College and Financial Aid Events for Students

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There is still time for students to apply for college and financial aid.

Oregon Goes To College is teaming up with Oregon community colleges to support 12th graders who are still making their plans for continuing their education next fall. **Colleges will offer virtual activities April 19-30** to help students explore their options, apply for admission, complete their FAFSA or ORSAA, and submit their Oregon Promise application.

Check out the **Schedule of Events** page to share opportunities with students and learn what is happening by topic and community college.

**You can help spread the word** by sharing social media posts and e-mailing or texting students & families. Find templates in the Media Kit for Educators on the Spring Into Action website: [oregongoestocollege.org/spring](http://oregongoestocollege.org/spring)

*Oregon Goes To College is a statewide initiative of Oregon GEAR UP.*
Oregon Receives FAFSA/ORSSAA Grant to Support Schools and Students

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The HECC's Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) was awarded $50,000 for the Kresge/NCAN Supporting Postsecondary Enrollment During the COVID Era: FAFSA Completion Project.

This grant allows OSAC to work in partnership with high school staff, community-based organizations, and other college support programs over the next five months to increase FAFSA/ORSSAA completions in hopes of broadening access to higher educational opportunities for more Oregonians.

Incentives:

- All students who submit a FAFSA/ORSSAA between now and August 30, 2021 are eligible to:
  - Receive a coffee gift card
  - Eligible to win one of five $1,000 scholarships
- Schools are eligible to win $750 for:
  - Most improved FAFSA Completion rate (two schools in each OSAA classification)
  - Sharing best practices and strategies for success

By participating, you will receive:

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1. Access to student drop-in hours, student 1:1 sessions, and workshops for your students and families available in both English and Spanish
2. Train-the-Trainer opportunities for FAFSA/ORSA
3. Weekly data reports
4. Media kits to spread the word and raise awareness in both English and Spanish
5. New FAFSA/ORSA resources and materials in both English and Spanish
6. Specialized training and support if you are working with incarcerated youth or foster youth, are in a rural area, or have a FAFSA/ORSA completion rate lower than 50%
7. Summer Bridge Messaging for students

**Complete this form, by May 12, 2021, to participate!**

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