



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

# Ford Opportunity Scholars Program

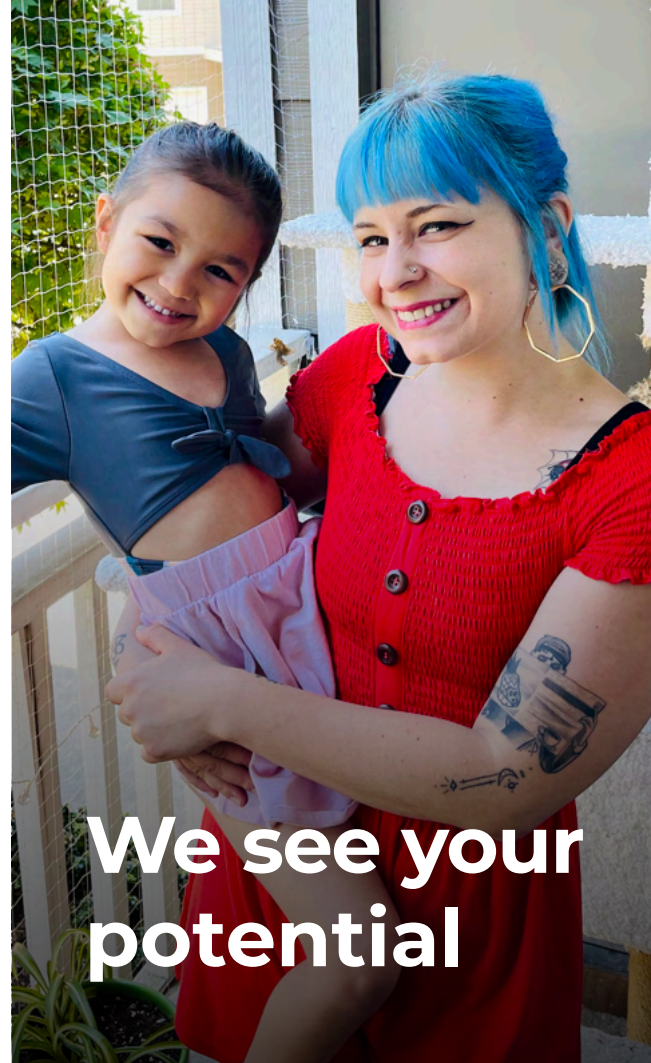
Our Ford Opportunity Scholars Program is an undergraduate scholarship for parents of any age, especially those parenting alone, and adult learners who are not parents but are over the age of 25, who work hard and have significant barriers—financial and otherwise—to higher education. **Up to 96 renewable scholarships are awarded each year to students from Oregon and Siskiyou County, California.**

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a resident of Oregon or Siskiyou County, California, and meet all in-state residency requirements for college of attendance
- Be a parent of any age or 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 (and have not previously earned a bachelor's degree)
- Have at least one full year remaining in program as of fall of the application year
- Enroll full time, beginning in fall of the application year, at a federally financial aid-eligible public or private (nonprofit) college, based in their home state of Oregon or California\*
- Face significant barriers—financial and otherwise—to attending college
- Complete a financial aid application (FAFSA, ORSAA or CADAA)
- Eligible undocumented students are welcome to apply
- If a felony conviction in their past, satisfy the terms of the conviction by August 1 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.

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# We see your potential

**Scholarships include a renewable financial award of up to \$40,000 per year.**

The actual award amount is calculated based on several factors, including the student's financial need, the Cost of Attendance at their college of choice and additional scholarships received.

Cost of Attendance covers tuition, living expenses, books and required fees. Students with dependent children may also be able to add child care expenses to their Cost of Attendance.

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

**Our selection process recognizes the potential of all students, especially rural students.**

There is no minimum GPA requirement to apply. We look for resilient students who believe success is the result of hard work and exemplify exceptional qualities such as:



### **Academic potential**

Show an academic ability to be successful in college; curious and motivated to learn



### **Community engagement and service to others**

Contribute to school, family and/or community; think and care about how they impact the world around them and take action to get involved



### **Work ethic**

Demonstrate responsibility and initiative in skill-building and learning through experiences such as paid or unpaid work



### **Motivation and mindset**

Believe success comes from one's ability to grow and learn; rise to challenges and persist despite obstacles; willing to ask for help and utilize resources

#### **Application deadline:**

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



#### **Apply online:**

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Application opens in late fall.



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