

Get a Second Chance at College

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) administers two scholarship programs that support non-traditional adult students who are beginning or continuing a college education. The programs are for Oregon residents planning to attend an Oregon college or university.

The Ford ReStart Scholarship is for students who have a high school degree or GED and want to pursue a certificate, associate's, or bachelor's degree at an Oregon college or university. There is no minimum high school or college GPA requirement. Preference is given to applicants who are 26 years of age or older. The scholarship does not apply to those who have already earned a college degree.

The Ford Opportunity Scholarship was created to help single parents (single head of household, as defined under IRS regulations). Students must be Oregon residents and attend an accredited, non-profit, public or private, two- or four-year college or university in Oregon. The student must be working toward a four-year bachelor's degree.

Applicants for either scholarship program must:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form as soon as possible after Jan. 1, 2002
- Complete an OSAC 2002-2003 scholarship application before March 1, 2002
- Be eligible under financial aid guidelines (not owing refund on an educational grant or in default on a student loan)
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen

For information, contact the Oregon Student Assistance Commission's Ford Scholarship Program at 1-800-452-8807 (enter 11, wait for the prompt, then enter ext. 7432).

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission, recipient of the 2002 National Scholarship Provider of the Year award, was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1959. OSAC administers a variety of state, federal, and privately funded student financial aid programs that benefit Oregonians attending institutions of post-secondary education.

This year, the agency will award \$8.5 million to students through privately funded scholarships and \$18 million to students under the Oregon Opportunity Grant program. In addition, OSAC will guarantee millions of dollars in student loans from private lenders under the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

Every year, the Oregon Student Assistance Commission helps more than 50,000 Oregon students work toward their educational goals. The agency can be reached at 1-800-452-8807 or online at www.osac.state.or.us.

Questions? Contact Gene J. Evans, public information director, OSAC, 1-800-452-8807, ext. 7410.

Messages to and from this e-mail address may be made available to the public under Oregon law.

OHSU Scholarship Info Available

The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at Oregon Health Sciences University has compiled information on more than 90 scholarships for students interested or currently studying in the health and science fields.

Details on these scholarships can be found at www.ohsu.edu/diversity. The scholarship information is located in the student resources section of the Web site. Each scholarship has been categorized by field of study: medicine, dentistry, nursing, biomedical, allied health, public health, and engineering.

Resident Tuition Status Available to Indian Students

The State Board of Higher Education approved the adoption of a new Residency Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) that grants residency classification to students of specific federally recognized tribes. This new rule became effective in 1998.

Residence Classification of Members of Oregon Tribes

580-010-0037 (1) Students who are enrolled members of federally recognized tribes of Oregon or who are enrolled members of a Native American tribe that has traditional and customary tribal boundaries that included parts of the state of Oregon or that had ceded or reserved lands within the state of Oregon shall be assessed resident tuition regardless of their state of residence.

Procedure

Native American students seeking residency classification under this OAR should contact Larry E. Waddell, residency classification officer, University of Oregon, Office of Admissions, 1217 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1217; 1-800-232-3825 or 541-346-3201.

Documentation

Students seeking resident tuition under this rule shall submit a photocopy of tribal enrollment that documents current tribal membership or other official document or a letter that provides evidence of current tribal membership.

Recognized Tribes

Oregon

Burns Paiute Tribe
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation
Coquille Indian Tribe
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians
Klamath Tribes

Quartz Valley Indian Community
Redding Rancheria
Roaring Creek Rancheria
Smith River Rancheria
Susanville Rancheria
Tolowa-Tututni Tribe
Winnemucca Colony
XL Ranch

Idaho

Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho
Shoshoni-Bannock Tribes

Nevada

Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
Lovelock Paiute Tribe
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Walker River Paiute Tribe
Winnemucca Indian Colony
Yerington Paiute Tribe

Oklahoma

Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma

Washington

Chehalis Community Council
Colville Confederated Tribes
Quinault Indian Nation
Shoalwater Bay Tribe
Yakama Indian Nation

California

Benton Paiute Tribe
Big Bend Rancheria
Big Lagoon Rancheria
Blue Lake Rancheria
Bridgeport Indian Colony
Cedarville Rancheria
Fort Bidwell Indian Tribe
Hoopa Valley Tribe
Karuk Tribe of California
Likely Rancheria
Lookout Rancheria
Lytton Rancheria
Melochundum Band of Tolowa Indians
Montgomery Creek Rancheria
Pit River Tribe