

FINANCIAL AID GUIDANCE MEMO

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Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)--2011-2012 OCOG Award Table is included on page 2

This program, for students who are enrolled at Ohio public university main campuses and Ohio private, non-profit colleges or universities, will be administered in 2011-12 in the same fashion it has been administered during 2010-11. Therefore, all prior guidance on this program applies. Since the appropriations for the program and the number of students qualifying for state need-based aid can vary, the award amounts can change on an annual basis. Eligibility rosters for 2011-2012 are currently available.

Am. Sub. H.B. 153 also provides \$2.28 million in state supported OCOG funding for eligible students attending Ohio's private, for-profit institutions enrolled in approved programs. The attached table provides the estimated annual award amount for those eligible students. It should be noted that an additional OCOG - Proprietary program will be administered through the Board of Regents in FY 2012 and FY 2013 with the use of casino licensing fees. Once the state receives these funds, additional guidance regarding the OCOG – Proprietary program will be released.

Ohio Academic Scholarship

All prior recipients who continue to meet eligibility requirements (full-time enrollment and cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher) will once again be able to receive an annual award of \$2,000 during 2011-2012. Schools are encouraged to cross-reference eligibility rosters to ensure adequate units of remaining eligibility before awarding and requesting payment.

Ohio War Orphans Scholarship

The final guidance on awards for this program will be available no later than July 31, 2011. The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board met on July 14, 2011 to review new applications and approve the annual budget. Official guidance with detailed award amounts will be forwarded, as available.

Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP)

Award amounts for this program will not be set until after the application deadline of July 23, 2011. Guidance can be anticipated by early August. Since this program does not accommodate awards for summer term study, the guidance should be available in advance of fall term 2011.

Ohio Safety Officers Memorial Scholarship

This program will continue to offer coverage of 100% tuition/fees charges for eligible students attending a public institution. Eligible students attending an independent college or university or proprietary institution will continue to be able to receive a flat annual amount of \$6,768 (based on the average public award from the previous year). Updated private amounts along with eligibility rosters will be sent to appropriate financial aid personnel in the summer.

2011-2012 Award Table Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) Program

Ohio residents in a degree or nurse diploma program with an EFC of 2190 or less and a maximum household income of \$75,000:

OCOG 2011-2012		Enrollment Status			
		Full-time	3/4 Time	1/2 Time	1/4 Time
PUBLIC	Community Colleges*	0	0	0	0
	Regional Campuses	0	0	0	0
	Central State	0	0	0	0
	All Other Main Campuses	672	504	336	168
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	Allegheny Wesleyan	0	0	0	0
	God's Bible College	848	636	424	212
	Rosedale Bible College	672	504	336	168
	Springfield Regional School of Nursing	0	0	0	0
	Trinity School of Nursing	448	336	224	112
	Tri-State Bible College	0	0	0	0
	All Other Private, Non-Profit	1872	1404	936	468
OTHER	Private, For-Profit	192	144	96	48
	Pennsylvania Institutions**	600 or 800	300 or 400	300 or 400	0

► All amounts reflect annual awards in \$. Appropriate annual award amount should be divided by two for semesters or three for quarters.

► Eligible students continuously enrolled may receive an additional 1/2 or 1/3 of their respective award amount in their third semester or fourth quarter.

► Students are limited to 10 semesters or 15 quarters of state, need-based grant aid (including combination of OCOG and OIG).

*Eligible foster youth at community colleges may qualify for OCOG using main campus maximum award amounts.

**Amounts for Ohio residents attending eligible Pennsylvania institutions--\$800/\$400 figures apply to veterans and \$600/\$300 figures to non-veterans.

Prior guidance memos on all state financial aid programs can be found at <http://www.ohiohighered.org/node/200>.