



Ford Scholars Program

Oregon

Kenneth W. Ford established the Ford Scholars Program to provide scholarships to students who would otherwise find it difficult to meet the expenses associated with the pursuit of an undergraduate degree. Each year, up to 100 applicants are selected from Oregon to receive a Ford Scholars scholarship, and up to 20 applicants are selected from Siskiyou County, California.

Eligibility

This is a need-based, renewable scholarship. To demonstrate financial need, each applicant must file a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and not exceed the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) limit, as established by the Foundation. For 2012, the EFC upper limit is anticipated to be \$6,000. *Scholarship offers may be rescinded if an applicant's EFC changes prior to fall term of the application year and he or she no longer meets the financial need criteria.* The FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible after January 1 and must not have a rejected status at the time of the scholarship application review (mid-March).

Applicant must also:

- Be a resident of Oregon and meet all residency requirements for college of attendance
- Be either: (1) **a high school graduate** (or the equivalent) and never have enrolled full time in a 2- or 4-year college, or (2) **a community college student** ready to transfer as a junior to a 4-year college in the fall. *Students are not eligible if they have already started full time at a 4-year college or have previously earned a bachelor's degree*
- Verify a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or GED of 2650, or have a counselor, advisor or teacher submit a *Special Recommendation* online, as part of the application. (SATs or ACTs are not required, but are highly recommended.)
- Attend full time, on campus, at an eligible public or non-profit college, based in Oregon, beginning in fall of the application year
- Have no felony convictions, or have satisfied the terms of any felony conviction by August 1 of the application year

Selection Criteria

Each successful candidate will demonstrate:

- Concern for others and contribution of time and energy to volunteer projects and/or service organizations
- Motivation and desire to contribute to personal success through paid work experience
- Leadership ability through participation in school and community activities
- An ability to succeed in college
- An ability to clearly communicate personal strengths and goals

Interviews are required for all finalists.

Summer Conferences and Academics

Recipients who accept this scholarship must acknowledge a responsibility to attend the Foundation's summer leadership conferences and maintain satisfactory academic progress while in college.

Scholarship Amount

This is a variable, need-based award of up to 90% of the recipient's unmet financial need with a limit of \$25,000 per year. Scholarship award amounts are calculated annually and are dependent on the college cost of attendance (including tuition, fees, room & board, personal costs, etc.), less the federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC), other scholarships or gift aid, and a \$1,000 work expectation. The formula for calculating the Ford Scholars scholarship award is shown below:

Formula:

	Cost of Attendance (COA) for the academic year
(minus)	EFC (from FAFSA)
(minus)	Ford Work Expectation
(minus)	All grants and other scholarship aid
(minus)	Other resources (e.g., veteran's benefits)
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	Result x 90% = Ford Scholars Award
	(Minimum of \$1,000/Maximum of \$25,000)

Example:

	\$21,000	COA for the academic year
(minus)	\$ 2,280	EFC (from FAFSA)
(minus)	\$ 1,000	Ford Work Expectation
(minus)	\$ 7,550	All other grants & scholarship aid
(minus)	\$ 0	Other resources
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	\$10,170 x 90% = \$9,153	Ford Scholars Award

Graduate Study

Ford Scholars who successfully complete their bachelor's degree may be eligible to apply for up to two years of graduate-level funding.

To Apply

Apply online through the Oregon Student Access Commission (OSAC) at www.OregonStudentAid.gov.

Deadline

All application materials must be submitted online by March 1 of each year.

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