

student will be notified within three weeks after the receipt of the preliminary application form. If funds are not available the nonpublic student, nonpublic high school and college will be notified within one week after the receipt of the preliminary application form.

## WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR PARTICIPATION?

**March 1** All public, community and nonpublic high school administrators must notify 8th- through 11th-grade students and their parents of the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program.

**March 30** All students must notify high school administrators of their intent to participate in the program. Students who are denied written permission from their school administrator will be ineligible.

**April 1** Chief administrators of nonpublic high schools must notify ODE if the nonpublic schools wish to participate the following school year.

**April 1** The ODE area office sends *Form SF-PS-140 A* to the student's public, community or nonpublic high school guidance counselor.

**April 30** The public, community and nonpublic high school guidance counselor returns the completed *SF-PS-140A* to the area office.

**July 1** (or before the first term of enrollment) For each nonpublic high school student who wishes to participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment **Options B** Program, the nonpublic high school principal or administrator is required to send to the area office a completed *Form SF-PS-140NPP* and a copy of the college acceptance letter.

The preliminary application form must include signatures by the student, parent, high school guidance counselor and college official before the application is processed. **The preliminary application form will not be accepted in the area office prior to July 1.**

**Within one week** of receipt of application (nonpublic students only) – If financial support is not available, ODE area offices will notify the nonpublic high school applicant, the applicant's high school and the college accepting the applicant's participation.

**Within three weeks** of receipt of application – If financial support is available, ODE area offices will notify each nonpublic high school applicant within three weeks of receiving the student's application.

**No timeframe** – An eligible student enrolled in a public, community or nonpublic high school may apply and enroll in a college anytime during the student's 9th- through 12-grade school year.

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

If you or your child is interested in participating in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program, talk to your high school guidance counselor.

You may also visit ODE's Web page at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/> and search on keyword PSEO.



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## POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM FOR OHIO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

### WHAT IS THE POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM?

The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP) allows Ohio high school students to earn college credit and/or high school graduation credit through the successful completion of college courses. The PSEOP is open to 9th through 12th graders enrolled in the state's public, community and nonpublic high schools. The purpose of the program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and expose students to options beyond the high school classroom.

Ohio lawmakers originally enacted the PSEOP in 1989 for 11th- and 12th-grade students; it was expanded in 1997 to include 9th- and 10th-graders. In 1999, additional legislation restricted eligibility to students carrying at least a 3.0 grade-point average in the subject they wish to pursue at the postsecondary level. Public and nonpublic high school students may enroll in nonsectarian, college-level courses and receive college credit and/or credit toward graduation from high school.

#### Students who participate in the program may choose from the following two options:

- \* **Option A** allows the public, community or nonpublic high school student to choose, upon enrollment, college credit or both high school and college credit. In this case, the cost of the program is funded entirely by the student's family.
- \* **Option B** allows the student to receive both high school and college credit. For public high school and community school students, there is no transfer of tuition

between student and college. The high school's state foundation will pay the college directly. If the student is enrolled in a nonpublic high school, the cost is subsidized by funds set aside by the Ohio General Assembly in each biennium and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Public, community or nonpublic high school students electing this option will not be required to pay for tuition, books, materials or fees.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you are a resident of Ohio, a student in the 9th through 12th grade, and enrolled in a public, community or nonpublic high school, you may be eligible.

Students must have a 3.0 high school grade-point average in the subject they wish to study at the post-secondary institution.

If you are a 9th grader, you may enroll for up to 12 quarters, eight semesters, or the equivalent of four academic years. If you are a 10th grader, you may enroll for up to nine quarters, six semesters, or the equivalent of three academic years. If you are an 11th grader, you may enroll for up to six quarters, four semesters, or the equivalent of two academic years. If you are a 12th grader, you may enroll for up to three quarters, two semesters or the equivalent of one academic year. If you are in the middle of a year, your eligibility will be prorated.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Students considering this program should check with their high school guidance counselors. The program requires that schools provide counseling to students and parents to inform them of possible risks and

consequences of taking part in the program, such as:

- \* limited funding that may result in the rejection of some students from the program;
- \* possible inability to complete the public, community or nonpublic school's graduation requirements;
- \* obligation of the student's family to reimburse the state for the amount of funds paid to the college for any uncompleted or failed course.

Students and parents must sign a form indicating that appropriate counseling was provided and all responsibilities for participation are understood.

### NOTE TO NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

For nonpublic students, the cost of the program is covered by a specified amount determined by the Ohio Legislature.

Once accepted by an Ohio college or university, each year the nonpublic student must submit a preliminary application form (*Form SF-PS-140NPP*), along with a copy of the college's letter of acceptance and signatures from the student, parent, guidance counselor and college administrator. This must be done prior to submitting the application for approval by the Ohio Department of Education's Center for School Finance. The application form will not be processed without the required signatures and letter of acceptance. (The requirement to attach the letter of acceptance will be waived if the official seal or stamp of the post-secondary institution is affixed to the application.)

Applications are processed in order of receipt. Financial support is available on a first-come, first-served basis. If funds are available, the