

## Ford Scholars Program

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**Intended for:** Students who would otherwise find it difficult to meet the expenses associated with the pursuit of a bachelor's degree.

**Number awarded:** Up to 125 from Oregon and Siskiyou County, California.

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### ELIGIBILITY

This is a need-based, renewable scholarship. To demonstrate financial need, each applicant must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)\* and not exceed the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) limit, as established by the Foundation. For the upcoming selection season, the EFC upper limit is anticipated to be \$6,000. Scholarship offers may be rescinded if an applicant's EFC changes prior to fall term of the application year, and he/she no longer meets the financial need criteria. The FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible after October 1 and must not have a rejected status at the time of the scholarship application review (mid-March).

\* Undocumented students should refer to [www.tfff.org/undocumented](http://www.tfff.org/undocumented) for qualification requirements.



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### APPLICANT MUST ALSO

- Be a **resident of Oregon or Siskiyou County**, California, and meet all residency requirements for college of attendance.
- Be either: 1) a **graduating high school senior or high school graduate** (or the equivalent) and never have enrolled full time in a 2- or 4-year college, or 2) a **community college student** ready to transfer as a junior to a 4-year college in the fall. *Students are not eligible if they have already started full time at a 4-year college.*
- Have a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or GED of 660** (2650 for 2002-2013), or have a counselor, advisor or teacher submit a Special Recommendation online as part of the application. (SATs or ACTs are not required, but are highly recommended.)
- **Seek a bachelor's degree** (and not previously have earned a bachelor's degree). Recipient may attend a community college, but only with the intention of transferring and obtaining a bachelor's degree.
- **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. *(Note: Residents of Siskiyou County may attend OIT, SOU or KCC if they qualify for in-state tuition.)*
- Have no felony convictions or have **satisfied the terms** of any felony conviction by August 1 of the application year.

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

Each successful candidate will demonstrate:

- **Leadership potential** through school, home and/or community activities.
- **Good character.**
- **A concern for others** through contributions to volunteer projects and/or family needs.
- **Work ethic.** Responsibility, initiative and skill-building through paid or unpaid work experiences.
- **An ability to clearly communicate** personal strengths and goals both in writing and verbally.
- **An ability to succeed academically** in college as demonstrated by a high school or college GPA and coursework and standardized test scores.

*Interviews are required for all finalists.*

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## SUMMER CONFERENCES AND ACADEMICS

Recipients who accept this scholarship must acknowledge a responsibility to attend the Foundation's summer leadership conferences and maintain satisfactory academic progress while in college.

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## GRADUATE STUDY

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

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## 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)	EFC (from FAFSA)
(minus)	Ford Work Expectation
(minus)	All grants and other scholarship aid
(minus)	Other resources (e.g., veteran's benefits)
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	Result x 90% = Ford Scholars Award
	<i>(Minimum of \$1,000/Maximum of \$40,000)</i>

### EXAMPLE:

	\$ 21,000	COA for the academic year
(minus)	\$ 2,280	EFC (from FAFSA)
(minus)	\$ 1,000	Ford Work Expectation
(minus)	\$ 7,550	All other grants & scholarship aid
(minus)	\$ 0	Other resources
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	\$ 10,170 x 90% = \$9,153	Ford Scholars Award

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## TO APPLY

Apply online through the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) at [www.OregonStudentAid.gov](http://www.OregonStudentAid.gov).

**Application opens in late fall.**

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## DEADLINE

All application materials must be submitted online by 5 pm PST on **March 1** of each year.

