



# WRANGLER PROMISE

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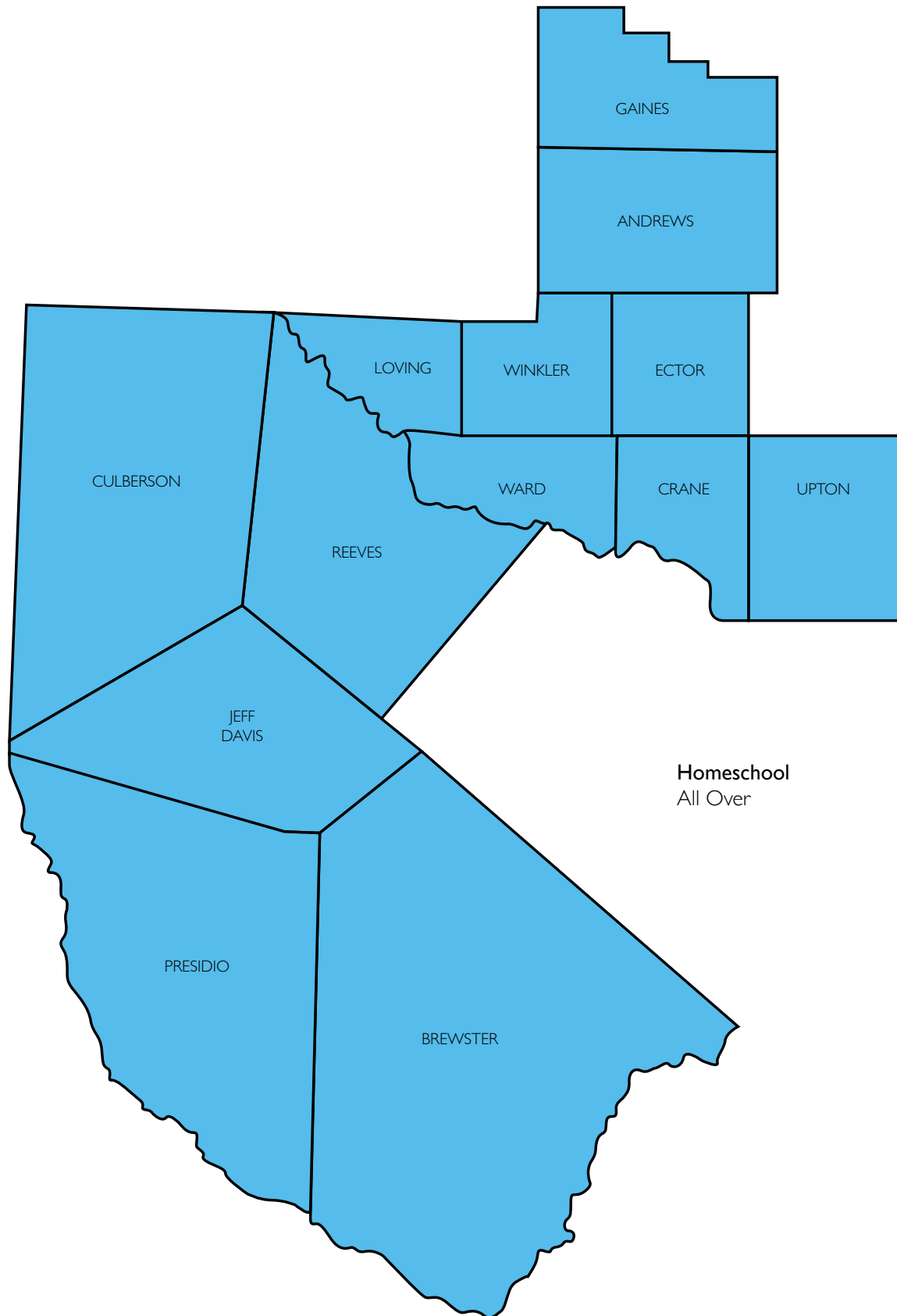


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## WRANGLER PROMISE ELIGIBILITY

### *What are the eligibility requirements for Wrangler Promise?*

Eligible students must be high school seniors who:

- Live in the Odessa College Service Area (See page 1) and are graduating in the Class of 2026
- GED and homeschooled students between the ages of 17-19 who have completed their program in the 2025-26 academic year
- Complete the FAFSA
- No income requirement
- No high school GPA requirement
- Eligible students must enroll full-time in an associate degree or workforce certificate pathway

### *I am a homeschool graduate. Do I qualify for Wrangler Promise?*

Yes, you may qualify: Homeschool graduates age 17-19 who have completed their program in the 2025-26 academic year qualify for Wrangler Promise.

### *I got my GED this year. Do I qualify for Wrangler Promise?*

Yes, you may qualify: GED students age 17-19 who have completed the GED program in the 2025-26 academic year qualify for Wrangler Promise.

### *I don't live in the Odessa College Service Area, do I qualify for the Promise Scholarship?*

No. You must live in the Odessa College Service Area. (See page 1)

### *Do I have to complete the FAFSA to qualify for Promise?*

Yes, to qualify for Wrangler Promise, you must complete the FAFSA or applicable state aid.

### *Are non-citizens eligible for Wrangler Promise?*

Yes! Non-citizens are eligible for Wrangler Promise. Because students must complete the FAFSA, you must be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen. Please note: Parents are not required to be US citizens or eligible non-citizens for their student to complete the FAFSA.

### *What if I am in the class of 2027 but graduate early?*

If you are classified as the class of 2027 and graduate early, you will be eligible for Wrangler Promise in the fall of 2026.

### *I graduated from a high school in the Odessa College service area, but I moved to Dallas. Do I qualify for Wrangler Promise?*

Yes, if you are classified as the class of 2026 and have graduated from a service area high school you will qualify for Wrangler Promise. Current residence will determine tuition rate: in-district, out-of-district or out-of-state. Wrangler Promise students will be funded at the in-district rate and will be responsible for the balance due once Wrangler Promise has been applied.

### *Does the Wrangler Promise scholarship require community service for eligibility?*

No. Wrangler Promise does not require community service for eligibility.

### *What if I decide to take a gap year before registering for classes? Will I qualify for Wrangler Promise?*

No, you will only qualify for Wrangler Promise the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. You may qualify for Odessa College Foundation scholarships, however.

### *What if I go to another school right after graduation and then decide to come to OC in the spring, will I qualify for Wrangler Promise?*

No, you only qualify for Wrangler Promise the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. You may qualify for Odessa College Foundation scholarships, however.

### *Can I use Wrangler Promise to register for a workforce training program like truck driving, lineman, massage therapy, law enforcement training academy, etc.?*

Odessa College has plans to include high-value workforce training programs into Wrangler Promise. The details and specifics have yet to be determined; however, if you are interested in using Wrangler Promise for workforce training programs, you must complete the Wrangler Promise pledge form and apply for financial aid by the May 15th deadline.

## WRANGLER PROMISE DATES & DEADLINES

### *What are the deadlines?*

- Pledge Deadline – May 15th
- Apply Texas Deadline – July 1st
- FAFSA Deadline – July 1st
- Registration Deadline – July 1st
- Deadline to accept Wrangler Promise scholarship – July 15th.  
\*Subject to change

### *If I miss the deadline, can I apply for Wrangler Promise next year?*

No, you only qualify for Wrangler Promise the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. You may qualify for Odessa College Foundation scholarships, however.

### *When will I know if I receive a Wrangler Promise Scholarship?*

Wrangler Promise scholarships will be posted in the Wrangler Portal.

### *Do I have to accept the Promise Scholarship?*

Yes, you must log in to the Wrangler Portal and accept the Wrangler Promise Scholarship. The deadline to accept the scholarship is July 15th. \*Subject to change



## I HAVE WRANGLER PROMISE. NOW WHAT?

### *What are the privileges of Wrangler Promise besides tuition and fees?*

Wrangler Promise students receive:

- Preferred/priority on-campus employment
- Priority registration
- Dedicated Academic Success Coach
- Dedicated College Life Coach
- Custom, cohort engagement
- Transfer and placement programming and MORE

### *What do I have to do to maintain my Wrangler Promise scholarship?*

To maintain eligibility, you:

- Must be enrolled full-time
- Maintain at least 12 credit hours with satisfactory academic progress (2.0 GPA)

You will also be required to meet minimum co-curricular engagement requirements including tutoring, meeting with Academic Success Coach, meeting with Student Life Coach, etc.

### *Can I enroll in the summer, Midwinter or Maymester?*

Yes. After your first, fall semester, you may enroll in Midwinter, Maymester and summer courses. Full-time status in Maymester and Midwinter is one course. Full-time status in summer is 2 courses.

Wrangler Promise will scholarship 33 hours per academic year (fall through summer) until the Promise student has earned 60 hours or an Associate's degree.

### *Do I have to enroll in the summer?*

No.

### *I am taking prerequisites for the nursing program. Will Wrangler Promise cover my prerequisites and all of the courses in the nursing program?*

If you go over 60 semester credit hours, you will be responsible for tuition and fees.

Wrangler Promise will pay tuition and fees for eligible students to reach 60 semester credit hours or an Associate's degree.

### *Do I have to maintain a 2.0 GPA to qualify for Wrangler Promise?*

Yes, you are expected to maintain a 2.0 GPA to continue receiving Wrangler Promise. Students who fall below a 2.0 cumulative GPA no longer qualify for Wrangler Promise, but may qualify for the college's Restart Scholarship.

### *Do I have to be enrolled full-time?*

Yes, you must be enrolled full-time – at least 12 semester credit hours per semester.

### *What happens if I drop a course and fall below 12 semester credit hours?*

That is okay. Life happens. If you drop below 12 semester credit hours, you will be expected to register as a full-time student (12 semester credit hours) the next semester to continue to receive Wrangler Promise.

Wrangler Promise students who fall below full-time status twice, will no longer be eligible for Wrangler Promise. Wrangler Promise has no cash value and students will not receive a refund.

## WRANGLER PROMISE FUNDING

### *Is Wrangler Promise a last-dollar in scholarship?*

Yes, Wrangler Promise is a last-dollar scholarship designed to cover the remaining costs of education that are not already covered by other financial aid, scholarships, or a third party. The Wrangler Promise scholarship will be awarded to students who have exhausted other sources of funding and have met the eligibility requirements. For example:

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and does NOT receive PELL or scholarships = Wrangler Promise pays 100% tuition and fees.

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and receives PARTIAL PELL and no scholarships = Wrangler Promise pays the balance of tuition and fees after PELL is applied to the balance.

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and received FULL PELL = Wrangler Promise does NOT pay tuition and fees, but student is still considered part of the Wrangler Promise program.

Wrangler Promise has no cash value and students will not be refunded unused Wrangler Promise funds.

Students must complete the FAFSA in order to qualify for Wrangler Promise.

### *What if PELL doesn't pay all of my tuition and fees?*

Wrangler Promise will cover the remaining tuition and fees balance that is not already covered by other financial aid, scholarships, or a third party. The Wrangler Promise scholarship will be awarded to students who have exhausted other sources of funding and have met the eligibility requirements.

For example:

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and receives PARTIAL PELL and no scholarships = Wrangler Promise pays the balance of tuition and fees after PELL is applied to the balance.

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Students must complete the FAFSA in order to qualify for Wrangler Promise.

### *Workforce Solutions is paying for me to go to school. Will I still qualify for the Wrangler Promise scholarship?*

Maybe. Wrangler Promise is a last-dollar scholarship designed to cover the



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remaining tuition and fee balance that is not already covered by other financial aid, scholarships, or a third party.

The Wrangler Promise scholarship will be awarded to students who have exhausted other sources of funding and have met the eligibility requirements.

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and Workforce Solutions pays part of tuition and fees = Wrangler Promise pays the balance of tuition and fees after Workforce Solutions funds are applied to the balance.

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and Workforce Solutions pays full tuition and fees for student = Wrangler Promise does NOT pay tuition and fees, but student is still considered part of the Wrangler Promise program.

## ***My employer is paying for my tuition. Do I qualify for the Wrangler Promise scholarship?***

Maybe. Wrangler Promise is a last dollar in scholarship designed to cover the remaining tuition and fee balance that is not already covered by other financial aid, scholarships or a third party (employer). The Wrangler Promise scholarship will be awarded to students who have exhausted other sources of funding and have met the eligibility requirements. For example:

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and employer pays part of tuition and fees = Wrangler Promise pays the balance of tuition and fees after employer funds are applied to the balance.

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and employer pays full tuition and fees for student = Wrangler Promise does NOT pay tuition and fees, but student is still considered part of the Wrangler Promise program.

Wrangler Promise has no cash value and students will not be refunded unused Wrangler Promise funds.

Students must complete the FAFSA in order to qualify for Wrangler Promise.

## ***What do I do with the local scholarships I received?***

If you directly receive local scholarships, keep them and pay for other education expenses like gas, supplies, etc.

If your scholarships are sent directly to Odessa College, the scholarships will be applied to your tuition and fee balance.

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Students must complete the FAFSA in order to qualify for Wrangler Promise.

## ***What if I get a scholarship after my first year of Promise?***

That is great! Wrangler Promise is a last dollar in scholarship designed to cover the remaining costs of education that are not already covered by other financial aid, scholarships or a third party. The Wrangler Promise scholarship will be awarded to students who have exhausted other sources of funding and have met the eligibility requirements. For example: Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and receives a partial scholarship = Wrangler Promise pays the balance of tuition and fees after scholarship is applied to the balance.

Student is eligible for Wrangler Promise and receive full scholarship = Wrangler Promise does NOT pay tuition and fees, but student is still considered part of the Wrangler Promise program.

Wrangler Promise has no cash value and students will not be refunded unused Wrangler Promise funds.

Students must complete the FAFSA in order to qualify for Wrangler Promise.

## ***Does Wrangler Promise cover all tuition and fees?***

Yes, Wrangler Promise scholarships cover all tuition and fees that are not covered after all other financial aid, scholarships, and other aid has been applied.

## ***Does Wrangler Promise cover supplies?***

No, Wrangler Promise only covers tuition and fees.

## ***Does Wrangler Promise cover textbooks?***

No, Wrangler Promise only covers tuition and fees.

## ***Will Wrangler Promise pay for student housing?***

No, Wrangler Promise will not pay for student housing.

## ***Will the funds run out?***

We hope not! Students who complete the Wrangler Promise pledge form, the Apply Texas Application, and the FAFSA before the May 15th deadline should receive Wrangler Promise.

Wrangler Promise students must register for classes and log in to the Wrangler Portal to accept the Wrangler Promise Scholarship by July 15th. \*Subject to change. The deadline to register for classes and accept the scholarship is July 15th. \*Subject to change.

## ***Do I still get my first class at Odessa College free?***

Yes. All new Odessa College students receive their first class free. Will Wrangler Promise pay for my last semester if I am not registered for 12 semester credit hours? Yes, Wrangler Promise will pay for your last semester even if you are part-time.

## ***How many hours per year will Wrangler Promise fund?***

Wrangler Promise will scholarship 33 hours per academic year (fall through summer) until the Promise student has earned 60 hours or an Associate's degree.

## **DUAL CREDIT AND WRANGLER PROMISE**

### ***Do I qualify for Wrangler Promise if I took dual credit courses in high school?***

Yes, if you have not earned an Associate's degree you qualify for Wrangler Promise. Wrangler Promise will pay tuition and fees for you to reach 60 semester credit hours or an Associate's degree. This means if you transfer in 30 semester credit hours of dual credit, Wrangler Promise will pay for the next 30 semester credit hours or until you earn an Associate's degree.

### ***Do I qualify for Wrangler Promise if I already have an Associate's degree?***

No, if you have earned an Associate's degree during or after high school, you are not eligible for Wrangler Promise.

### ***I earned a college certificate in high school do I qualify for Wrangler Promise?***

Yes, if you have not earned an Associate's degree or earned 60 semester credit hours you may qualify for Wrangler Promise. Wrangler Promise will pay tuition and fees for eligible students to reach 60 semester credit hours or an Associate's degree. This means if you transfer in 30 semester credit hours of dual credit, Wrangler Promise will pay for the next 30 semester credit hours or until you earn an Associate's degree.



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