

# OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE

## HOW IT WORKS

Discover the promise of FREE college tuition!

Oklahomans want to see deserving students succeed - students who study and work hard, but whose families find it difficult to afford college. If your child dreams of going to college and works to achieve it, then we can help make it a reality!

To make that happen, the Oklahoma Legislature has set up a unique program for eighth-, ninth- and 10th-grade students (homeschool students must be age 13, 14 or 15) that will help pay for their college education if their parents' income from taxed and untaxed sources is \$55,000 or less at the time the student applies for the program.\* This program is Oklahoma's Promise.

But college isn't easy. So to make sure students get ready for college while they're still in high school, the program requires students to take certain high school courses. They will have to pass those courses and keep up their grades. And besides staying on top of the books, students will also have to show that they're in control outside the classroom. That means staying away from trouble like gangs, drugs and alcohol. In short, the student promises to prepare academically for college and stay out of trouble, and in return, the state of Oklahoma promises to help pay the student's college tuition.

If you don't qualify for this program, there are still other ways to pay for college, including scholarships, grants and student loans. For more information on other financial aid, see your counselor for more details, visit the Financial Aid Planning section of [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org), or call the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's student information hotline at 800.858.1840.

***\*Special income provisions apply to certain adopted children and children in the custody of court-appointed legal guardians. Contact the Oklahoma's Promise office for more information. In addition, the federal adjusted gross income (AGI) of the student's parents (or the income of the student if the student is officially determined to be financially independent of their parents) may not exceed \$100,000 at the time the student begins college and prior to receiving the scholarship. The second income check becomes effective for students eligible to receive the award in college for the first time in 2012-13 and thereafter.***

Go to <http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/> to enroll online or request a paper application from Ms. West.