

OSAC Overview

Paying for the cost of a college education is increasingly becoming a challenge for many students and their families. The Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) serves as an important resource to assist students in achieving their college aspirations.

As a state agency, OSAC's mission is to create a college-going culture for all Oregonians by providing access through information, mentoring, and financial support to Oregon students in pursuit of postsecondary education and training.

Through OSAC programs such as the **Oregon Opportunity Grant** and other federal and state grants, **Private Scholarships** and, **ASPIRE**, a mentoring and financial aid outreach program, OSAC assists thousands of Oregonians each year. OSAC disburses scholarships and grants of more than \$62 million to Oregon students in their quest to achieve a college education. Of that amount, more than \$16 million in private scholarship dollars get awarded annually.

OSAC's Private Scholarship Program administers private scholarship funds in partnership with community and private foundations such as the **Oregon Community Foundation** and **The Ford Family Foundation**, private individuals, employers, membership and professional organizations, civic groups, and financial institutions. With a portfolio of more than 450 scholarship programs, Oregon students can apply for these programs using one online application.

Oregon Opportunity Grant provides need-based financial assistance to more than 30,000 students each year to attend Oregon postsecondary schools. OSAC's other government-funded grant programs assist foster youth and other at-risk youth, student-parents, and children of deceased and disabled public safety officers.

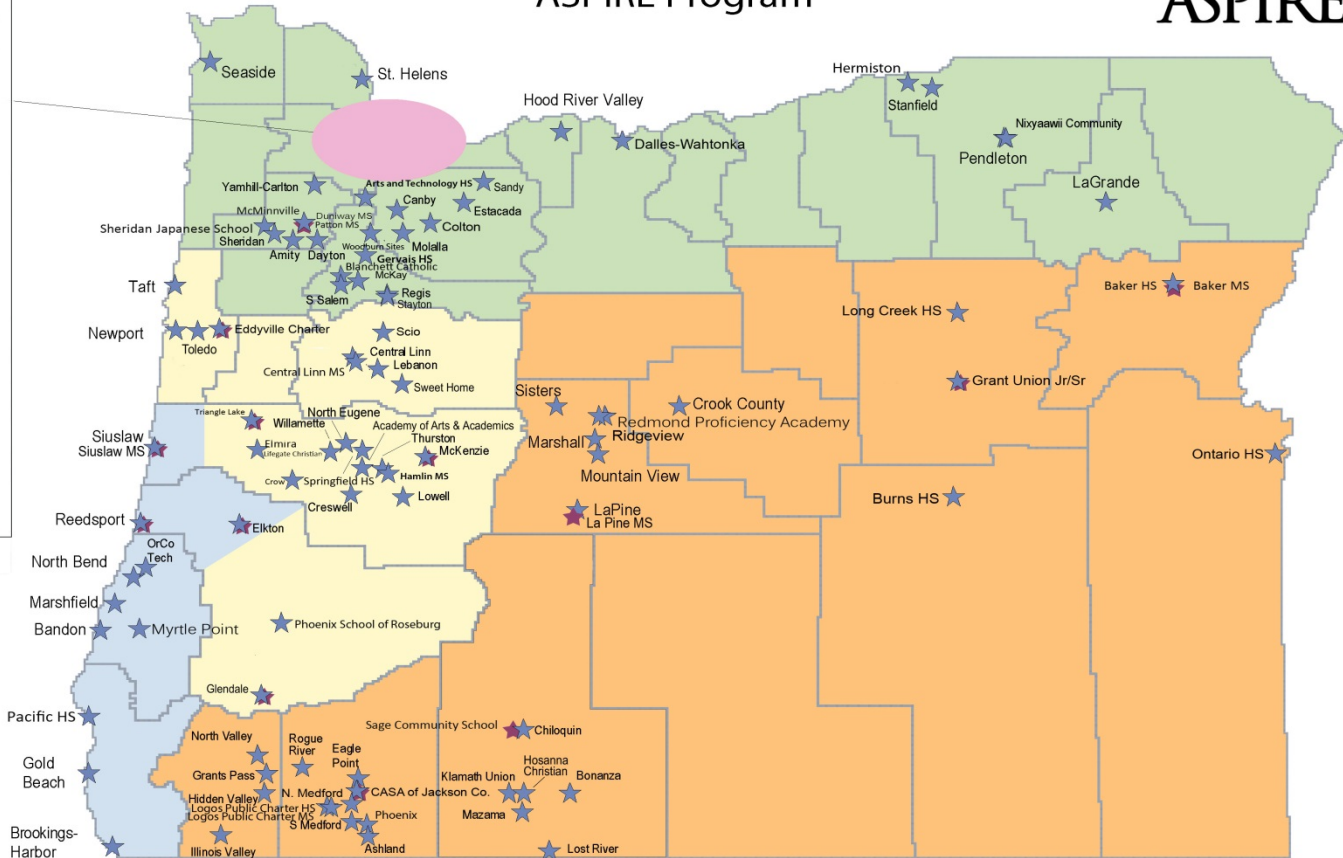
ASPIRE operates a mentoring program at more than 145 middle school, high school, community-based, and community college sites throughout Oregon. ASPIRE volunteer mentors work with students by providing assistance with planning for education and training beyond high school and applying for financial aid.

Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion ASPIRE Program



- Alliance HS
- Beaverton HS
- Black United Fund
- Catholic Charities
- Century HS
- Clackamas HS
- Clackamas Middle College
- Evergreen MS ★
- Franklin HS
- Friends of the Children
- Glencoe HS
- Hillsboro HS
- Lincoln HS
- Marathon Scholars ★
- Metro East Web Academy ★
- Miller Education Center ★★
- Milwaukie HS
- NAYA - Native American Youth Academy
- Open Door Christian Academy
- Oregon Outreach at Hinton
- Oregon Outreach at McCoy
- Outside In, Inc.
- Rex Putnam HS
- Reynolds High School
- Reynolds Learning Academy
- Sam Barlow HS
- Sunset HS
- Liberty High School

- ★ ASPIRE site
- ★ eASPIRE site
- ★ Middle School ASPIRE
- Columbia Region
- Mazama Region
- Willamette Region
- Pacific Region



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College/University (3)

Columbia Gorge Community College
Lane Community College
University of Oregon – SAIL

eASPIRE (3)

Marathon Scholars
Metro East Web Academy
Perrydale High School

Middle School (22)

Baker Middle School
CASA of Jackson County
Central Linn Middle School
Duniway Middle School
Eddyville Charter School
Elkton Middle School
Evergreen Middle School
Glendale Middle School
Grant Union Jr./Sr. High School
Hamlin Middle School
La Pine Middle School
Logos Public Charter School
McKenzie Middle School
Miller Education Center
Park Academy
Patton Middle School
Perrydale Middle School
Reedsport Community Charter
Sage Community School
Santiam Jr./Sr. High School
Siuslaw Middle School
Triangle Lake Charter School

ASPIRE (121)

Academy of Arts and Academics
Academy of International Studies
Alliance High School
Amity High School

Arts and Technology High School
Ashland High School
Baker High School
Bandon High School
Beaverton High School
Black United Fund
Bonanza High School
Brookings-Harbor High School
Burns High School
Canby High School
CASA of Jackson County
Catholic Charities
Central Linn High School
Century High School
Chiloquin High School
Clackamas High School
Clackamas Middle College
Colton High School
Creswell High School
Crook County High School
Crow High School
Dayton High School
Eagle Point High School
Eddyville Charter School
Elkton High School
Elmira High School
Estacada High School
Franklin High School
Friends of The Children
Gervais High School
Glencoe High School
Glendale High School
Gold Beach High School
Grant Union Jr./Sr. High School
Grants Pass High School
Health and Science School
Hermiston High School
Hidden Valley High School
Hillsboro High School
Hood River Valley High School

Hosanna Christian Academy
Illinois Valley High School
Klamath Union High School
La Grande High School
La Pine High School
Lebanon High School
Liberty High School
Lifegate Christian School
Lincoln High School
Logos Public Charter School
Long Creek High School
Lost River High School
Lowell High School
Marshall High School
Marshfield High School
Mazama High School
McKay High School
McKenzie High School
McMinnville High School
Miller Education Center
Milwaukie High School
Molalla High School
Mountain View High School
Myrtle Point High School
NAYA
Newport High School
Nixyaawii Community School
North Bend High School
North Eugene High School
North Medford High School
North Valley High School
Ontario High School
Open Door Christian Academy
OrCo Tech
Oregon Outreach at Hinton
Oregon Outreach at McCoy
Outside In
Pacific High School
Park Academy
Pendleton High School

Phoenix High School
Phoenix School of Roseburg
Redmond Proficiency Academy
Reedsport Community Charter
Regis High School
Rex Putnam High School
Reynolds High School
Reynolds Learning Academy
Ridgeview High School
Rogue River High School
Sam Barlow High School
Sandy High School
Santiam Jr./Sr. High School
Scio High School
Seaside High School
Sheridan High School
Sheridan Japanese School
Sisters High School
Siuslaw High School
South Medford High School
South Salem High School
Springfield High School
St. Helens High School
Stanfield Secondary School
Stayton High School
Sunset High School
Sweet Home High School
Taft High School
The Dalles Wahtonka High School
Thurston High School
Toledo High School
Triangle Lake Charter School
Wellness, Business & Sports School
Willamette High School
Woodburn Academy of Art, Science & Tech.
Woodburn Arts & Communications Academy
Yamhill-Carlton High School



ASPIRE

Encouraging higher education for everyone.

Access to Student assistance Programs
In Reach of Everyone

"There's nothing like seeing the light in the eyes of a student at the moment they begin to believe they can attend college."

ASPIRE Mentor

ASPIRE is the state of Oregon's mentoring program to help students access education and training beyond high school.

ASPIRE has been working one-on-one with students since 1998 and currently serves Oregon students at more than 145 schools and community sites.

Inspire
Students



Establish a
College-going
Culture



Change Lives



Advance
Knowledge



Enhance
Community
Investment

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ASPIRE High School

1:1 mentoring to high school students



eASPIRE

Online mentoring to high school students



ASPIRE Middle School

Group mentoring to middle school students



ASPIRE Community College

Mentoring to college students



Provide mentoring and resources to help students access education and training beyond high school



Educate students and families about school selection and options regarding scholarships and financial aid



Support sites in building a sustainable community of volunteer mentors

School	College-going rate BEFORE ASPIRE	College-going rate AFTER ASPIRE	Years in the Program (as of 2011-12)
Elkton High School	52%	66%	9 years
Ashland High School	65%	94%	9 years
Estacada High School	69%	83%	5 years
Crow High School	38%	96%	5 years
Beaverton High School	55%	67%	4 years

ASPIRE trains adult volunteers to work one-on-one with high school students helping them to plan, prepare, and achieve their postsecondary education goals, which may be college or a career-technical school. The ASPIRE coordinator is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of ASPIRE mentors.

Program Management

- Ensure there is an up-to-date “ASPIRE College/Career Center” with Internet access. Understand and assist with updating career education resources, including computer-accessed information.
- Become familiar with the ASPIRE curriculum materials, website, and other web resources.
- Follow ASPIRE guidelines, and site policies regarding confidentiality, meeting times, safety, etc.
- Facilitate and maintain regular communication with volunteers. Help communicate ASPIRE and related information to program participants.
- Facilitate volunteer meetings and trainings
- Maintain accurate records. Collect and report key performance measures required by OSAC. Participate in program evaluations and surveys.
- Provide initial and ongoing training to ASPIRE mentors on site policies and regulations, orientation of the site and local community, and technical assistance regarding postsecondary preparation.
- Assist with related special projects, as requested.

Volunteer Recruitment and Training

- Develop and implement a recruitment plan for ASPIRE mentors. Recruit volunteers who reflect the diversity of the site population. Screen, background check, and train volunteer applicants.
- Report any volunteer accident or incident to the site administration.
- Ensure that ASPIRE mentors are able to involve and work effectively with students from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and students with disabilities.
- Provide ongoing training to ASPIRE mentors, including regular debriefings, problem-solving, and sharing information about college fairs, campus visitations, and other program activities.
- Provide volunteer recognition activities.

Student Awareness

- Recruit students and create mentoring pairs between students and ASPIRE mentors.
- Provide “drop-in” students with ASPIRE curriculum materials.
- Develop and maintain student tracker and portfolio forms.
- Ensure that students have parental/guardian permission to participate in ASPIRE.
- Involve parent/guardians in ASPIRE through outreach activities and workshops. Conduct informational meetings for parents and students.
- Make ASPIRE presentations in classrooms.

Community Awareness

- Connect with a local college and develop partnerships with the admissions and/or financial aid staff to provide direct help to your site, students, and parents/guardians.
- Conduct outreach activities to facilitate volunteer recruitment.

Qualifications

- A college degree is not required. Experience, however, as a student at a career-technical school or college is beneficial.
- An understanding of volunteer management or a history of volunteering is helpful.
- Ability to use email, Internet, and basic word processing software.
- Ability to work in a professional school environment.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Sensitivity to challenges faced by youth and to problems faced by young adults who are not traditional college bound students.
- Dependability and a strong sense of commitment.
- Ability to maintain a patient, non-judgmental attitude.

Training provided by the ASPIRE Program includes:

- Tips on researching careers, schools, college applications and admissions, financial aid and scholarships.
- Mentoring and communication techniques.
- Volunteer recruitment, screening, and training.
- Updated curriculum package in electronic format each fall.
- ASPIRE will provide an annual Fall Conference for ASPIRE coordinators and volunteers.
- Confidentiality requirements.

Site Name (Please Print): _____

ASPIRE Coordinator Name (please print): _____

ASPIRE Coordinator Email Address: _____

ASPIRE Coordinator Telephone No.: _____

ASPIRE Coordinator Signature: _____

Date: _____

COLLEGE POCKET PLANNER



ASPIRE encourages students to continue training and education beyond high school. The ASPIRE program offers students, ASPIRE sites, and volunteers the tools they need to achieve that goal.

www.OregonStudentAid.gov/ASPIRE
www.OregonStudentAid.gov/ChafeeETV

2014–2015
Timelines, Websites,
Checklists, College Funding
Assistance, and more to
help you plan for college

The College Pocket Planner is produced by:
CHAFEE GRANT FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH
Federally funded awards up to \$3,000. Apply at any time. For eligibility,
instructions, and the Chafee ETG application, visit the website listed above.



GET FREE HELP WITH COLLEGE PLANNING AND FINANCIAL AID

COLLEGE NIGHT IN OREGON

November 2014

- Information on getting into college
- How to pay for it
- Enter to win \$500 for college!

Several sites around the state

www.CollegeNights.org

OSAC PODCASTS

- Provide helpful tips for students and families.
- Are short and easy to listen to.
- Topics include tips for effective college and scholarship essays, tips for high school juniors and seniors, strategies to succeed in college, and more.

www.OregonStudentAid.gov/ASPIRE

COLLEGE FAIRS

Mid-Willamette (Lane Community College, Gym Bldg. 5)	10/12/14
Douglas County (Roseburg High School)	10/13/14
Southern Oregon/Northern California (Southern Oregon Univ.) ..	10/14/14
Central Oregon (Ridge View High School)	10/16/14
Portland National (Oregon Convention Center)	11/02 & 11/03/14
Salem Area (Chemeketa Community College).....	11/03/14
Portland Spring (University of Portland, the Chiles Center)	4/26/15



REGISTRATION DEADLINES & TEST DATES

ACT Registration Deadlines

**August 08, September 19,
November 07, January 09,
March 13, May 08**

ACT Test Dates

**September 13, October 25,
December 13, February 07,
April 18, June 13**

PSAT Test Dates

October 15 & 18

PLAN Test Date

Ask your school counselor

SAT Registration Deadlines

**September 12, October 09,
November 06, December 29,
February 13, April 06, May 08**

SAT Test Dates

**October 11, November 08
December 06, January 24,
March 14, May 02, June 06**

YOUR COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST



Office of Student Access & Completion (OSAC)

	JUNIORS	SENIORS
SEPTEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit ASPIRE at www.OregonStudentAid.gov/ASPIRE	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit ASPIRE at www.OregonStudentAid.gov/ASPIRE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your mentor. Are you on track for graduation? For college?	<input type="checkbox"/> Start your OSAC personal statements and activities chart
	<input type="checkbox"/> Register to take PSAT or PLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your mentor. Are you on track for graduation? For college?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin work on your OSAC personal statements and activities chart	<input type="checkbox"/> Register for October SAT or ACT
OCTOBER	<input type="checkbox"/> Take PSAT or PLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> Check college and scholarship deadlines. Mark your calendar!
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check dates and attend college visits at your school	<input type="checkbox"/> Request letters of recommendation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Oregon University System visitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin work on scholarship and college application essays
NOVEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> Use online programs, like CIS, to search for college and career opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend your school's financial aid night
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend your school's financial aid night and College Night in Oregon event	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend a College Night in Oregon event
DECEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin exploring scholarship opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit your OSAC application online. Must provide your 7th semester transcript.
JANUARY	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend campus preview days	<input type="checkbox"/> Use the FAFSA worksheet and submit your FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) ASAP starting January 1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FAFSA forecaster at www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit your OSAC application online. Must provide your 7th semester transcript.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Register for ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Proofread your OSAC scholarship application, activities chart, and essays for the February 15 deadline
FEBRUARY	<input type="checkbox"/> Register for SAT	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit your OSAC application for Early Bird priority review by February 15
MARCH	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin to narrow down your list of colleges	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit OSAC application by March 1 – Final Deadline
	<input type="checkbox"/> Track school and community activities with the OSAC activities chart	<input type="checkbox"/> Check your student profile for OSAC messages (www.OregonStudentAid.gov/ASPIRE)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Explore your financial aid options	<input type="checkbox"/> Review Student Aid Report (SAR) and make FAFSA corrections by March 15
APRIL	<input type="checkbox"/> Select challenging classes for your senior year	<input type="checkbox"/> Compare financial aid awards
	<input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Decide which schools to attend and notify them
MAY	<input type="checkbox"/> Look into volunteer opportunities for the summer	<input type="checkbox"/> Look for a summer job to help with college expenses



ASPIRE is the State of Oregon's mentoring program to help students access education and training beyond high school.

GET INVOLVED!

Contact your local high school and ask about the ASPIRE program.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

OSAC - ASPIRE

www.OregonStudentAid.gov/ASPIRE

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KEY PARTNERS

- The Oregon Community Foundation
- Oregon Department of Human Services
- Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC)

A PROGRAM OF THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACCESS AND COMPLETION (OSAC)

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COLLEGE & CAREER

MENTORING



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Encouraging higher education for everyone.

ASPIRE High School



Welcomes ALL students

VOLUNTEER AT A SITE

- Training and resources available
- Mentor 1-5 students about college and careers
- Attend the ASPIRE Fall Conference, trainings, and more...

STUDENTS GET STARTED NOW

- Meet with your volunteer mentor regularly
- Explore your college and career options
- Begin a successful transition into your career after high school graduation

PARENTS HAVE A ROLE

- Access college and career resources
- Get involved with your student's college application and financial aid process
- Become an ASPIRE volunteer mentor

**Contact your local
ASPIRE College/Career Center:**

WHAT DOES ASPIRE DO?

*ASPIRE stands for Access to Student assistance
Programs In Reach of Everyone*

ASPIRE HIGH SCHOOL:

- Provides free mentoring, resources, and encouragement to help students
- Educates students and families about scholarships, grants, and financial aid
- Builds a sustainable community of volunteer mentors

**ASPIRE helps students explore all options
beyond high school including:
| career | college | military |
| technical schools | certificate programs |**

