previously, to be considered eligible for this program, the student must complete and submit a FAFSA for each academic year they are eligible for the program. Awards made under the Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver shall be applied AFTER the following:
  - Any Federal Pell Grant or Federal SEOG;
  - Oregon Opportunity Grant, established under ORS 384.205;
  - Any other gift, grant or scholarship received from the institution of higher education which may be applied to the tuition and fees covered under this program.
5. For purposes of this program, non-tuition scholarships from sources outside of the university which pass through either OSAC or the institution, are not included in the calculation of the tuition and fee waiver award amount.

For purposes of this waiver, the terms below are defined as follows:

**Definition of Terms**

- “Former Foster Child” is defined as an individual who, for a total of 12 or more months while between the ages of 16 and 21 was a ward of the court pursuant to ORS 419B.100(a)(b) to (e), and in the legal custody of the Oregon Department of Human Services (or one of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon) for out-of-home placement
- The “equivalent of four years of undergraduate education” and “equivalent of four academic years” is defined as up to 12 terms of full time study or the equivalent. Attendance at less than full-time will be prorated accordingly.

**Submit completed form to the campus Community Service Official**

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**OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (OUS)  
Oregon Foster Youth Tuition & Fee Waiver  
Student Documentation of Community Service  
For Academic Year 2012-2013**

*Complete Sections A & B, then submit signed documentation to the Community Service Official at the OUS institution where enrolled for approval.*

**A. Student Information Section:**

Student's Name (First-Middle-Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges/Universities Attended in 2012-13: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**B. Community Service Section: (Completed by Applicant)**

Please summarize your community service for the academic year 2012-13 that satisfies the service requirement for recipients of the Oregon Foster Youth Tuition and Fee Waiver. Please attach evidence that you have spent a minimum of thirty (30) hours in this capacity during the 2012-13 academic year. (Examples of documentation include 1) timesheets; 2) a daily log; or 3) a letter from your supervisor).

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of community Service Work (Your title if other than "volunteer," your duties, accomplishments and challenges, learning, or experience acquired)

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Student's Signature

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**Office Use Only:**

Reviewer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If no, please give explanation for denial: \_\_\_\_\_

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