

7 Ways to Pay for College

Attending college isn't free, but you can afford to go. It doesn't matter what your family's income is. It doesn't matter where you live. It doesn't matter how much you have in the bank. There are a variety of ways to pay for it. Can you name all seven?

1. _____

This is money that you or your family earns and puts away in a special bank account to use for college. You can start doing this right now!

2. _____

These do not need to be paid back. They are given to students with the most financial need. Most of these come from the federal and state government.

3. _____

These also do not need to be paid back. They can be awarded for getting good grades, for cultural or religious background, sports, music, special talents, and many other things. Most of them come from colleges and organizations.

4. _____

This is a type of job funded by the government that allows you to work a part-time job offered through your college. The money you make at the job will go directly towards your school costs.

5. _____

These must be paid back when you finish college. They are offered through banks, colleges, and other institutions.

6. _____

7. _____

You can enlist in these two types of service positions after high school, which allow you to earn special scholarships and other educational assistance.

Additional resources that help cover or reduce the cost of college tuition include:

Oregon Promise: The “Oregon Promise” allows recent graduates of Oregon high schools to attend community college for **FREE**. Students who are eligible:

- Must be an Oregon resident for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in a community college.
- Received a high school diploma or GED
- Earned a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5+ or equivalent
- Within six months of high school completion, enrolls in courses at an Oregon community college required for...
 - One-year curriculum for students transferring to another postsecondary institution
 - Associate degree
 - Program in career and technical education

More info at: <http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx>

Western Undergraduate Exchange: Students who are residents of western states are eligible to request **reduced tuition** rate of 150% of resident tuition at participating two and four year college programs outside of their home state. This means they pay 1.5 times the cost of in-state tuition instead of paying the higher cost of out-of-state tuition to attend college outside of Oregon.

More info at: <http://wiche.edu/wue>

Dual Credit/College Now: Seniors, juniors, and selected sophomores can earn **FREE** college credit while still in high school. Talk to a teacher or counselor at your school to learn more!

More info at: <http://www.cocc.edu/college-now/>

OSU scholarship site: OSU (as well as many other colleges) has its very own website devoted to helping students find scholarships!

More info at: <http://oregonstate.edu/admissions/static/scholarships/index.php>