



## Ford ReStart Scholarship Program

### Siskiyou County, California

The Ford Family Foundation established the Ford ReStart Scholarship Program to encourage non-traditional adults to begin or return to full-time post-secondary education. Each year, up to 50 applicants are selected from Oregon and Siskiyou County to receive a Ford ReStart scholarship.

#### Eligibility

This is a need-based scholarship. To demonstrate financial need, each applicant must file a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* by March 1. The FAFSA must not be in a "rejected" status at the time of application review. *Scholarship offers may be rescinded if an applicant's FAFSA changes prior to fall term of the application year and he or she no longer meets the financial need criteria.*

Applicant must also:

- Be a resident of Siskiyou County and meet all residency requirements for college of attendance
- Be at least 25 years of age by March 1 of the application year
- Seek a certificate, a 2-year associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree at an eligible institution (and not previously have earned a bachelor's degree)
- Attend full time, on campus, at a public or private, eligible college or university based in California, beginning in fall of the application year (*Note: When a reciprocal agreement exists, OIT & SOU may be eligible*)
- Have no felony convictions, or have satisfied the terms of any felony conviction by August 1 of the application year
- Submit a *ReStart Reference Form* online, as part of the OSAC eApp

*Applicants may be at any phase of their education, but strong preference is given to students with limited or no recent college experience.*

#### Selection Criteria

Each successful candidate will demonstrate:

- A history of working responsibly on the job or in the home by helping to raise a family
- A commitment to education as a way of improving their life and the lives of their family and community
- Involvement in community through volunteer service to others
- Initiative and/or leadership in family, school or community activities
- An ability to clearly communicate personal strengths and goals
- An ability to benefit from college as supported by the *ReStart Reference Form*

*Interviews are required for all finalists.*

#### Scholarship Amount

**This is a variable, need-based award of up to 90% of the recipient's unmet financial need with a limit of \$25,000 per year.** Scholarship award amounts are calculated annually and are dependent on the college cost of attendance (including tuition, fees, room & board, personal costs, etc.), less the federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and other scholarships or gift aid. The formula for calculating the Ford ReStart scholarship award is shown below:

#### Formula:

	Cost of Attendance (COA) for the academic year
(minus)	EFC (from FAFSA)
(minus)	All grants and other scholarship aid
(minus)	Other resources (e.g., veteran's benefits)

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Result x 90% = Ford ReStart Award  
(Minimum of \$1,000/Maximum of \$25,000)

#### Example:

	\$21,000	COA for the academic year
(minus)	\$ 3,500	EFC (from FAFSA)
(minus)	\$ 3,800	All other grants & scholarship aid
(minus)	\$ 0	Other resources

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\$13,700 x 90% = \$12,330 Ford ReStart Award

#### Graduate Study

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

#### To Apply

Apply online through the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) at [www.GetCollegeFunds.org/ford\\_siskiyou.html](http://www.GetCollegeFunds.org/ford_siskiyou.html). The 2010-11 Siskiyou County, California Scholarship eApp Workbook is available after December 15, through most Siskiyou County high schools, College of the Siskiyous, or Roseburg Forest Products Co. **Deadline:** All application materials must be submitted online by March 1 of each year.

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