

# Supporting Oregon's Public University Students



## How do I advocate for Oregon's public universities?

### Why get involved as an advocate?

Oregon's public universities are stronger together than they are alone, but they – and the students they serve – need YOU to advocate on their behalf!

Legislators in Salem want to hear from students, alumni, faculty, staff, and others with personal connections to our public universities about the value they provide to Oregon's students, and what they need to remain successful.

To continue to meet students' needs and provide vital student services, Oregon's public universities require appropriate funding. But Legislators want to hear directly from you about why that funding is so important.

### How do I get involved as an advocate?

There are so many ways to get involved! You can make a difference by advocating from Salem or even from your kitchen table.

- Testify live in person at Oregon's Capitol Building or virtually via video conferencing
- Submit written testimony
- Participate in a meeting with your legislator (virtually or in person in Salem)
- Submit an op-ed or letter to the editor to your local newspaper
- Talk to your friends and fellow students/alumni about getting involved

Interested in getting involved? [Reach out to our team](#) and let us know you'd like to get involved!

If you've never been an advocate before, don't worry, we'll be here to help you every step of the way. We can help draft or review your testimony, provide talking points for meetings, write letters to the editor, and help you talk with your friends or legislators about why Oregon's public universities matter to you!

***Thank you for helping advocate for Oregon's public universities to ensure that the next generation of students have the support and opportunities they deserve!***



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