



OREGON PROMISE

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THE OREGON PROMISE

Senate Bill 81 (2015) allocated \$10 million for the 2016-17 academic year to “provide a waiver of tuition for community college courses.”

Provides tuition costs for up to 90 credits (equivalent of two years of full-time enrollment).

- Minimum grant for a full-time student of \$1000 per academic year
- Maximum of \$3,397 for the 2016-17 school year

Designed to increase college enrollment, completion, and affordability for recent high school graduates.

OREGON PROMISE GRANT: ELIGIBILITY



Be a recent Oregon high school graduate or GED recipient



Be an Oregon resident at least 12 months prior to enrollment



Have 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher



Plan to attend an Oregon community college within 6 months of graduation

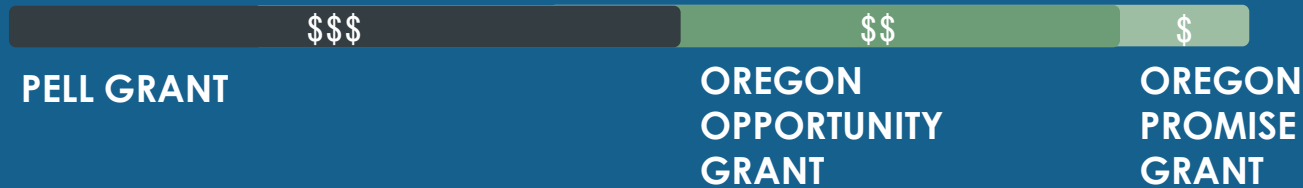


Must not have more than 90 college credits completed or attempted

OREGON PROMISE GRANT: FUNDS AFTER NEED-BASED AID



Student A: Lower Expected Family Contribution



Student B: Higher Expected Family Contribution

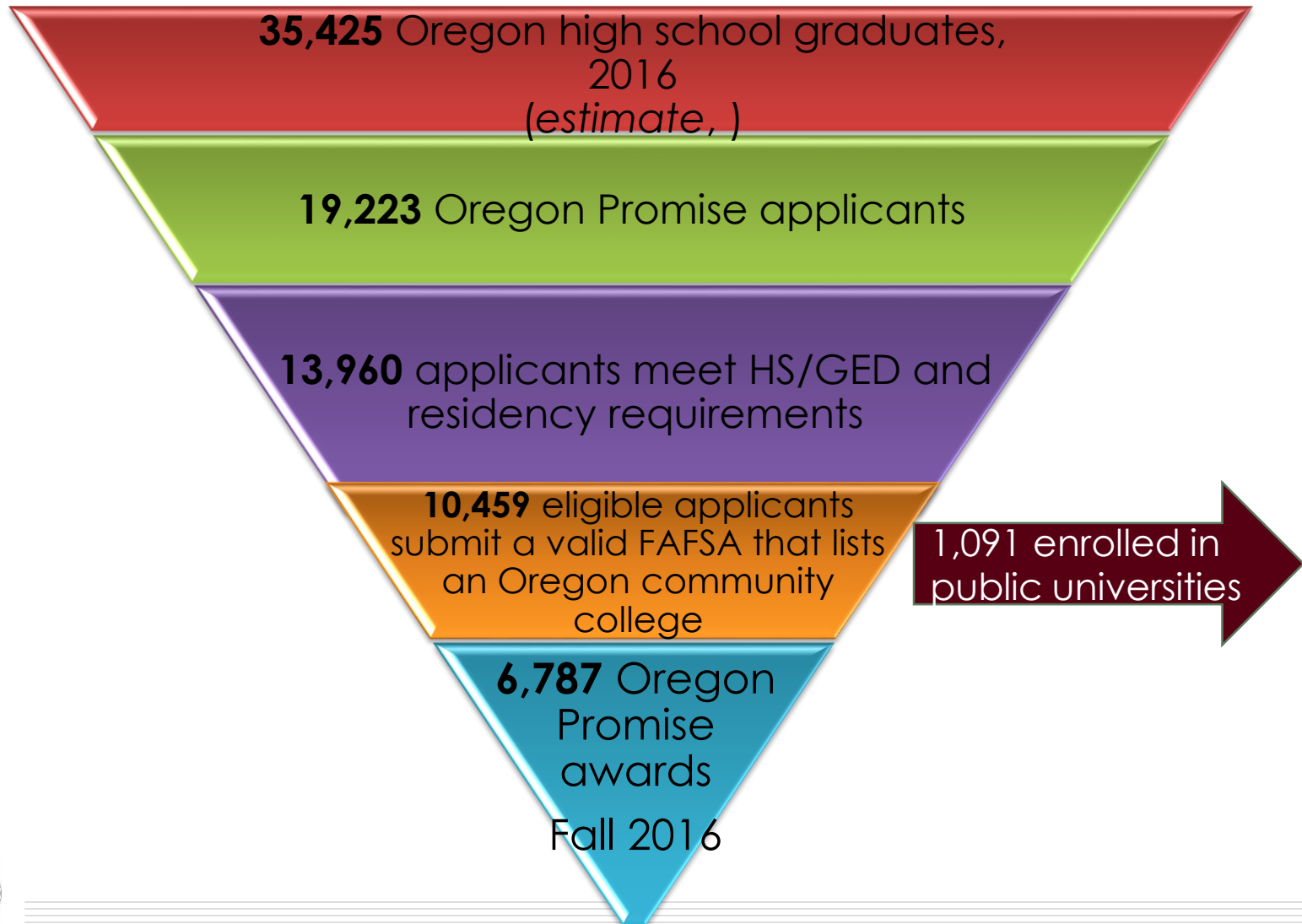


Student C: Highest Expected Family Contribution



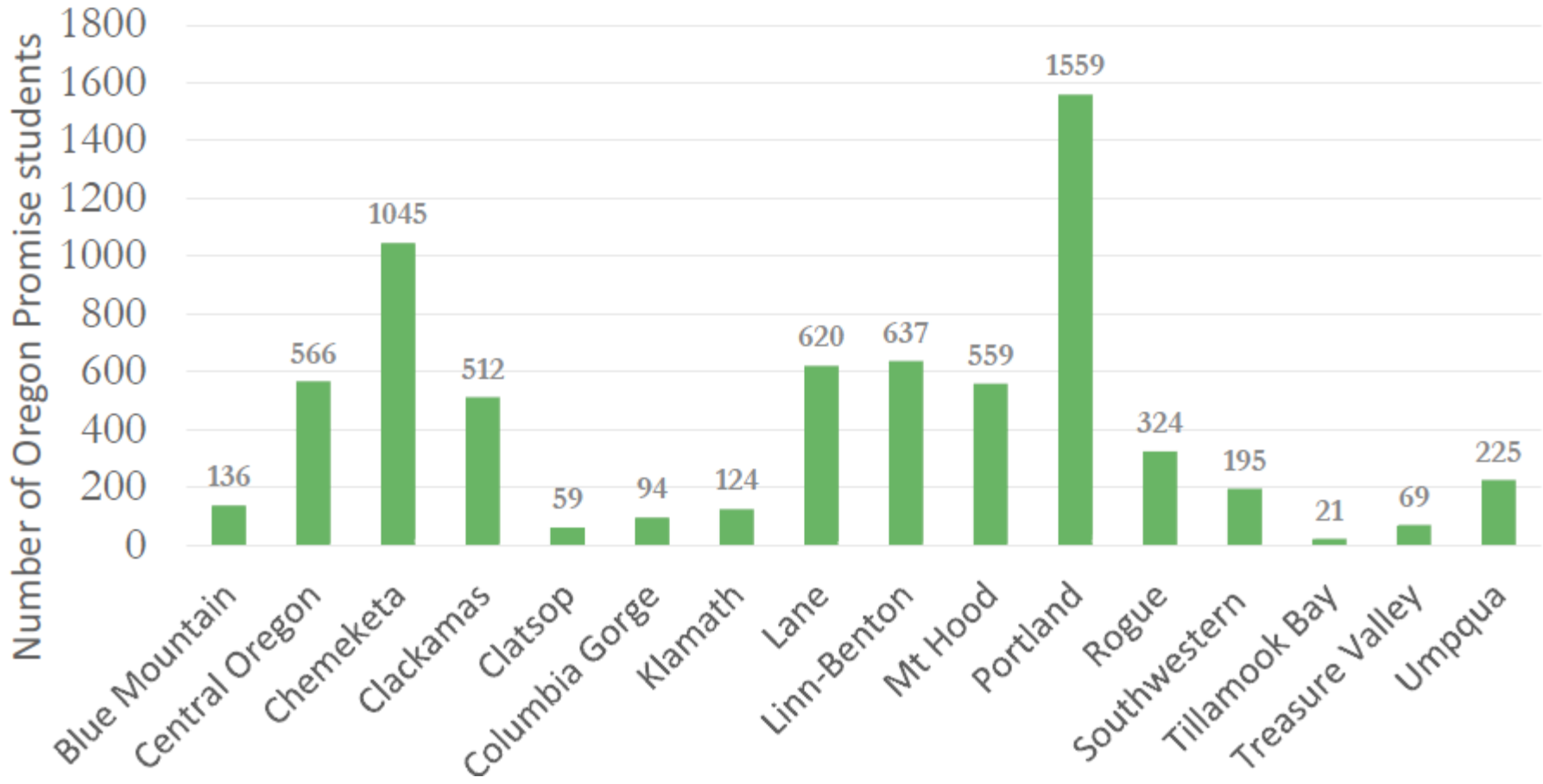
For Student C, Oregon Promise covers tuition, up to 12 credits per term.

2016 APPLICATION FUNNEL



OREGON PROMISE GRANT: FALL 2016 RECIPIENTS

Recipients by Oregon Community College

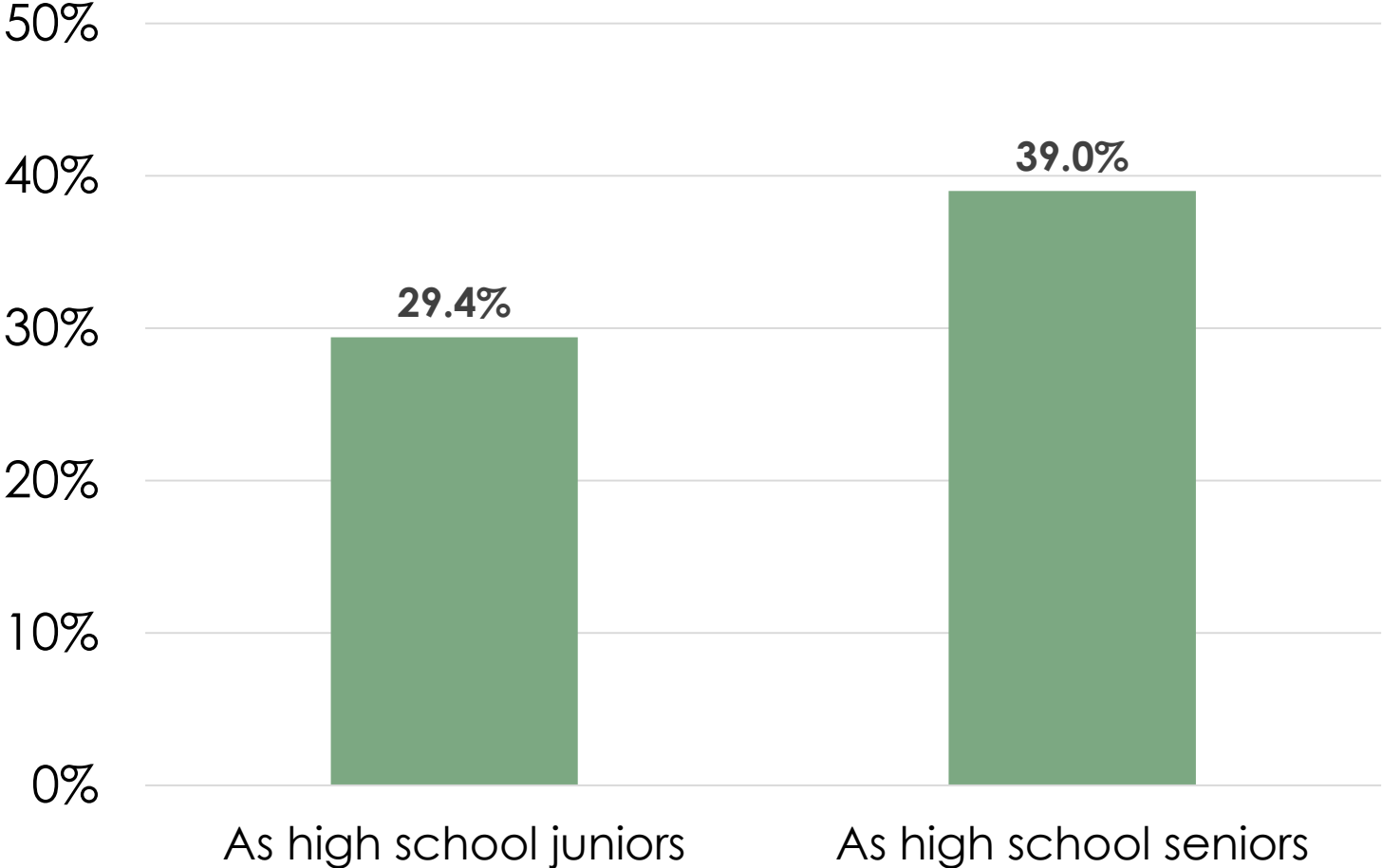


OREGON PROMISE GRANT: **FALL 2016 RECIPIENTS**

Race/Ethnicity	Percent of Oregon 12th Graders, 2015-16	Percent of Oregon Promise Recipients
African American or Black	2.7	1.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.6	1.0
Asian American	4.1	4.1
Hispanic	21.3	18.9
Pacific Islander	0.6	0.5
Two or more racial/ethnic groups	5.0	5.0
White, non-Hispanic	64.6	65.7
Unknown	N/A	3.5

OREGON PROMISE RECIPIENTS AND DUAL CREDIT

Percent of Oregon Promise Recipients



Registered in dual credit at a Community College

OREGON PROMISE – EARLY FINDINGS

According to Education Northwest's Report:

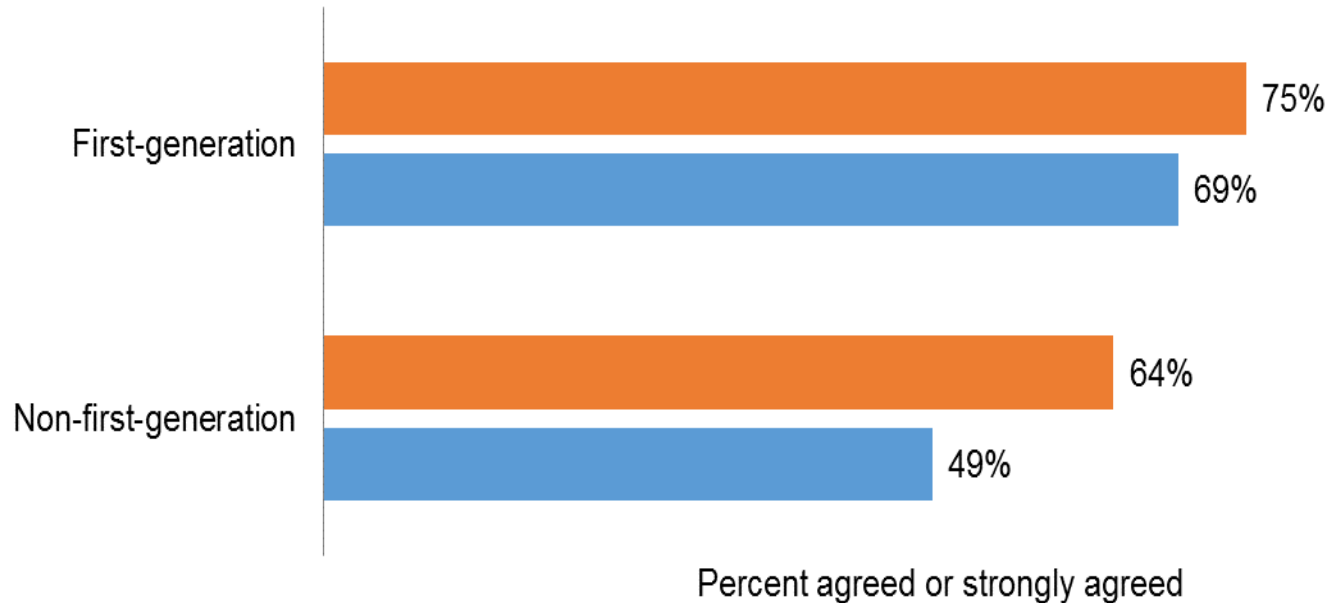
“The availability of Oregon Promise grants is influencing students' postsecondary decision making”.

- Nearly half of survey respondents who received an Oregon Promise grant reported that the grant influenced their decision to attend a community college and then transfer to a four-year institution.
- Nearly a third of first-generation respondents who received a grant reported that without Oregon Promise, they would not have gone to college.
- A very broad survey was administered of FAFSA filers age 18 or 19 during the fall of 2016, out of 46,281 a total of 1,442 individuals completed the survey.

Source: Education Northwest; Fulfilling the Promise? Early Findings on Oregon's New College Grant Program

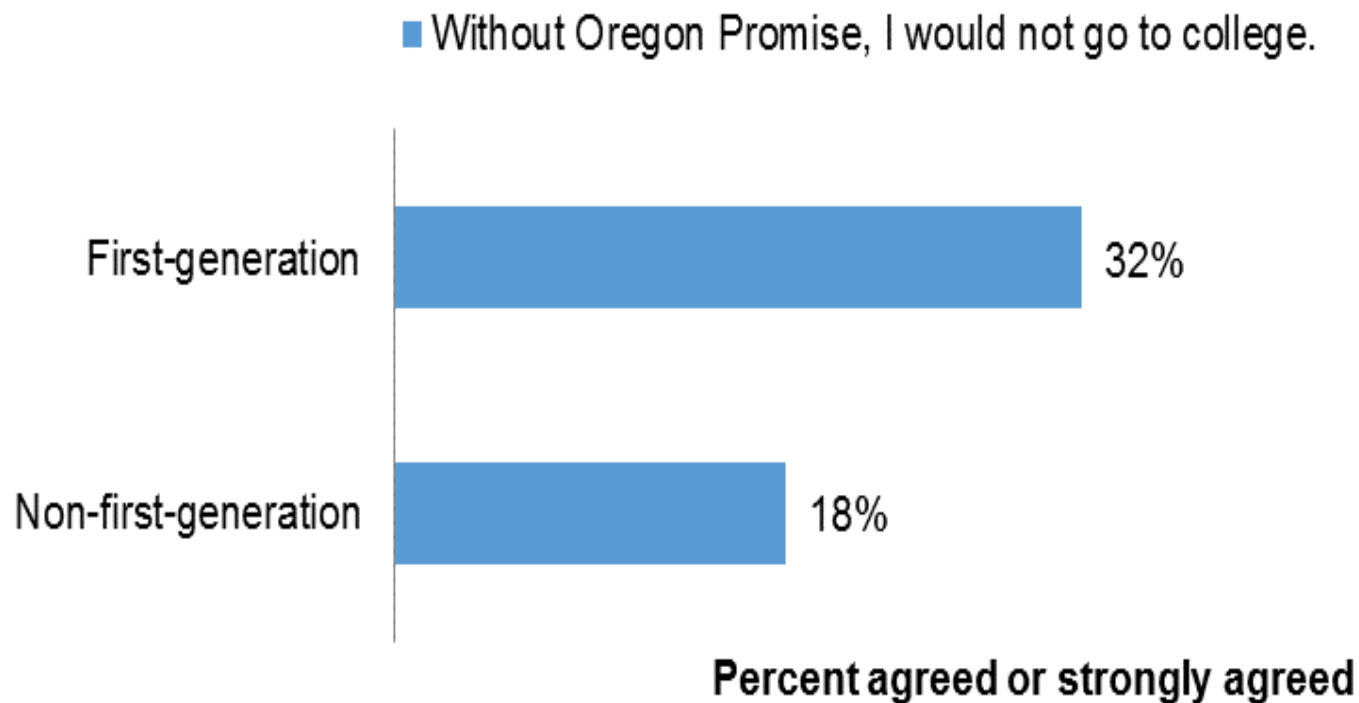
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- Oregon Promise helped me see that college could be affordable.
- Hearing about Oregon Promise made me think more about going to college.



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Student stories & comments captured in the Education Northwest's Report:

“When I looked at the amount I was given, I [went] to my mom and said, ‘I can pay for college. I will get to complete my degree completely paid for.’ This will help me, literally, for years. I am going to become a pediatric dietitian.”

“I originally planned on going to the University of Oregon and taking out loans, but at the last second, my mom backed out of co-signing, and my dad’s credit was too bad [for me] to get the funding I needed. It seemed like I applied for every possible scholarship, but I was only awarded \$600, which I was very frustrated with because of how hard I worked in school. But thanks to Oregon Promise, I’m able to attend [community college] this year instead of working and then going to school later on.”

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“Oregon Promise has made it possible for me to go to college and avoid crushing [student] debt ... If the Oregon Promise grant is renewed (PLEASE!), and I am able to get two years of community college tuition paid for, it is a huge head start in my quest for a bachelor's degree in nursing.”

“My dad was unemployed for four years, and we were forced to spend all of my parents' retirement and my college savings to survive. With Oregon Promise, I'm able to attend college without putting excessive pressure on my family, and they can rebuild their retirement!”

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