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OREGON TROOPS TO TEACHERS PROGRAM APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

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The 2005 Oregon Legislative Assembly established the Oregon Troops to Teachers program, which is administered by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC). Applications are now available. **The priority deadline is May 1, 2006.** Applications received after the deadline may be considered but are subject to available funding.

The legislature provided \$165,000 for the 2005-2007 biennium. The program pays the average cost of resident (in-state) tuition at an Oregon public college or university, provided the veteran:

- Is an Oregon resident indicating Oregon as the “home of record.”
- Was discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States, including Reserve components and the National Guard, with anything other than a dishonorable discharge.
- Agrees to teach in an Oregon school district or public charter school classified as serving a high poverty area for not less than three years; or teaches the subject of mathematics, science, or special education for not less than four years.

Visit the OSAC website at http://www.getcollegefunds.org/troops_to_teachers.html to download an application. For more information phone Susan Taylor at (800) 452-8807 x7394 or send an email to susan.d.taylor@state.or.us.

OSAC is the state agency that partners with numerous private donors, foundations, and banks to administer more than 320 private scholarship programs for Oregon students. This partnership model is unique in the nation. The agency also manages the Oregon Opportunity Grant, which awarded more than \$23 million last year and will award 70% more in the next biennium due to the commitment made by Governor Kulongoski and the Oregon legislature to help Oregon's neediest students attend college.

If you or your business would like to start a scholarship program and have it administered through the statewide OSAC process, please contact Alan Baas, Scholarship Services Manager at 800-452-8807 ext. 7422. OSAC can be reached at 800-452-8807 x 7395 or online at www.GetCollegeFunds.org.