

**OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT PROGRAM**

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- ◆ **Above all, an OTAG award must not be claimed for a student until and unless the institution has confirmed that all general Title IV and all OTAG eligibility requirements have been met.**
  - ⇒ **If a student's satisfactory academic progress is under review and a final eligibility determination has not been made, OTAG award status and funds cannot be claimed in advance of final eligibility determination**
  - ⇒ **If a student is known to be overawarded, and the student's OTAG award is expected to be reduced, the adjustment to the student's package should be made prior to claiming funds for the student.**
- ◆ Students for whom OTAG funds are claimed must meet each of the following conditions:
  - ⇒ Must have a primary EFC at or below the maximum set by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
  - ⇒ Must have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline set by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
  - ⇒ Must be a U.S. citizen or a national of the United States or an eligible non-citizen. Certain undocumented students may be eligible per Oklahoma Statute (Title 70, Chapter 50, Article II, Section 3242).
  - ⇒ Must meet Oklahoma residency requirements according to the current State Regents' policy on Residence Status of Enrolled Students in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. **Please note that beginning in 2011-2012 full-time active duty members of the armed forces and their dependents are immediately eligible for in-state status and state financial aid.**
  - ⇒ Must be enrolled in an undergraduate program leading to a degree or certificate
  - ⇒ **Must not have already earned their first bachelor's degree**
    - **IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to avoid excluding any eligible students, undergraduate students who appear to meet all other eligibility and awarding criteria, but who reported on their FAFSA that they will have earned their first bachelor's degree before July 1 will be included in pre-populated Award Claim Forms, and the row on the report will appear shaded to call attention to their self-reported bachelor's degree status. If the student is indeed ineligible because they have received their first bachelor's degree, their pre-populated data must be deleted from the Award Claim Form prior to submission to the OTAG office.**
    - Exceptions that would allow a student who has received a first bachelor's degree to continue to receive a Pell grant would also permit a student to receive OTAG.
  - ⇒ Must be enrolled at least part-time (half-time per current Title IV aid definition). **Beginning in 2011-2012, all students will be listed on pre-populated claim forms as full-time (FT). Please modify this to (PT) for students that are enrolled at least half-time but less than full-time.**

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- ⇒ Must be eligible to receive federal aid under the institution's satisfactory academic progress policy.
- ⇒ Must not have exceeded the allowable number of semesters for federal Pell Grant eligibility
- ⇒ Must meet all general Title IV student financial aid eligibility requirements

Contact the OTAG office at 405.225.9456 or toll-free at 800.858.1840 (option 6) or send e-mail to [reports@otag.org](mailto:reports@otag.org) for more information.