



Ford ReStart Scholarship Program

Oregon

The Ford Family Foundation established the Ford ReStart Scholarship Program to encourage students, age 25 or older, to begin or return to full-time post-secondary education. Each year, up to 50 applicants are selected from Oregon and Siskiyou County, California to receive a Ford ReStart scholarship.

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. *Scholarship offers may be rescinded if an applicant's EFC changes prior to the fall term of the application year and he or she no longer meets the financial need criteria.* The FAFSA should be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 at least 25 years old by March 1 of the application year
- Seek a certificate, a 2-year associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree at an eligible institution (and not previously have earned a bachelor's degree)
- 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
- Have a reference submit a *ReStart Reference* online, as part of the application

*Applicant may be at any phase of their education, but **strong preference is given to students with limited or no recent college experience.***

Selection Criteria

Each successful candidate will demonstrate:

- A history of working responsibly on the job or in the home by helping to raise a family
- A commitment to education as a way of improving his/her life and the lives of his/her family and community
- Involvement in community through volunteer service to others
- Initiative and/or leadership in family, school or community activities
- An ability to clearly communicate personal strengths and goals
- An ability to benefit from college as supported by the *ReStart Reference*

Interviews are required for all finalists.

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) and other scholarships or gift aid. The formula for calculating the Ford ReStart scholarship award is shown below:

Formula:

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

Example:

	\$21,000	COA for the academic year
(minus)	\$ 3,500	EFC (from FAFSA)
(minus)	\$ 3,800	All other grants & scholarship aid
(minus)	\$ 0	Other resources
	\$13,700 x 90% = \$12,330 Ford ReStart Award	

Graduate Study

Ford ReStart 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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