



Financial Aid Night

6th-10th grade

Lowell High School
March 20, 2018



What is post secondary education?

- College or University (U of O, OSU, Western, Portland State, Southern)
- Community College (LCC, Linn Benton, Umpqua)
- Private (Willamette, NCU, Lewis and Clark)
- Technical (Pioneer Pacific, Art Institute, Oregon Culinary)
- Apprenticeships (Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC)



How much will it cost?

- College/University Free Tuition-10,000
- Community College Free Tuition-5,000
- Private College 25,000-45,000 (housing incl.)
- Technical Schools 14,000
- Apprenticeships 0-8,000 (volta)



Oregon Promise:

- *Tuition paid at any Community College in Oregon
- *Must have 2.5 gpa
- * Must complete the FAFSA (now based on income)

Pathway Oregon:

- *University of Oregon
- *Tuition covered if Pell eligible
- *Complete the FAFSA
- *3.4 GPA



How do I pay for post secondary education?

Financial Aid (Govt. \$\$)

- Grants (do not have to pay back)

- Scholarships (do not have to pay back)

- Loans (must pay back)

Savings parents

Savings students

Work Study-Job while in college

Scholarships awarded through high school

IDA-Individual development account (matched savings account CASA/St Vincent de Paul)



Scholarships

What characteristics do they look for when they award scholarships?

- Involvement in school activities
- Involvement in community service
- GPA
- Rigor of classes taken in high school



Involvement in School Activities

- Drama
- Music
- Athletics
- Clubs
- Part time Job



Involvement in Community Activities

- Keep track of all Volunteer hours in high school:
- Chamber of Commerce
- Church/School
- Animal Shelter/Vets office
- Forest Department



How to prepare for a strong GPA:

- Develop good study habits
- Be organized
- Complete all homework
- Check HAC on a regular basis
- Have parents attend parent conferences
- Keep track of grades each trimester



Rigor of High School Classes

- Enroll in AP or CN classes
- Take as many academic classes as possible
- Take Math senior year



Start your resume on CIS

- Update each year
- Explore various career options
- Complete interest inventories
- Start Scholarship search



Next Steps:

Research Occupations (job shadows)

Research Trade Schools, Apprenticeships, College,
Universities, Military and Employment

Use CIS to easily find information

Visit Campuses-Preview Days/Vacation

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