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The Easy “eApp” for \$10 Million in Scholarships Now Available

EUGENE, Ore. (1/8/04) Think you can't afford college? Think again...and surf over to www.GetCollegeFunds.org <<http://www.GetCollegeFunds.org>> to electronically apply for more than \$10 million in private scholarships distributed each year through the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC). The OSAC Scholarship Application, covering more than 290 different scholarship programs for Oregonians, some Southwest Washington residents and residents of Siskiyou County, California, is also available in paper format at area high schools and college financial aid offices.

Most of the scholarships are for students entering or returning to college in the fall of 2004, but OSAC Scholarships have something for just about everyone. Some are for undergraduate students, others for graduate or professional students. Many of the scholarships can be used at any eligible institution in the U.S. for any field of study; others are for specific schools or fields of study. Some of the scholarships can be used for approved training programs, while others require progress be made toward 2- or 4-year degrees.

This year, OSAC has enhanced its electronic application (“eApp”) process to make applying online easier and more convenient. Applicants breeze through user-friendly screens of questions, browse the 290+ individual program descriptions, and electronically upload almost all required documentation. The only materials that have to be mailed or hand-delivered to OSAC are transcripts and special documents required for certain scholarships, such as birth certificates.

All OSAC Scholarship Applications and all supplemental materials are due to OSAC postmarked, hand-delivered or electronically delivered no later than March 1, 2004.

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The Oregon Student Assistance Commission, recipient of the 2001 National Scholarship Provider of the Year award, coordinates a variety of state, federal, and privately funded student financial aid programs for the benefit of Oregonians attending institutions of postsecondary education. The agency can be reached at (800) 452-8807 or online at www.osac.state.or.us.