

OEA Foundation Guidelines



These guidelines are designed to establish the process used by the Foundation to award grants to OEA members.

- Individual requesting the grant must be an active member of the Oregon Education Association.
- Spending must be pre-approved through the grant process.
- Funds must be used for the student identified on the grant application. Please apply individually for each student (we cannot provide funds for a group or classroom). Student must be enrolled in an Oregon public school.
- OEA member must make all purchases- money may not be given to parents or students.
- No gift cards can be purchased with Foundation grants.
- Please shop wisely to assure the dollars go as far as possible to meet the needs of our students. Hundred dollar tennis shoes are nice, but not a basic need (if there are extenuating circumstances and special shoes are required that would be a basic need).
- Students may receive only one grant of \$100 in a school year.
- A maximum of \$2000 is awarded to a school per school year. For community colleges, the maximum amount is \$5,000. In the case of extenuating circumstances, this maximum may be adjusted by the OEA Foundation Board. **NEW as of May 2018-** “school year” period is September 1 through July 15.
- The Foundation strongly encourages grantees to help increase Foundation donations and participation by publicizing the donation and grant process with your community.

The following two lists are to help you as you complete the grant request. If your request does not fit within these parameters and you would like some assistance in finding alternate resources or support, please feel free to contact us.

Generally approved (K-12, Community College)

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Vision care, including eyeglasses
- Dental care
- Medication
- Personal hygiene items
- Doctor visits
- Hearing care
- Fees to obtain GED/Oregon ID
- Backpacks

Community College only

- Books
- Classroom/program fees
- Transit needs

Generally not approved

- Money for on-going expenses like:
 - Rent
 - Food
 - Utility bills
- Furniture
- Athletic clothing or fees
- Graduation robes
- Fees for tutors or enrichment activities
- Gas money, transit passes (K-12 only)
- School supplies (K-12 only)

Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of our students. If you have any questions, please email oeafoundation@oregoned.org or call 503.495.2165.

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