

# MS Society offers college scholarships for families of MS patients

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Oregon Chapter, will offer four \$500 scholarships to young adults with a parent with multiple sclerosis who plan to attend an accredited college or university in the fall of 2001.

"Multiple sclerosis is a disease that affects the entire family, emotionally and economically," says Lance Christian, program coordinator with the National MS Society. "Financial resources that might otherwise be set aside for high-

er education may be spent on helping the family cope with the disease. Our hope is that these scholarships will help families coping with MS to also realize their goals of higher education."

Applicants will be required to submit an application form and an essay on the topic, "what MS has meant to me and my family". Applications and essays will be reviewed by a panel of National MS Society volunteers. To qualify, an applicant must be the child of a par-

ent with MS; parents must be members of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The application deadline is May 11, 2001. Questions and requests for application forms should be directed to Lance Christian at 1-800-344-4867, ext. 1, or by e-mail at 1christian@ornmss.org.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system. It typically strikes young adults between 20 and 40. Its progress, severity and specific symptoms cannot be predicted; symptoms vary from mild alteration of sensation to paralysis of limbs and interference with vision, speech, walking and other basic functions.

The National MS Society aims to end the devastating effects of MS. It is the largest vol-

untary health organization in the United States, supporting international MS re-

search and providing services, education and public policy for Americans with MS and their families.

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Do Chinese history or classical Baroque music sound like fascinating things to study? If so, Portland Community College's Senior Studies Institute has a provocative menu of class offerings this spring term starting March 26.

One of the most interesting courses is *The Middle Kingdom: 21st Century Superpower*, which reviews Chinese history from 1800 to the present and explores political to social issues. The class, taught by Bill Gucker, will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, from March 27 to April 24 at the Central Portland Workforce Training Center (located at 1626 S.E. Water Avenue). Other classes include a look at classical music on the Missis-

sippi (May 31), compositions of Aaron Copeland (April 5), medical ethics (April 12), personal account of Alaskan arctic (April 5), and field trips to the Spruce Goose in McMinnville (May 23) and the Classical Chinese Garden (May 3 - 10).

Senior Studies Institute members pay an annual fee of \$30 and anyone may attend on a trial basis. Classes will be held at the SMILE station (8210 S.E. 13th), Neighborhood House Senior Center (7688 S.W. Capitol Hwy.) and the Washington County Workforce Training Center (185th and Walker Road).

For more information, see the spring schedule or call Neal Naigus, Community Relations Manager, at 503-977-4122 or visit [www.pcc.edu](http://www.pcc.edu)

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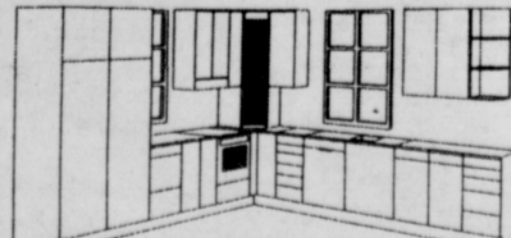
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