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Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)--2010-2011 OCOG Award Table is included on page 2

This program will be administered in 2010-2011 in the same fashion it has been administered during 2009-2010. Therefore, all prior guidance on this program applies. Since the appropriations for the program have decreased from this year to next, and since we anticipate additional growth in the number of students qualifying for state need-based aid, the award amounts for 2010-2011 will need to be reduced. Eligibility rosters for 2010-2011 are currently available.

*It is important to note that the decision made last November to resist mid-year cuts to OCOG for the current academic year was based on our projections predicting a year end surplus on the OCOG line. However, this net surplus was comprised of an even larger surplus from the public sector allocation and a shortfall from the private sector allocation. The public surplus allowed enough cushion to prevent what could have been a substantial mid-year cut to the private sector OCOG award amounts for the current spring term. The budget for 2010-2011 reflects this move and seeks to put the overall OCOG appropriations back in balance. Doing so allows for shortfall spending for the public sector next year and a plan to arrive at a surplus from the private sector.*

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 2010-2011. Schools are encouraged to cross-reference eligibility rosters to ensure adequate units of remaining eligibility before awarding and requesting payment.

Regents Graduate Fellowship Program

All prior recipients of this program will receive their final fellowship payment by spring term of the current academic year. Therefore, no additional payments from this program will be available beginning with the 2010-2011 academic year.

Ohio War Orphans Scholarship

The final guidance on awards in this program will not be available until the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board meets in mid-July to review new applications and approve the annual budget. Every effort will be made to recommend award amounts similar to 2009-2010 (80% coverage at public institutions and a flat \$4,400 annual award at independent and proprietary institutions). But, official guidance cannot be offered until the Board acts.

Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP)

Award amounts for this program will not be set until after the application deadline of July 15, 2010. Guidance can be anticipated by the end of August. Since this program does not accommodate awards for summer term study, the guidance should be available in time for schools to advise students enrolling for fall term.

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 amount (based on average public awards from the previous year). Updated private amounts along with eligibility rosters will be sent to appropriate financial aid personnel in the summer.

## 2010-2011 Award Table for the 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 2010-2011		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	
	Shawnee State	408	306	204	102	
	All Other Main Campuses	888	666	444	222	
PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT	Allegheny Wesleyan	0	0	0	0	
	Christ College of Nursing	1464	1098	732	366	
	Franklin University	1440	1080	720	360	
	God's Bible College	192	144	96	48	
	Huron School of Nursing	1104	828	552	276	
	Mercy College	1488	1116	744	372	
	Rosedale Bible College	648	486	324	162	
	Springfield Regional School of Nursing	0	0	0	0	
	Trinity School of Nursing	0	0	0	0	
	Tri-State Bible College	0	0	0	0	
	All Other Private, Non-Profit	1848	1386	924	462	
	OTHER	Private, For-Profit	0	0	0	0
		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://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/guidance-memos/index.php>.

OCOG calculators for the current year can be found at <http://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/ocog/>. These calculators will be updated for 2010-2011 to reflect changes in OCOG award amounts and the anticipated increase in Federal Pell awards.