



# Oklahoma's Promise Update and Other Issues

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# Agenda

- Year Two-2<sup>nd</sup> Income Check for Oklahoma's Promise
- Update on Oklahoma's Promise College Requirements
  - Residency Issues-all programs
    - Other News and Issues

# Year Two-2<sup>nd</sup> Income Check

## Program Rules:

For students receiving the program benefit award for the first time in 2012-13 and thereafter, at the time the student begins postsecondary education and prior to receiving any program benefit award, the federal adjusted gross income of the student's parent(s) shall not exceed \$100,000 per year.

## Guidance:

For all students graduating from high school 2012 and thereafter, the household AGI must not exceed \$100,000 at the time the student begins postsecondary education. The FAFSA will be used as the primary source of information; however, other sources may be utilized in extraordinary circumstances.



# Federal SAP Standards

- SAP = Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by the school in which they are enrolled
- Went into effect fall 2012 and applies to ALL OKPromise postsecondary students
- Applies to ALL OKPromise students whether they are receiving federal aid or not
- Contains both GPA and pace standards for completing courses in which the student enrolls
- Any OKPromise student on financial aid suspension for failure to meet SAP, will not be eligible to receive the OKPromise award

# College GPA Requirements

- 2.0 GPA for courses taken through the sophomore year (one-time check)

This involves permanent loss of the award and should be reported to the Oklahoma's Promise office.

**Please report students that fail to achieve the required 2.0 Cumulative GPA at the 60 hours earned check point.**

- High School graduates of 2012 and thereafter.
- Checkpoint is the end of the semester in which the student earns his/her 60<sup>th</sup> credit hour or equivalent.

# College GPA Requirements

- 2.5 GPA for courses taken during the junior year and thereafter. (Schools are not required to report this to the Oklahoma's Promise office. The school should remove these students from the semester claim. Students may regain eligibility at the next grade check.)



# Residency

## ■ OTAG

- OTAG recipients must be eligible residents of Oklahoma per the State Regents' residency policy. Appearance on a pre-populated claim is not intended to confirm Oklahoma residency. Pre-populated claims are created by selecting otherwise eligible students that self-report Oklahoma residency on the FAFSA and also indicate intent to attend an eligible Oklahoma institution. Non-residents and ineligible undocumented students may appear on pre-populated claims and should be removed per OSRHE residency policy. The policy can be reviewed at <http://www.okhighered.org/state-system/policy-procedures/2012/Chapter%203-December%202012.pdf> . (See 3.17 In-State Out-of-State Status of Enrolled Students)
- The student's eligibility for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA, administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; see <http://www.dhs.gov/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals>) does not affect state aid eligibility at this time according to the OSRHE General Counsel's office. Many DACA eligible students receive a valid social security number for work purposes only and may believe they are eligible for aid. DACA students filing a FAFSA are not eligible for OTAG and should be removed from the claim unless the specific requirements outlined in the Regent's residency policy are met. (See 3.17.6 (4))

# Other News and Issues

## ■ 2012-2013 Financial Aid Report

### Planned changes:

- New semester coding scheme.
- Removal of reporting elements of date of birth, third-party paid and zip code.
- Minor fund code changes.





# Other News and Issues

## PROPOSED Academic Scholars Program and Regional Baccalaureate Scholarship Program Rule Changes Regarding Summer Awards:

Summer Awards: The proposed revisions clarify that students may receive a summer award for part-time or full-time enrollment. The summer award will count toward the student's overall scholarship limit of eight full-time semester awards, so no additional fiscal impact to the program is expected. The proposed change will accommodate those students capable of completing their undergraduate degree in less than four calendar years. The proposed change also recognizes alternate semester structures such as the trimester system at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) which provides three equal trimesters each academic year allowing students to earn 36 credit hours or more per year.



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