



State Regents Scholarships and Grants Workshop

Agenda

PHF Conference Center

655 Research Parkway, OKC, OK 73104

July 17, 2025

8:30-9:00 Registration and Networking (Coffee and Snacks)

9:00-9:30 Scholarship and Grant Programs Update -Colloquium Room

This session will provide an informative overview of the scholarship and grant programs. A funding and legislative update will be included.

Presenter: Dr. Colbi Beam, Associate Vice Chancellor for State Grants and Scholarships

9:30-10:30 Nuts and Bolts Break Out Sessions

Oklahoma's Promise-Colloquium Room

This session will cover the basics of processing OKPromise claims as well as refunds and adjusted awards. The 129 credit hour limit, eligibility reports, and students in verification will also be discussed. This is an ideal session for the person in your office who may be fairly new to working with this program or for anyone who might like a refresher. There will be an opportunity for Q&A as well.

Presenters: Carol Alexander, Scholarship & Grant Administration Director and Alan Hernandez, Scholarship Specialist III

Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)-Symposium Room

This session will cover the OTAG process, including the award claim, disbursement report, and reconciliation report. We will discuss potential scenarios and leave time for Q&A.

Presenter: Wei-Ju Gange, Scholarship Specialist II

Academic Scholars Program/Other Scholarships- Kairos

This session will cover the basics of processing certification forms, rules for leave of absence, transfer and summer awarding policies. Also, this session will include information on other scholarship programs administered by our office. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for Q&A.

Presenter: Linette McMurtrey, Scholarship Programs Coordinator

10:30-11:30 Nuts and Bolts Break Out Sessions

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Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program-Kairos Room

This session is specifically designed for those that want a comprehensive overview of the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP). This session will cover the basics of processing semester certifications, adjusting awards, and returning funding. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for Q&A.

Presenters: Linette McMurtrey, Scholarship Programs Coordinator and Mr. Steven Brown, Education/Incentives Officer with the Oklahoma National Guard

11:30-1:00

Lunch (On your own)

1:00-1:45

Inspired to Teach Program-Colloquium Room

This session will cover the basics of processing awards for the Inspired to Teach Program, including applications, claims, and returns. The session will also provide 2024-2025 program data from our annual report, discussion on new processing protocols, and time for Q&A.

Presenter: Jess Tucker, Coordinator for Teacher Education Scholarships & Incentive Programs

1:45-2:30

Reach Higher: Oklahoma's Adult Degree Completion Program-Colloquium Room

This session will address Oklahoma's initiative to bring students with some college but no degree back to school. The statewide initiative is offered at universities, community colleges, and technical branch campuses. Participants will be provided materials and information to assist students to "Reach Higher" and finish what they started back in college.

Presenter: Tisha Bradford, Reach Higher Manager

2:30-3:15

Concurrent Sessions

State Tuition Waivers Review and Update-Colloquium Room

This session will provide an update on our state tuition waiver programs.

Presenter: Sheri Mauck, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG)-Kiva Room

This session will be a "nuts and bolts" session for eligible private non-profit colleges and universities. We will also discuss current funding and disbursement issues.

Presenter: Alan Hernandez, Scholarship Specialist III