



Oregon Student Assistance Commission 2007-2008 OREGON TROOPS TO TEACHERS APPLICATION

WHO MAY APPLY?

The 2005 Oregon Legislative Assembly created The Oregon Troops to Teachers Program that pays resident tuition cost for veterans equal to the amount of an Oregon public college or university. To qualify, a veteran must:

- Be an Oregon resident.
- Be discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, including Reserve components and the National Guard.
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an Oregon public postsecondary institution; and
- Demonstrate academic achievement, ability, and motivation related to the practice of teaching in one of the purpose areas.
- Agree to teach in accordance with a signed *Troops to Teachers Agreement* that specifies one of the following chosen purposes:
 1. Teach in an Oregon school district or public charter school classified as serving a high poverty area for not less than three years; or
 2. Teach in the area of mathematics, science, or special education for not less than four years.

WHAT OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED?

1. Transcripts

Attach unofficial transcripts (NOT grade reports) for all undergraduate and graduate course work completed within the last ten years. Transcripts from each college you attended are required unless your current college transcript lists the detail of all transfer credits and a cumulative grade point average for ALL work completed.

2. Discharge Papers

You must include a copy of a DD214 or other official document of discharge, service, or separation issued upon the termination of the veteran's active duty service with the Armed Forces with a discharge status of other than a dishonorable discharge. Failure to provide this information may limit your ability to compete.

3. Required Essay

All applicants must respond to the essay question on the back page of this application.

4. Federal Need Analysis

All applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial need is a determining factor considered as part of the awarding process. OSAC receives FAFSA information from the Federal Department of Education.

WILL AN AWARDED PRIORITY BE CONSIDERED?

Among applicants who meet the basic eligibility criteria of this program priority during the selection process will be given in the following rank order:

1. Students enrolled **full time** who intend to pursue a career in teaching, and
 - a. Have a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree who are pursuing a teaching credential, or
 - b. Have been accepted into an undergraduate teaching program.
2. Students enrolled part-time who intend to pursue a career in teaching, and
 - a. Have a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree who are pursuing a teaching credential, or
 - b. Have been accepted into an undergraduate teaching program.

OPEN APPLICATION

This application will remain open until further notice.

Return this form and all required attachments to:

OREGON STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
ATTENTION: PEGGY COOKSEY
1500 VALLEY RIVER DRIVE, SUITE 100
EUGENE OR 97401

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SPECIFIC APPLICATION QUESTION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Personal and Residential Information

Name: Type or print your last name first. If transcripts or other documentation will be sent under a previous name, include the previous name in parentheses on the name line.

Address: Report your permanent address rather than your school address. Communications from OSAC may be sent to you during the summer months.

2. Citizenship

Indicate your current US citizenship status from the choices available.

3. Oregon Residency

Generally, if you've lived in Oregon for 12-months prior to the date of this application, OSAC considers you an Oregon resident and you may circle "yes" on this application. For exceptions, visit www.getcollegefunds.org. Military personnel must list Oregon as their "home of record".

4. Veteran Status

A veteran is defined as a person who served on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States and was discharged or released from active duty with any discharge other than a dishonorable discharge. The Armed Forces of the United States consists of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard of the United States and includes reserve components of each branch. The Armed Forces of the United States also includes the Oregon National Guard and the National Guard of any other state or territory.

5. Indicate whether or not you filed a FAFSA for the upcoming academic year

OSAC recommends that students file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1st each year as possible (generally eight months prior to the fall term of the upcoming year). Visit the official site www.fafsa.ed.gov to file your form online.

6. College or University – Current or Intended

Fill in the information for the college or university you are currently attending or plan to attend, and circle "currently attending" or fill in the term and academic year of your intended start date.

7. Current Cumulative College GPA

This will appear on your current transcript or you may calculate your cumulative GPA.

8. Year in College Standing – Terms/Semesters where funding is needed

Beginning next fall of this current year, what is your academic standing? Indicate the terms or semesters for which you need funding.

9. Degree Earned or Expected Degree Earned

Circle all that apply and/or fill in the "other" blank.

10. Previous College or University Attended

List any school where you earned credits toward your B.A., B.S., or 5th-year teaching credentials. You must include transcripts for consideration for any school you list in this section.

11. Required Essay Question

Carefully read and select which purpose you plan to fulfill, and then answer the essay question on a separate piece of paper. Follow the guidelines provided and attach to your application.

12. College Transcripts and Military Discharge Papers Required

OSAC does not require "official" transcripts. Transcripts must list each course taken, grades received, grade point assigned, and credit hours completed. Summaries from previous schools printed as transfer credits on your current transcript are not acceptable; we need to see the detail of the transfer credits accepted by your current school. Include individual transcripts from each previous school attended if the course detail is missing.

13. Certification Statement

Read this statement carefully. For your protection, OSAC adheres to federal privacy laws and makes every attempt to protect your identity by maintaining strict confidentiality standards.

14. Signature Certification Required

Your application will not be considered for loan repayment unless it is signed indicating that you agree with the certification statement.

15. Miscellaneous

Be sure to indicate the best way to reach you during normal business hours. Leave a message at home? Send an email? Correspond via fax?

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1 _____
Last Name First MI

Other names used

Birth Date (MM/DD/CCYY)

Social Security Number

Street or Mailing Address

City State Zip County

Home Phone Cell Phone Email Address

2 **CITIZENSHIP (Check one):**
 US Citizen _____ Eligible noncitizen _____ Neither _____

3 **I AM AN OREGON RESIDENT (as described on page two):** YES NO

4 **I AM A VETERAN (as described on page two):** YES NO

5 **I FILED MY FAFSA FOR THE 2005-2006 ACADEMIC YEAR:** YES NO
I FILED MY FAFSA FOR THE 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR: YES NO

6 **COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:** Currently Attending _____(term and year)
 (circle one) Planning to Begin _____(term and year)

Name of College or University City/State Dept. of Ed Code

Degree Expected Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year)

7 **CURRENT CUMULATIVE COLLEGE GPA** _____

8 **BEGINNING NEXT FALL, MY YEAR IN COLLEGE STANDING IS:**
 _1 _2 _3 _4 _5 Other (specify) _____

TUITION COSTS - Indicate term or semester schedule: _____
 __summer term __fall term/semester __winter term __spring term/semester __summer term

9 **I CURRENTLY HAVE OR PLAN TO OBTAIN: circle all that apply**
 Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.) Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.)
 5th-year Undergrad (Teaching Credentials) Other _____

10 _____
Previous College or University Attended Dates Attended Graduation Date

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11 **REQUIRED ESSAY QUESTION IS ATTACHED: See last page of application**

12 **COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS AND DISCHARGE PAPERS ARE ARE ATTACHED - See instructions**

13 **CERTIFICATION REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS:**

By signing this application, I certify the accuracy of this completed form and all accompanying documents, and, if requested, agree to provide proof of this information. I also give permission to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) to request and use data from my Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as data and materials from this application to determine my eligibility for OSAC scholarships. I authorize OSAC to share this information with scholarship processing and review staff, donors, and selection committees for identifying students, determining eligibility, and selecting and notifying awardees. I give permission to selection committees to contact high school and college officials for additional academic and/or financial information. I also allow my information to be shared with researchers, by either OSAC or donors, conducting statistical surveys. If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, I understand I am not required to provide my Social Security Number; however, if I don't provide it, my application will not be processed, and I will not be considered for OSAC scholarships. OSAC uses Social Security Numbers to verify identities and retrieve records. I understand that OSAC cannot guarantee applicants will receive any scholarships for which they apply. Further, by signing this form, I agree to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify OSAC for any acts, failures to act, or omissions of the Commission, its employees, agents, volunteers or any State of Oregon employee.

14 _____
Signature of Applicant Date

15 _____
The best way to reach me during business hours

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ITEM 11

REQUIRED ESSAY QUESTION

Choose a purpose. Which purpose do you intend to fulfill?

- (1) Teach in an Oregon school district or public charter school classified as serving a high poverty area for not less than three years, or
- (2) Teach in the area of mathematics, science, or special education for not less than four years.

Essay: Describe work, career plans, or other experiences that demonstrate your desire and intent to fulfill your chosen purpose.

In addition to academic achievement, current employment, and financial need your response to the essay question is an important factor in competing for the Oregon Troops to Teachers Program scholarship. Use the following guidelines when completing the essay question:

- Limit the essay answer to one, double-spaced page
- Type or print neatly using blue or black ink
- Use 8.5" x 11" white paper, 10 or 12-point font, and 1-inch margins
- Put your name and the last four digits of your social security number in the upper right-hand corner

REVIEW THIS CHECKLIST BEFORE MAILING YOUR APPLICATION TO OSAC:

- Application is complete and signed
- All pertinent transcripts are attached
- DD214 or other official military discharge documentation is attached
- Essay question is complete and attached
- FAFSA has been filed