

# House Bill 4014

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## SUMMARY

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Removes requirement that current foster child or former foster child complete volunteer service hours during previous academic year to qualify for tuition waiver.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to higher education tuition waivers for foster children; creating new provisions; and  
3 amending ORS 350.300.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 350.300 is amended to read:

6 350.300. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 341.290, 352.105 or 353.050, a current foster child or former  
7 foster child under 25 years of age who enrolls in an institution of higher education as an under-  
8 graduate student shall have the amount of tuition and all fees levied against the student waived if  
9 attending an institution of higher education for purposes of pursuing an initial undergraduate de-  
10 gree.

11 (2) A student who is a current foster child or former foster child is entitled to waiver of tuition  
12 and all fees under subsection (1) of this section until the student has received the equivalent of four  
13 years of undergraduate education.

14 (3) As a condition of receiving a tuition waiver for an academic year, a current foster child or  
15 former foster child must[:]

16 [(a)] complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for that academic  
17 year[; and]

18 [(b) *For years after the first academic year at an institution of higher education, have completed*  
19 *a minimum of 30 volunteer service hours in the previous academic year performing community service*  
20 *activities such as mentoring foster youth or assisting in the provision of peer support service activities,*  
21 *according to policies developed by the institution of higher education at which the current foster child*  
22 *or former foster child is enrolled].*

23 (4) A waiver of tuition and all fees under subsection (1) of this section may be reduced by the  
24 amount of any federal aid scholarships or grants, an award from the Oregon Opportunity Grant  
25 program established under ORS 348.205 and any other aid received from the institution of higher  
26 education. For the purposes of this subsection, "federal aid scholarships or grants" does not include  
27 Chafee Education and Training Grant vouchers (P.L. 107-133).

28 (5) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Former foster child" means an individual who, for a total of six or more months while be-  
30 tween 14 and 21 years of age, was:

31 (A) A ward of the court pursuant to ORS 419B.100 (1)(b) to (e), in the legal custody of the De-

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1 partment of Human Services for out-of-home placement and not dismissed from care before reaching  
2 16 years of age; or

3 (B) An Indian child subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), under the  
4 jurisdiction of a tribal court for out-of-home placement and not dismissed from care before reaching  
5 16 years of age.

6 (b) "Institution of higher education" means:

7 (A) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

8 (B) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341; or

9 (C) The Oregon Health and Science University.

10 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 350.300 by section 1 of this 2018 Act first apply to**  
11 **tuition waivers granted for the 2019-2020 academic year.**

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