



OREGON TEACHER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Supporting the development of teachers who represent the diversity of Oregon’s students and communities

Our Cause

When students are supported by educators and school staff who match their ethnicity or language of origin, they are more likely to relate to how content is presented and engage in classroom learning. Educators that they can identify with can serve as a point of inspiration and foster a sense of pride in their education.

Oregon’s K-12 student population has become more ethnically and linguistically diverse, but our educator workforce does not mirror this change (see graph below).

The Oregon Teacher Scholars Program seeks to narrow this gap by easing the financial burdens that can prevent diverse candidates from reaching their education and career goals of becoming educators in Oregon.

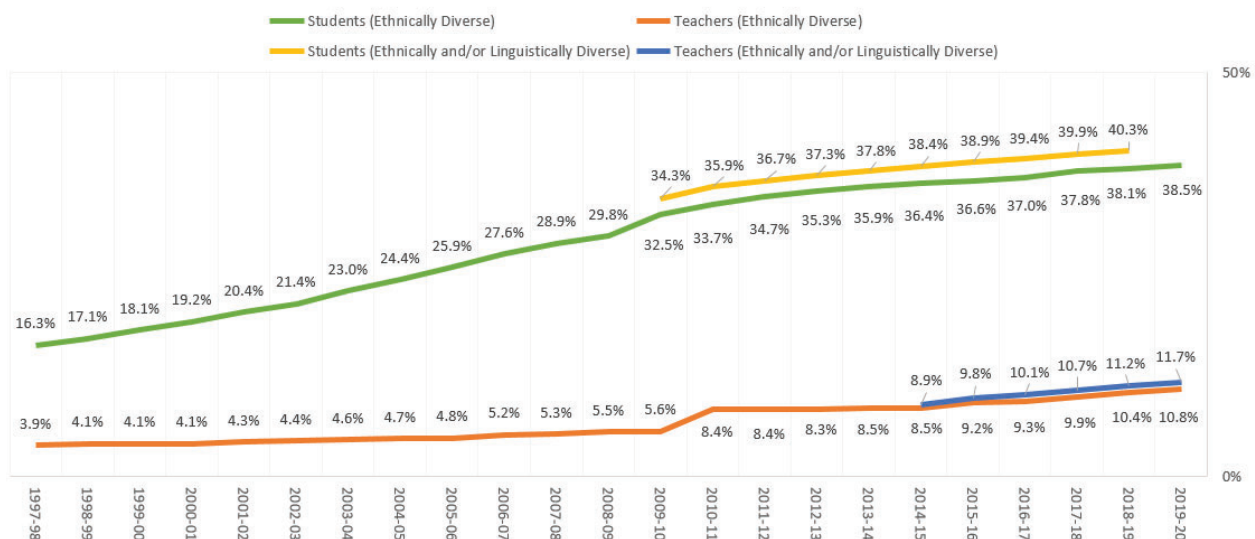
Eligibility

Applicants must be ethnically diverse and/or a Heritage Speaker of a non-English language.

Undergraduate students must be entering (or already enrolled) in the final two years of an Oregon preliminary teacher licensure program. *Graduate students* can apply upon enrolling (or are currently enrolled) in an Oregon preliminary teacher licensure program.

Benefits

- A scholarship award of \$10,000 per year (for a maximum of two years) to be used for education-related expenses
- Networking and community-building with fellow scholarship recipients
- Teaching resources
- Employment assistance
- Paid admission to conferences and job fairs





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Application Timeline

Fall

File Your FAFSA/ORSAA

As soon as possible after October 1, students should file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA). Filing one of these two aid applications is a requirement for the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program (OTSP).

Winter

Submit Your Application

The OTSP application opens each year on November 1 via the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) Scholarship Application. Apply through the OSAC Student Portal at OregonStudentAid.gov. Applications are due by March 1.

Spring/
Summer

Track Your Application

Applicants can monitor their application status via OSAC's Student Portal. Award notifications will be in their portal and sent to the email associated with their profile. Notifications and information on next steps will be sent sometime between April and August.

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