

Ford ReStart Scholarship Program

Oregon

The Ford Family Foundation established the Ford ReStart Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to non-traditional adult students who wish to begin or continue education at the post-secondary level. Each year, up to 50 applicants are selected from Oregon and Siskiyou County, California 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 *Scholarship offers may be rescinded if an applicant's FAFSA changes prior to the fall term and he or she no longer meets the financial need criteria.*

Applicant must also:

- Be a resident of Oregon
- Be at least 25 years of age by March 1 of the application year
- Have a high school diploma or GED certificate
- 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 Oregon, beginning in fall of the application year
- Have no felony convictions, or have satisfied the terms of any felony conviction before applying
- Complete a *ReStart Reference Form* – www.GetCollegeFunds.org/ford_restart_supple.html, which must be submitted with the application

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

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

Example:

\$ 16,000 Cost of Attendance for the academic year
(minus) \$ 500 EFC (from FAFSA)
(minus) \$ 3,800 All grants and other scholarship aid
(minus) \$ 0 Other resources (e.g., veteran's benefits)

Result x 90% = Ford ReStart Award (maximum of \$25,000)

\$ 11,700 x 90% = \$10,530 Ford ReStart Award

To Apply

Apply online through the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) at www.GetCollegeFunds.org/eApp.html. The 2009-10 Oregon Scholarship eApp Workbook is available after October 15, through most Oregon high schools and colleges. **Deadline:** All application materials must be submitted online or received by March 1 of each year.

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 semifinalists.

Graduate Study

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

