

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Diversity Makes a Difference Scholarship Nominations For High School Students

If you know a high-school student who is a champion of diversity, you can help that student win a \$1,000 scholarship from the Northwest Asian Weekly Foundation. Teachers, counselors, principals and community members are invited to nominate high-school students from Western Washington who are visionaries and champions of diversity. Five winners will be given \$1,000 each. For more information, call 206-223-5559.

Special Scholarship Opportunities

Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer Grants

Applicants for awards must be the natural, adopted, or stepchild of any public safety officer in Oregon who was killed or disabled in the line of duty. The income for the disabled officer must be less than that earned by public safety officers performing duties comparable to those performed at the highest rank or grade attained by the disabled parent. Applicants must be Oregon residents and enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at 2- or 4-year, public or private colleges in Oregon. Eligible public safety officers include:

- Firefighters
- State Fire Marshal, chief duty fire marshal, and deputy state fire marshals
- Police chiefs and police officers
- Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs
- County adult parole and probation officers
- Correction officers
- Investigators of the criminal justice division of the Department of Justice

Awards are made for a maximum of twelve quarters or until a baccalaureate degree is earned, whichever comes first. The amount at public 2- or 4-year colleges may not exceed the cost of tuition and fees. The amount at private colleges may not exceed the cost of tuition and fees at the University of Oregon. To apply contact OSAC.

Technical & Vocational Awards

Many OSAC scholarships can be used at technical and vocational schools, including the Angelian and Pete Costanzo Vocational, Kaiser-Permanente Dental Assistant, and the Brian Moody Memorial Aviation scholarship programs.

Barber & Hairdresser Grant

OSAC administers the Barber & Hairdresser (B&H) Grant Program which offers one-time awards of \$600 to about 90 students each year. Only Oregon residents with significant need for financial help receive B&H grants. Recipients are randomly selected from all eligible B&H students who have filed their *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* forms. In addition, you must be attending fulltime a licensed Oregon school of barbering, hair design, cosmetology, or manicure. Your program must be at least nine months long (or 900 clock hours). To apply, talk to the financial aid officer at the school you plan to attend and then complete the *FAFSA* form. List the college code of the barber or beauty school you plan to attend.

Scholarships That Do Not Require Financial Need

Are you good at essays and are you heading for an Oregon college? The Bob Hasson Memorial Fund Essay Scholarship offers generous awards (from \$1,500 to \$3,000) for the best essay written on "The Proper Use of Credit in the 21st Century."

Are you of Native American heritage majoring in math or science? If you are from Clackamas, Multnomah, or Washington counties in Oregon or Clark county in Washington and are of Native American descent, the Howard Vollum American Indian Scholarship might be for you.

Are you a top student? The federal government offers the Robert C. Byrd renewable award for students with GPAs of 3.85 or above and SAT scores of at least 1300 (or ACT of at least 29).

Are you eligible for any of THESE programs that are not need based?

Agricultural Women-In-Network, Albina Fuel, Blue Heron Paper (Oregon City), Richard E. Brentano, Burns Lions Club, Robert Byrd, Claude Jones, Robert J. Eby, Marie Mahoney Egan, Roger W. Emmons Memorial, Fashion Group International, Alan B. Holmes Memorial, Ronald J. Hudson, Jeff Hull, IBEW Local 280, International Operating Engineers Local 701, Kelly-Ebell (Baker High School), Dran Konnie (Employee Dependents), La Grande High School Class of '62, Lane County Sheriff's Office, McGarry Machine Inc., Multnomah County Sheriff's Association, NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Trust, NECA/Oregon Columbia Chapter, Oregon Education Association, Oregon Personnel Management, Oregon Trucking Association, Arlie Oster Memorial, Pacific NW Federal Credit Union, Pendleton APWU Local #110, Reed's Fuel & Trucking, SP Newsprint Co (Newberg), Stimson Lumber Company, Teamsters Local 305, U-Lane-O Jumpstart, Union County Cattlewomen, Valsetz (Polk County) and Howard Vollum.

For more information on applying for any of these scholarships visit OSAC's scholarship website at: www.osac.state.or.us/scholarships.html.

Linn-Benton Community College Short Term Training Programs

These programs are available in the following areas:

■ **Radiologic Technology:** An 18-month intensive program that prepares students through a progressive, outcomes-based educational format. Students will receive a 2-year certificate with an option for an associate's degree if additional general education requirements are completed.

Training Dates: March 31, 2003 to September, 2004.

■ **Public Safety Dispatcher (911) Program:** This program is designed to provide students with a basic working knowledge of virtually all aspects relative to emergency communications.

Training Date: Spring 2003

■ **Pharmacy Technician Training:** This training is an opportunity for people interested in becoming a Pharmacy Technician and passing the National Certification Test. It is a 15-week program.

Training Date: Late Summer, 2003.

■ **Veterinary Technology Training Program:** This 15-week program will provide prospective veterinary assistants/technicians with basic education and experience in commonly used medical and surgical techniques, as well as an understanding of common disease states.

Training Date: Fall, 2003.

■ **LBCC & Western Pacific Class A Commercial Drivers License Training:** This course stresses safe and efficient operation of various types of tractors and trailers.

Training Dates: March 10, 2003 to April 8, 2003, April 9, 2003 to May 9, 2003, May 12, 2003 to June 10, 2003.

■ **Call Center & Customer Service Training:** This is a 4-week training, designed to provide the necessary skills for entry-level customer service/call center related fields.

Training Dates: To Be Announced.

Contact: Ann Malosh at 541-917-4934 or e-mail at ann.malosh@linnbenton.edu.

Online Application for \$10 Million Now Available

Eugene, OR. (1/17/03) Oregon students seeking financial assistance for college can now complete the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) scholarship application online at www.osac.state.or.us. Using the new eApp technology, the online application processes the required information quickly and confidentially. More than \$10 million in private awards are available through this unified application, which lets students apply for as many as 12 scholarships on the same form. For those students who do not have access to online please contact: Shelley M. Snow, Outreach Manager, 541-687-7407; shelley.m.snow@state.or.us **Deadline: March 1, 2003.**

Special Summer Award Opportunity

Special Summer Award Opportunity for Graduating High School Seniors: University of Oregon Native American Summer Bridge Program, UO Department of English:

■ This coming summer the University of Oregon Department of English will offer its fourth annual Native American Summer Bridge Program. This special award program is designed to provide students from under-represented groups who are entering the University of Oregon in the fall of 2003 an opportunity to ensure a smooth transition from high school to college.

■ The Summer Bridge Program gives students a jump start on university work with an inter-cultural learning experience centered on course work in Native American literature, expository writing and contemporary Native American issues.

■ Students accepted for the Native American Summer Bridge Program will be provided with tuition, room and board on campus during the 8-week 2003 summer term (June 23 through August 15) and an allowance for books and school supplies. Upon completing summer session work, students will have earned 9 credits of college-level work (5 percent of total credits required for graduation) and will carry the honor of being a participant in this program with them into their university career.

Applications should include the following: a brief essay (2-3 double-spaced or neatly hand-written pages) in which you describe your commitment to cultural diversity, citing relevant academic achievements, community work, and personal experiences along with any plans you may have to apply your experience and education to living in and contributing to a multi-cultural world. In addition, please include a separate page with your name, mailing address, telephone and/or e-mail address, social security number (optional), and a statement giving permission to The UO English Department faculty to review your UO application materials (transcripts and personal statement).

For more information go to <http://cas.uoregon.edu/alumnidev/cascade/> or call 541-346-1309. **Deadline to apply: March 28, 2003.**