

Ford Opportunity Scholars Program

The Ford Opportunity Scholars Program offers a comprehensive, need-based scholarship to help parents and adult learners succeed in college and beyond. In addition to a generous financial award, Scholars receive academic guidance, leadership development, personal and professional support, and access to the Ford Family alumni network. Up to 96 renewable scholarships are awarded each year to students from Oregon and Siskiyou County, California.

FINANCIAL NEED ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)¹ as soon as possible after October 1.
- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA may not exceed \$10,000.²

¹ Undocumented students please refer to <https://www.tfff.org/program-areas/postsecondary-success/student-resources/undocumented-students> for eligibility and applicant requirements.

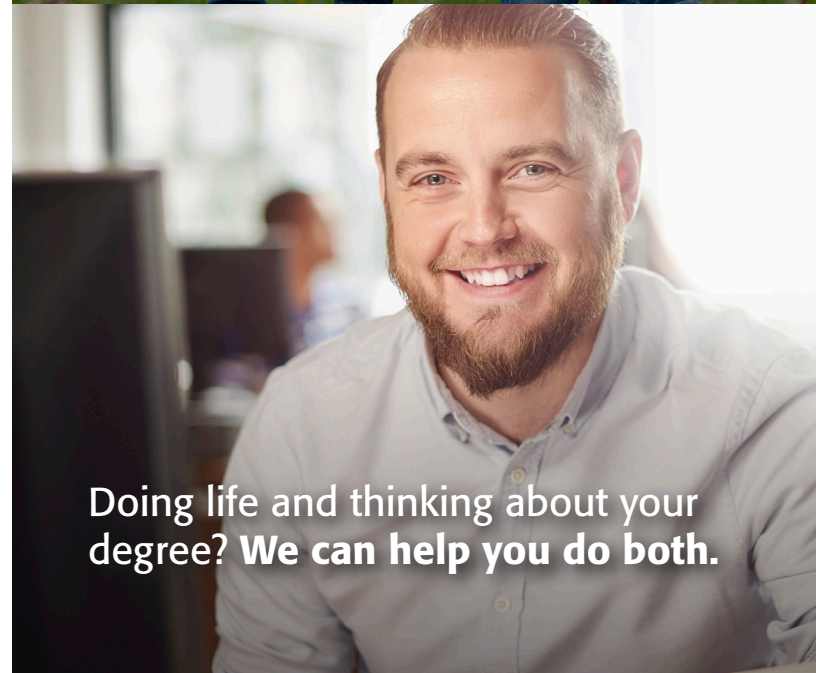
² Scholarship offers may be rescinded if an applicant's EFC increases beyond \$10,000 before the first scholarship dollars are awarded.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Be a resident of Oregon or Siskiyou County, CA, and meet all in-state residency requirements for college of attendance.
- Be a parent of any age (single parents strongly encouraged to apply)
—OR—
Be an adult learner over the age of 25 as of March 1 of the application year.
- Have a goal of earning an associate or bachelor's degree with at least one full year remaining in program (and has not previously earned a bachelor's degree).
- Will attend full time at a federal financial aid eligible public or private (nonprofit) college, based in their home state of Oregon or California, beginning in fall of the application year. Residents of Siskiyou County may attend Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University or Klamath Community College if they qualify for in-state tuition.
- Applicants with a felony conviction in their past must have satisfied the terms of the conviction by August 1 of the application year.



We See Your Potential.



Doing life and thinking about your degree? We can help you do both.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Successful candidates who advance in the selection process will be invited to an interview. All finalists will need to provide a term-by-term education plan before their scheduled interview.

The Ford Opportunity Scholars Program is looking for candidates who demonstrate:

- Commitment to roles in school, home and/or community activities.
- Outstanding character.
- A concern for others through volunteer service and/or help with family needs.
- Initiative, responsibility and a strong work ethic through paid and/or unpaid work experiences.
- An ability to clearly communicate their strengths and goals, both verbally and in writing.
- A capacity for future academic success shown by high school or college GPA and coursework.

SCHOLAR EXPECTATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Key to recipient success is maintaining satisfactory academic progress and engagement in their campus community, scholarship activities and conferences. Maintaining regular communication with the Scholarship Office is also necessary.

GRADUATE STUDY

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

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

This is a variable, need-based award of up to 90% of the recipient's unmet financial need with a limit of \$40,000 per year. Scholarship award amounts are calculated annually and are dependent on the college Cost of Attendance (including tuition, fees, room and board, personal costs, childcare, etc.), less the federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC), other scholarships or gift aid. The formula for calculating the Ford Opportunity scholarship award is shown below:

FORMULA:

Cost of Attendance (COA) for the academic year
(minus) Expected Family Contribution (EFC from FAFSA)
(minus) All grants and other scholarship aid
(minus) Other resources (e.g., veteran's benefits)

Result x 90% = Ford Opportunity Award
(Minimum of \$1,000/Maximum of \$40,000)

EXAMPLE:

\$ 28,000 COA for the academic year
– \$ 2,280 EFC (from FAFSA)
– \$ 10,120 All other grants & scholarship aid
– \$ 0 Other resources

\$ 15,600 x 90% = \$14,040 Ford Opportunity Award

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APPLICATION DEADLINE:

All application materials must be submitted online by 5 p.m. PST on MARCH 1.

MARCH
1st

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit www.tfff.org/Scholarships for more information.

APPLICATION OPENS IN LATE FALL.

Questions Welcome!

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