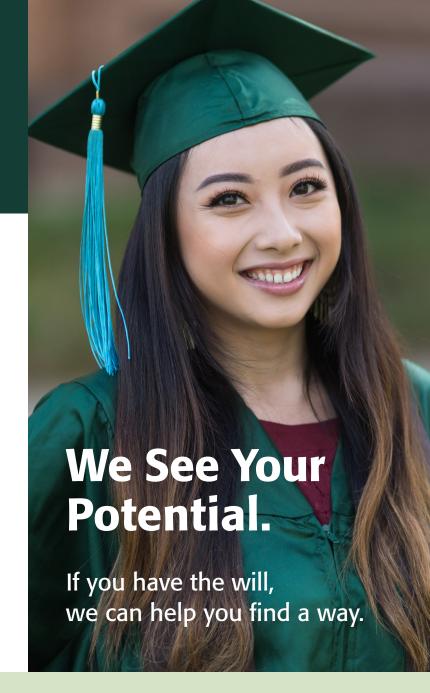
THE FORD FAMILY

Ford Scholars Program

The Ford Scholars Program offers a comprehensive scholarship to help students 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 125 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)* 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. Scholarship offers may be rescinded if there are significant changes to an applicant's EFC prior to fall term of the application year.
 - * Undocumented students please refer to <u>www.tfff.org/undocumented</u> for eligibility and applicant requirements



APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Be a resident of Oregon or Siskiyou County, California, and meet all residency requirements for college of attendance.
- ☐ Be either:
 - **A)** A graduating high school senior or high school graduate (or the equivalent) and has never enrolled full time in a 2- or 4-year college, **OR**
 - **B)** A community college student ready to transfer as a junior to a 4-year college in the fall, and has not already started full time at a 4-year college.
- ☐ 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 (SATs or ACTs are not required, but are highly recommended).

- ☐ Has a goal of earning a bachelor's degree (and has not previously earned a bachelor's degree). Recipient may start at a community college with an intention to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree.
- ☐ Will attend full time, on campus, at a Title IV 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 OIT, SOU or KCC if they qualify for in-state tuition. Online college education programs do not qualify.
- ☐ Has no felony convictions or has **satisfied the terms** of any felony 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 Scholars Program is looking for students who demonstrate:

- Leadership potential through 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, standardized test scores and/or Special Recommendation.

SCHOLAR EXPECTATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Key to recipient success is maintaining satisfactory academic progress and engagement in their campus community, scholarship activities and conferences. Scholars are also expected to communicate regularly with the Foundation Scholarship Office.

GRADUATE STUDY

Ford 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), other scholarships or gift aid and a \$1,000 work expectation. The formula for calculating the Ford Scholars scholarship award is shown below:

FORMULA:

Cost of Attendance (COA) for the academic year (minus) Expected Family Contribution (EFC from FAFSA) (minus) Ford World Expectation

(minus) Ford Work Expectation

(minus) All grants and other scholarship aid (minus) Other resources (e.g., veteran's benefits)

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

EXAMPLE:

\$28,000 COA for the academic year

- \$ 2,280 EFC (from FAFSA)

- \$ 1,000 Ford Work Expectation

- \$11,500 All other grants & scholarship aid

- \$ 0 Other resources

 $13,220 \times 90\% = 11,898$ Ford Scholars Award

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

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



HOW TO APPLY:

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

APPLICATION OPENS IN LATE FALL.

Questions Welcome! (541) 485-6211 Toll free (877) 864-2872 fordscholarships@tfff.org

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