## **Freshmen and Sophomore Parents**

## Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP)

Discover the promise of FREE college tuition!

Oklahomans want to see deserving students succeed – students who study and work hard, but whose families find it difficult to afford college. If your child dreams of going to college and works to achieve it, then we can help make it a reality!

To make that happen, the Oklahoma Legislature has set up a unique program for eighth-, ninth- and 10thgrade students that will help pay for their college education if their family's income is \$50,000 or less at the time the student applies for the program.\* This program is Oklahoma's Promise.



But college isn't easy. So to make sure students get ready for college while they're still in high school, the

program requires students to take <u>certain high school courses</u>. They will have to pass those courses and keep up their grades. And besides staying on top of the books, students will also have to show that they're in control outside the classroom. That means staying away from trouble like gangs, drugs and alcohol. In short, the student promises to prepare academically for college and stay out of trouble, and in return, the state of Oklahoma promises to help pay the student's college tuition.

If you don't qualify for this program, there are still other ways to pay for college, including scholarships, grants and student loans. For more information on other financial aid, see your counselor for more details, visit our <u>financial aid section on the Student Center</u>, or call the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's student information hotline at 800.858.1840.

\*In addition, the income of the student's parents (or the student if the student is financially independent of their parents) may not exceed \$100,000 at the time the student begins college and prior to receiving the scholarship. This provision becomes effective for students receiving the award in college for the first time in 2009-10 and thereafter.

For more information, click here: http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/