

Oklahoma's Promise Family Night: Year 1

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Time Frame 65 minutes

Essential Question(s)

How can families plan and prepare for postsecondary education by understanding costs, options, and available supports like Oklahoma's Promise?

Summary

This session introduces families to postsecondary education options and the costs associated with education after high school. Participants learn about Oklahoma's Promise and how it reduces financial barriers. The session concludes with hands-on support from parent volunteers to help families begin or complete the Oklahoma's Promise application.

Learning Goals

Attachments

- Presentation Slides—OK Promise Family Night.pptx
- What's the Price — OK Promise Family Night.pdf

Materials

- Presentation Slides (attached)
- What’s the Price? Poster (attached)
- Internet-enabled devices (e.g., Chromebooks, tablets, smartphones)

15 minutes

Engage

Facilitator's Note: Spanish Translation

The attached Presentation Slides are translated into Spanish and ready to use. Depending on the spacing of each slide, some translated slides follow the English version, while other slides are split in half. Keep that in mind when facilitating.

Use the attached **Presentation Slides** to guide this activity. Display **slide 1** and welcome participants to the session. Take a few minutes to introduce yourself and any co-facilitators.

Transition to **slide 2** and invite participants to guess the price of each item displayed. Play the 1-minute timer and allow participants to write down their guesses.

Next, direct participants' attention to the **What's the Price?** poster at the front of the room. Invite them to share their guesses for each item.

Move to **slide 4** and reveal the actual price for each item. Facilitate a whole-group discussion using the following questions. Pause after each question to allow participants to respond.

- How did your initial guesses compare to the actual prices?
- Which price surprised you the most? Why?
- How does seeing these prices make you feel?

10 minutes

Explore

Display **slide 5** and introduce the term *postsecondary education (PSE)* to participants. Explain that postsecondary education refers to any type of education after high school.

Move to **slide 7** and review Oklahoma's Promise. Explain what the scholarship is, what it may cover, and who can apply.

Go to **slide 8** and play the provided video with participants.

Embedded video
https://youtube.com/watch?v=Y5J_T7HCWBM

15 minutes

Explain

Use **slides 9–11** to introduce each type of postsecondary education. As you move through the slides, ask participants to identify examples of each pathway and discuss how Oklahoma's Promise may apply. Pause throughout the discussion to answer questions participants have about each option.

Move through **slides 12–13** to review the differences between public and private universities and in-state versus out-of-state institutions. Reiterate that Oklahoma's Promise pays full tuition at public, in-state colleges and partial tuition at Oklahoma private colleges and career tech centers. Additionally, it pays partial tuition at Oklahoma private colleges and career tech centers.

20 minutes

Extend

Display **slide 14** and explain to participants that facilitators and other parent volunteers will now be supporting them as they begin the Oklahoma's Promise application.

Transition to **slide 15** and play the 20-minute timer. Encourage participants to use this time to complete their applications. As participants work through their application, circulate the room and offer support and guidance as needed.

5 minutes

Evaluate

Display **slide 16** and review the Muddiest Point strategy with participants. Ask participants to share their responses to the following prompt:

- What was the muddiest (most confusing) point of today's session?

Use this time for participants to ask clarifying questions so they feel confident moving forward.

After all questions and concerns have been addressed, move to **slide 17** and thank all participants for their time and engagement.

Resources

- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. (2025, November 6). *Oklahoma's Promise Fall 2025: Apply Today!* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5J_T7HCWBM
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