

Child Attending School & Child Support



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PROGRAM

Understanding Child Support for Adults 18-21 Who Are Attending School

The Oregon Child Support Program is here to help adult children ages 18-21 understand how they can receive child support directly while pursuing an education.

What is “Child Attending School” status?

In Oregon, child support can continue after a child turns 18 until they turn 21 when they qualify as a Child Attending School (see ORS 107.108).

Who qualifies?

To qualify as a Child Attending School, the child must:

- » Be 18-20 years old
- » Be unmarried, not emancipated, and not on active military duty
- » Be enrolled at least half-time, as determined by the school, at an accredited:
 - » High school
 - » Community college
 - » University
 - » Vocational or technical school
- » Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school
- » Provide written notice of the intent to attend, or continue attending, school before reaching age 18 or when changing schools
- » Consent to the disclosure of school records after turning 18 and at the beginning of each academic year

What does an adult child attending school need to do to receive child support through the Oregon Child Support Program?

The adult child must:

1. Complete an Oregon Child Support Program application
2. Provide written notice of intent to attend school
3. Provide proof of enrollment
4. Sign consent for school record disclosure when first qualifying, and at the beginning of each academic year thereafter
5. Keep contact information updated with the Oregon Child Support Program
6. Maintain at least half-time enrollment and good academic standing



How do payments work?

Once approved, child support payments go directly to the child, not the parent.

What happens if an adult child doesn't meet the requirements?

Child support payments to a child attending school may stop if the adult child:

- » Marries or joins active military service
- » Is not enrolled in school or drops below half-time status
- » Does not sign a consent for school-record disclosure at the beginning of each academic year
- » Does not respond to the applying parent's objection
- » Reaches their stated graduation or end date without notice of their next school

However, the existing child support order remains in effect unless modified by a court. If the adult child re-enrolls in school, they can reapply for Child Attending School status.





How to apply or reapply for Child Attending School status:

1. Access your online account to begin the application process and follow the prompts to enroll

OR

2. Download the Child Attending School forms at OregonChildSupport.gov/school
3. Submit the forms and proof of enrollment via online, mail, fax, or in person
4. Provide written consent for disclosure of school records after turning 18 and at the beginning of each academic year

We can help!

For questions, information, or assistance, contact:

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