

Ford Transfer Scholars Program

The Ford Transfer Scholars Program offers a comprehensive scholarship to high performing community college students under the age of 25 planning to transfer to a full-time bachelor's degree program at a four-year institution. 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 25 renewable scholarships are awarded each year to residents of 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 \$6,000.²

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² Scholarship offers may be rescinded if an applicant's EFC increases beyond \$6,000 before the first scholarship dollars are awarded.



**We See Your
Potential.**

**If you have the will,
we can help you find a way.**

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ **Be a resident of Oregon or Siskiyou County, CA**, and meet all in-state residency requirements for college of attendance.
- ❑ **Be a high school graduate or GED recipient** of Oregon or Siskiyou County, California.
- ❑ **Be a current community college student with sophomore status or recent graduate** (within the last academic year) of an accredited community college in their home state of Oregon or California. *Sophomore status as defined by their institution, as of March 1 of the application year.*
- ❑ **Be under the age of 25** by March 1 of the application year.
- ❑ **Have not already attended a four-year institution** as a full-time student and successfully completed a term.
- ❑ **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 or Southern Oregon University if they qualify for in-state tuition. *Online college education programs do not qualify.*
- ❑ **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.

The Ford Transfer Scholars Program is looking for students who demonstrate:

- Proven academic ability at the community college level as evidenced by GPA, participation in available advanced coursework and/or Special Recommendation.
- A clear and well-thought out academic plan tied to long-term goals.
- Outstanding character.
- A concern for others demonstrated through engagement and commitment in school, home or community activities.
- Initiative, responsibility, and a strong work ethic through paid and/or unpaid work experiences.
- An ability to clearly communicate strengths and goals, both verbally and in writing.

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

EXAMPLE:

\$ 28,000 COA for the academic year
– \$ 2,280 EFC (from FAFSA)
– \$11,500 All other grants & scholarship aid
– \$ 0 Other resources

\$ 14,220 x 90% = \$12,798 Ford Transfer Scholars 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
1st

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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