

Oregon Promise FAQ for High School Connections Students

FAQ answers adapted from the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) Oregon Promise website; <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx>. For more information about eligibility and program requirements visit <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx>.

Note: Students are not eligible to receive any financial aid until they have earned a HS Diploma or GED, but should apply for FAFSA & Oregon Promise during their senior year.

❖ If I earn college credit while I am still in high school, am I still eligible for Oregon Promise?

Yes! Students will be eligible for Oregon Promise as long as they have not already earned 90 college credits. College credits earned while a student is still enrolled in high school will be included in the student's cumulative GPA at a community college. All of the following types of credits count toward the 90 credit limit:

- College credits you take while in high school or as part of a high school completion program
- College credits you take during summer term (Oregon Promise does not pay for summer courses)
- College credits you take at another college or university while dual-enrolled at a community college
- College credits for courses you withdraw from or fail
- Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) credits transcribed by your college.
- Any other college credits you attempt or complete prior to and during your time as an Oregon Promise recipient

❖ If I take college classes at CCC through Expanded Options, am I still eligible for Oregon Promise?

Yes, provided that: 1) you have not already earned or attempted 90 college credits; and 2) you obtain a high school diploma or GED and apply for Oregon Promise within the application timeframe and attend a community college within 6 months of graduation or GED completion. (Note: Credits earned through Expanded Options are free to students and textbooks can be covered, so these courses are likely still cheaper than classes taken under Oregon Promise.)

❖ Does Oregon Promise cover all community college costs?

No. Oregon Promise helps pay for community college **tuition** after other state and federal grant aid has been applied. However, there are other college costs of attendance that Oregon Promise does not cover, such as books, fees, and housing. Additionally, a \$50 co-pay is automatically deducted from the Oregon Promise award each term.

❖ Is it cheaper to take an ACC class in high school than taking the same class at CCC with Oregon Promise?

Yes, taking an ACC class will in most cases be cheaper, and will also save you time in college by not having to repeat course material you already learned; ultimately accelerating your path to degree or certificate completion. It is important to register for ACC courses that will apply toward your degree or certificate program. Contact our CCC Advisor for high school students if you have questions – 503-594-3252 or hsconnections@clackamas.edu.

Estimated cost breakdown if you took WR-121 as an ACC class compared to taking it at CCC with Oregon Promise:

	Cost of WR-121 through ACC	Cost of WR-121 at CCC with Oregon Promise*
Tuition	\$0	\$0
Books	\$0	Up to \$17
Fees	\$40, or free if on Free/Reduced Lunch	Up to \$159
TOTAL:	\$40, or free if on Free/Reduced Lunch	Up to \$176

*Costs based on range of FA/2019 WR-121 course costs

For more information about CCC's High School Connections programs and how you can get a jump start in college while still in high school, visit www.clackamas.edu/highschoolconnections or contact hsconnections@clackamas.edu.

For more information about Financial Aid at CCC visit

<http://www.clackamas.edu/admissions-financial-aid/financial-aid-scholarships> or contact finaid@clackamas.edu.