

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE OHIO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The status of the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) program for the 2020–2021 academic year is currently being re-evaluated by the State of Ohio as part of the state budget debate. The Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) is a state-funded grant program available to residents of the state of Ohio. This grant is awarded based on total family income and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA. Currently to qualify, the family's total income has to be equal to or less than \$96,000, and the EFC has to be equal to or less than 2190. For those who meet these requirements, the OCOG is available for full-time and part-time enrollment.

Depending upon the results of the final budget resolution, this program may be able to continue offering grant assistance, or funding for the program may be eliminated altogether in a worst-case scenario. A final decision regarding the continuation of the OCOG program is not expected before July 1, 2020.

In the meantime, we have awarded the OCOG at a level we feel is appropriate at this point in time given the information we received thus far from the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Should the Ohio College Opportunity Grant be approved for a different amount or be cut altogether, Wilmington College will send you a revised Financial Aid Offer. While we do not think the program will be totally cut, you should be prepared to cover the loss of the OCOG award in the unlikely event that it is.

For more information on the State of Ohio financial aid programs, please see the Ohio Board of Regents website at <http://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/ocog/>.