

What do you do after you submit the eApp – Podcast Script

Hi, I'm Carrie Matsushita from the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, also called OSAC for short.

Today, I am going to talk about what happens after you submit your OSAC scholarship application, also known as the eApp.

When you press the submit button in your eApp, the application process does not stop there. There are a number of things, you, as the applicant, still need to do.

For those of you, who submitted a paper application, please listen in, because your application will be entered into the eApp system, and you too, will need to take action on the information I am going to provide to you.

Once you submit your eApp to OSAC, here is what happens & what you need to do:

- Your application is locked and OSAC considers it complete. It cannot be reopened, for example, if you discover that you want to apply for another OSAC scholarship, or if you wish to edit your personal statements, Activities Chart, or scholarship essay (if one was required).
- You may, however at any time, change your personal information, e-mail address, college choice, and college major by returning to your e-Student Profile at www.GetCollegeFunds.org/eapp.html and logging in with your user name and password. Make these updates as soon as you can, because it is important to your application and ability to compete.
- So how do you know whether OSAC received your eApp? To find out, you will need to return to your eApp status page by going back to your application at www.GetCollegeFunds.org. Click the "Apply for Scholarships" link and log in with your user name and password.
- View your application status message. Initially, you may see the status message "Pending Review," which means OSAC has not reviewed your application yet.
- OSAC reviews approximately 10,000 eApps each year, so it is important to check your eApp status page frequently.
- Once OSAC has reviewed your eApp, you may see the message "Valid eApp." Congratulations, this means your application contained no errors and OSAC officially accepted your application.

- If you see the message “Problem eApp,” you must act promptly to correct the problem by the stated deadline in your status message. Failure to do so will eliminate you from competing for scholarships listed in your application.
- After you submit your correction, you will need to check your e-Student Profile status page until you receive the message “Valid eApp”. Your status page will indicate if the error was not corrected.
- Beginning in late April and through late June, it is scholarship award season and you should check your e-Student Profile status for notification of whether you received a scholarship award.
- If you are selected to receive a scholarship you will be able to accept or decline your award in your e-Student Profile.
- If you do not accept or decline your award online, OSAC will mail a letter to your permanent address listed on your application. **This could cause delays in the disbursement of your award so it is better to accept your award online.**
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- If you did not receive a scholarship award for the 2010-11 academic year, keep in mind that you can return to this year’s eApp and update it for the next scholarship award season that begins in the fall.
- Remember, it is your responsibility to check your e-Student Profile regularly.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about this important topic. For more podcast topics, please visit our website at www.osac.state.or again soon. From all of us here at the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, this is Carrie Matsushita, and we look forward to helping you again soon.