



OSAC Scholarship Application: Useful Insights

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Types of Scholarships and Criteria

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Merit vs. Need

Requirements vs.
Preferences

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Auto Add
Scholarships

Merit Scholarships

- Specific Major
- Specific High School
- Special Interests or Affiliations
- Career Focus
- Geographic Regions



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Financial Need

- Used to determine need-based aid
- Cost of Attendance – Student Aid Index
= Financial Need

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Need Based Scholarships

- Financial Need is a Requirement
 - FAFSA/ORSAA Required
 - Demonstrated Need Required
- Financial Need is Not Considered
 - FAFSA/ORSAA Not Required



Need Based Scholarships

- Financial Need Is a Consideration
 - Demonstrated Need NOT Required
 - FAFSA/ORSAA MIGHT be Required



Requirements vs. Preferences

Requirements

- Residency
- FAFSA/ORSAA Completion
- Financial Need
- Graduates of Specific High School
- College Type

Preference

- First-generation immigrants to the United States
- Male or Female Students
- Certain Activities
- Age

Renewable Scholarships

Auto Renewal —

- Shorter Renewal Application
- Do Not Compete Against Other Applicants

Apply and Compete —

- Full Scholarship Application
- Must Compete Against Other Applicants

*Scholarship Applicants Must Continue to Meet Eligibility Criteria and Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress

Auto Add Scholarships

- Automatically Added
- Students Meet Basic Criteria
- Cannot be Removed from Application

Woodard Family Scholarship
(HS)



No Additional Documents Required

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Added

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The Scholarship Catalog

Finding the Catalog

Searching the Catalog

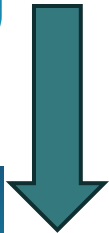
Printing the Catalog

OregonStudentAid.gov

Scholarships



Application



Catalog

The screenshot displays the OregonStudentAid.gov website with a dark teal background and a red border. It features three white rectangular panels arranged horizontally. The first panel, titled 'Application', shows a preview of the application portal with a green header and various links. Below it is a blue link that says 'Apply Here'. The second panel, titled 'Scholarship Catalog', shows a preview of the scholarship listings with a green header and various links. Below it is a blue link that says 'Scholarship Catalog'. The third panel, titled 'Scholarship Workbook', shows a preview of the workbook with a green header and various links. Below it is a blue link that says '2025 26 Scholarship Workbook'.

Searching for Scholarships

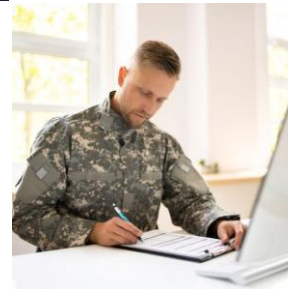
1. High School

Search for high school specific scholarships



2. Community

Search for city, county, and other geographical regions



Search Tips



4. Major/Career

Check for Major or Career specific funds



3. Employers/ Organizations

Check places students and their family are members of



Finding Scholarships



Search By High School

- Including: High School Type and Name



Search by Membership/ Employer

- Affiliated with your parents/caregivers or self



Keyword Search

- Example: “sports”, or “Marion County”



Full Catalog

- Download the OSAC catalog and read listings

Printing the Scholarship Catalog



- Save a PDF to “ctrl + F” search
- Have paper copies available
- Highlight scholarships
- A tool for parents

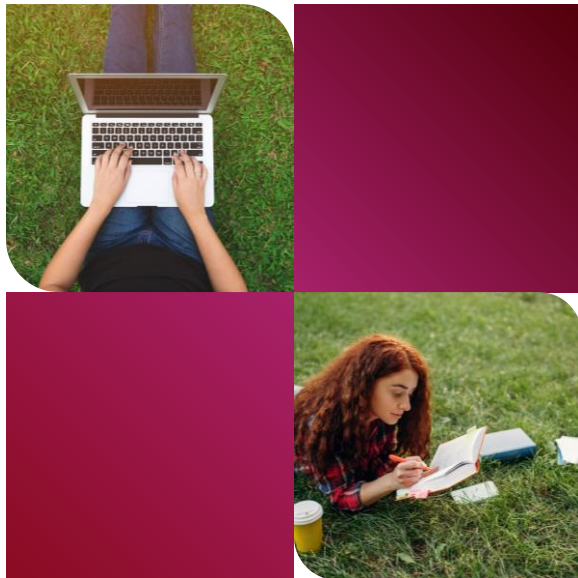


Application Samples

Personal Statements

Activities Chart

Personal Statements



Details

- 3 required essays, 1 optional essay
- 1,900 character limit per essay
- Tell a complete picture of yourself
- Focus on something unique about yourself
- Try not to repeat info like GPA

Tips for Success

1

Answer the entire question

2

Avoid slang, abbreviations, and humor

3

Proofread your application and get feedback

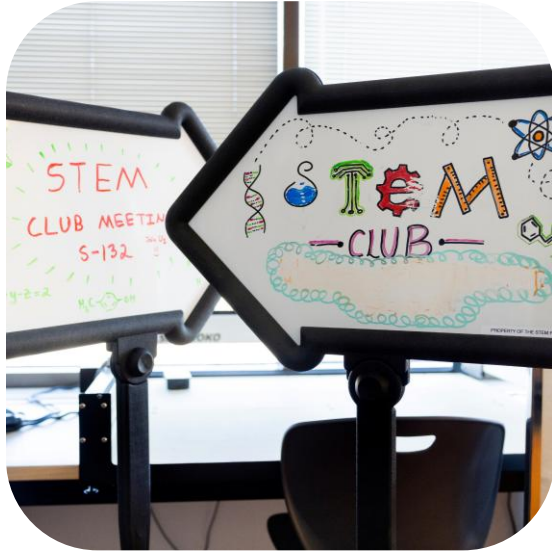
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Share your unique skills or accomplishments

5

Avoid repeating the question

Activities Chart



Limit

Limited to 20 activities

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Include

Dates, Hours logged, Responsibilities



Mixture of Activities

Include school, volunteer, and paid work

Examples

1



2



3



4





Application Question Caution



Test Applications

Applicant Type

- ☐ This is a test application. (I am a counselor, parent of an applicant, volunteer, educator, a high school junior or other non-applicant.)

 If test application is selected, this application will not be considered for any financial aid.



College Standing: Section 1

College Choice

Which college do you plan to attend for the 2026-27 school year?

College or University Name *

Oregon Coast Community College (OR)

☐ I will be dual enrolled with another school while attending this school.

College Standing as of Fall Term 2026

College Standing *

Senior



Degree Plan: Section 1

College Plans

Degree Plan *

Intended Degree *

Master of Science (M.S.)

Major *

Molecular Medicine.

Second or Double Major (optional)

Major

Expected Completion Date *

06/01/2032



After Submission



1. OSAC Reviews Transcripts
2. Application Status Update (Valid or Reject)



3. Students Update
 - Major
 - College
 - Contact Information



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4. If awarded accept or decline the award
5. Write a thank you letter



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