



# Oregon Tribal Student Grant Update

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# Oregon Tribal Student Grant (OTSG)

Provides funding for eligible Oregon tribal students to offset the average cost of attendance at Oregon colleges and universities.

Oregon Tribal Student Grant is a last-dollar grant to federal and state grants. Award can be used at any eligible Oregon public university, Oregon community college, and eligible Oregon-based private non-profit institution. Students must apply each year.



## GOAL:

To increase college enrollment, completion, and affordability for students from the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon.

# Award Calculation

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is a last dollar grant to state aid, federal aid, and scholarships to help cover the cost of attendance. Award amounts vary depending on the institution the student attends and if the student has other grants and scholarships. The grant cannot exceed the student's actual cost of attendance.

- Award will be calculated based on the school's **average** cost of attendance for 15 credit hours per term and will be reduced by the amount of state and federal aid.

Undergraduate  
Public Colleges or  
Universities

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- Award will be calculated based on the **average undergraduate** cost of attendance at the *highest cost public university\** and will be reduced by the amount of state and federal aid.

Undergraduate  
Private Universities

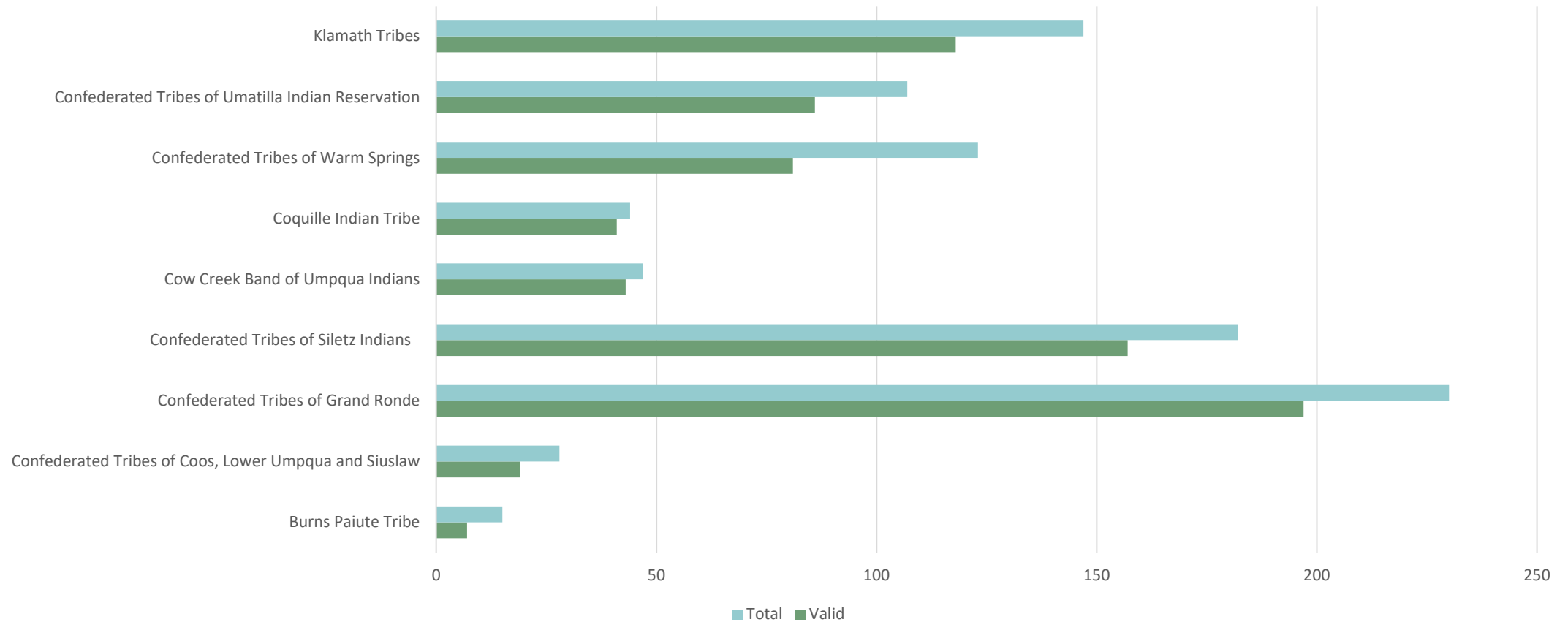
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- Award will be calculated based on the **average undergraduate** cost of attendance at the *highest cost public university\** and will be reduced by the amount of state, federal, and institutional aid (including assistanceship aid) received by the student.

Graduate Student  
Awards

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# 2024-25 Applications by Tribe



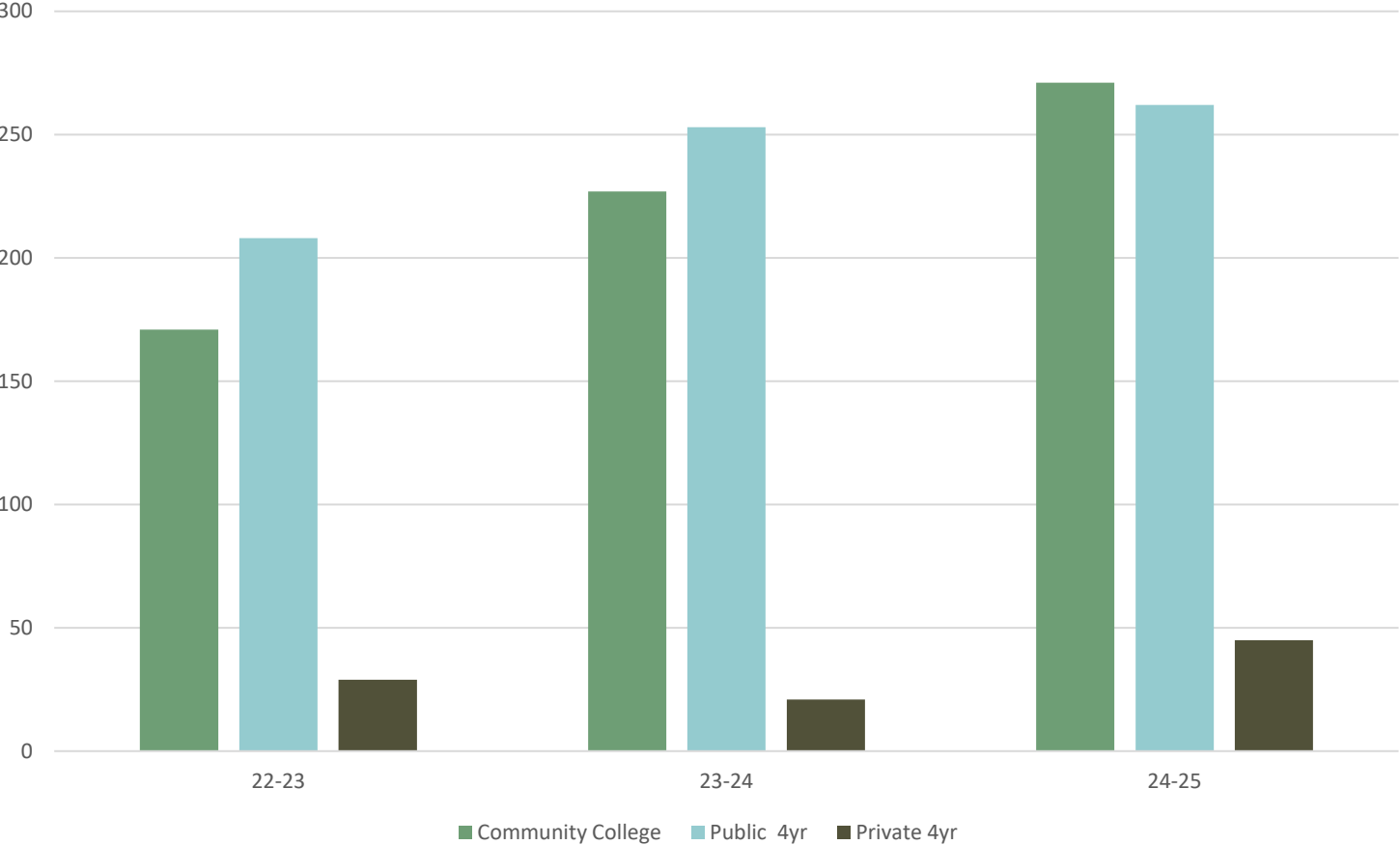
Source: HECC Office of Student Access and Completion

# OTSG Recipients by Tribe

Tribe	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25*
Burns Paiute Tribe	2%	1%	1%
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw	3%	3%	2%
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	17%	26%	21%
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	22%	21%	17%
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians	3%	5%	5%
Coquille Indian Tribe	7%	6%	4%
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	15%	12%	9%
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation	14%	11%	9%
Klamath Tribes	17%	15%	13%

Source: HECC Office of Student Access and Completion, OTSG complete application data

# Participation by College Sector



▪ Most years have seen a similar rate of participation between the community college and public 4-year institutions.

▪ 24-25 – Fall 2024 only as 12/6/24

Source: HECC Office of Student Access and Completion



# 2023-25 Biennium Expenses

Legislative Adopted Budget for 2023-25: \$24 million

2023-24 OTSG Year End Final	Total Recipients	Total Disbursements
Community Colleges	227	\$3,616,403
State Universities + OHSU	253	\$5,863,958
Private Institutions	21	\$773,347
<b>Totals</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>\$10,253,708</b>

Fall 2024-25 OTSG <i>Estimated</i>	Est. Recipients	Est. Disbursements
Community Colleges	271	\$1,583,869
State Universities + OHSU	262	\$2,069,800
Private Institutions	45	\$612,515
<b>Totals</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>\$4,266,184</b>

Source: HECC Office of Student Access and Completion

# Cost Control Measures

2024-25 academic year has over 746 valid applications – a record high

Awards to graduate-level students would be the first cost control lever to implement, which has an estimated cost of \$\$\$.

Currently, the application is still open for 2024-25. HECC may need to close the application and prioritize those who have already submitted for the year. This would impact students who have not yet applied or only plan to attend Winter and/or Spring Term.

If eliminating graduate awards and closing the application is not sufficient for budget, then reducing awards for current students would be the next step.

The Legislature approved \$24 million for the current biennium, with the understanding that HECC engage with the legislature if additional funds are required.

The 2025-27 GRB is \$28.5 million, an increase of \$2.5m over CSL.