

Ford Restart Scholars Program

The Ford ReStart Scholars Program offers a comprehensive scholarship to help adults, age 25 and older, 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 46 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 and may not have a rejected status at the time of the scholarship application review in mid-March.
- ❑ The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA may not exceed \$10,000.²

¹ Undocumented students please refer to www.tfff.org/undocumented 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² Scholarship offers may be rescinded if an applicant's EFC increases beyond \$10,000 before the first scholarship dollars are awarded.



We See Your Potential.

Make your way forward with a ReStart scholarship.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ **Be a resident of Oregon or Siskiyou County, CA,** and meet all in-state residency requirements for college of attendance.
- ❑ **Be at least 25 years old** by March 1 of the application year.
- ❑ **Has a goal of earning an associate or bachelor's degree** and be no more than halfway through completion of degree by the end of spring term/semester of the application year (and has not previously earned a bachelor's degree).
- ❑ **Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or GED of 660** (2650 for 2002-2013), or will have a counselor, advisor or teacher submit an online Special Recommendation as part of the application process.
- ❑ **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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

The Ford ReStart 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, coursework, and/or Special Recommendation.

SCHOLAR EXPECTATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Keys to recipient success include:

- Maintaining satisfactory academic progress
- Engagement in their campus community
- Participation in scholarship activities and conferences
- Regular communication with the Scholarship Office

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 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, 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) 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 ReStart Award
(Minimum of \$1,000/Maximum of \$40,000)

EXAMPLE:

\$ 21,000 COA for the academic year
– \$ 2,280 EFC (from FAFSA)
– \$ 7,550 All other grants & scholarship aid
– \$ 0 Other resources

\$ 11,170 x 90% = \$10,053 Ford ReStart Award

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APPLICATION DEADLINE:

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

MARCH
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HOW TO APPLY:

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

APPLICATION OPENS IN LATE FALL.



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Questions Welcome!

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