

2024-2025 COS Foundation Scholarship



**Deadline to Submit Applications:
March 31, 2024 at 4:00 pm**

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Instructions for Applying for COS Foundation Scholarships:

1. Read pages 3-8 to see which scholarships are available and to see if you meet the minimum criteria (qualifications).
2. Fill out the application on page 9 as well as the activities chart on page 10. Please provide as much personal information as possible in order to give the selection committee a basic understanding of your background, goals and financial needs. Use additional pages to answer the questions on page 9 if needed.
3. Only **electronically filled out** applications will be accepted. No handwritten applications will be accepted.
4. Additional documents (supplemental information) to be submitted with the application: (Applications that are missing any of the supplemental information **will not be considered.**)
 - High school (official) and/or college transcripts (official or unofficial COS)
 - Two letters of recommendation: one from a school counselor/teacher or employer; and, one from a community member. No letters will be accepted from family members. All letters should be recent (no older than one year).
 - Supporting documents such as: outstanding awards, athletic achievements, leadership recognition, volunteer work, personal achievement awards, etc. (copies are acceptable).
 - Current or recent picture of applicant (for publicity purposes)
 - Copy of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Expected Family Contribution (EFC) page.
 - Any other materials as required by individual scholarship criteria.
5. Once the application is complete, return pages 9 - 12 with all required documentation and attachments to the COS Foundation Office, 800 College Avenue, Weed, CA 96094.
6. Applications and supporting materials are due by March 31, 2024 no later than 4:00 pm.
7. Scholarship award notification will be made in May and June 2024.
8. The total award will be paid in two installments (one disbursement during the fall and spring semesters), unless otherwise stated in the criteria. ****Note - Scholarship award amounts depend on funding available and may change before the time of the award.**
 - The spring semester disbursement is dependent upon the student successfully completing the fall semester as a full-time student (12 or more units), and is registered for the spring 2025 semester as a full-time student.
 - Students who do not meet the scholarship requirements, and are on Academic Probation or dismissed, will not be eligible to receive the second installment of the award until satisfactory progress is met.
 - Students who have outstanding fees will not receive their awards until payment is made. (registration, library, etc.)
9. Scholarship awards not claimed within six (6) months of being awarded will rescind back to the scholarship fund.
10. Questions? Call the COS Foundation Office at (530) 938-5373.

APPENDIX A

Scholarship Criteria

Unless noted in the criteria, all scholarships require a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) to be applicable for award.

In order to be eligible to receive the scholarship, recipients are required to register for no less than 12 units per semester and maintain satisfactory progress while attending COS.

The Foundation Scholarship Readers Committee will select the applicant who best meets the stated criteria for each scholarship.

Scholarship award amounts depend on funding available and may change before the time of the award.

Scholarships Available for Current (Graduating) Siskiyou and Modoc County High School Seniors

\$3,000 – Siskiyou Scholar Award: This scholarship is awarded to a Siskiyou or Modoc County high school graduate who will be enrolling as a full-time COS student in fall 2024, and who has an overall 3.5 grade point average for all high school work. Students who receive this award are required to fulfill ten (10) hours per week volunteer service in the COS Foundation Office or The Eagle’s Nest Shop. All high school students applying for a COS scholarship are considered for this award.

\$1,000 - COS Foundation Legacy Scholarships: Five (5) - \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to graduating Siskiyou and/or Modoc County high school students. Graduating students must enroll as a full-time COS student (minimum 12 units) and carry an overall 3.0 grade point average for all high school class work. A volunteer service commitment of five (5) hours per week in the Eagle’s Nest Shop during each semester is required for the following scholarships:

- \$1,000 – COS Foundation Legacy Scholarship
- \$1,000 – James G. Edwards Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 – Mazzei Family Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 – Lawrence Moran Memorial Scholarship
- \$1,000 – Sharon Stromsness Memorial Scholarship

If awarded any one of these scholarships, the recipient must contact the Foundation to discuss the volunteer commitment.

\$500 – Shasta Valley Rotary Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to a Yreka High School senior (minimum 2.0 grade point average) enrolling as a full-time COS student in fall 2024.

\$500 – Donald Herfindahl Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to a Yreka High School senior (minimum 2.0 grade point average) enrolling as a full-time COS student in fall 2024. Donald Herfindahl was a long-time Siskiyou County resident, rancher, coach and educator until his retirement.

\$500 - Harry Crebbin Memorial Scholarship (Business Major): This scholarship is awarded to a Siskiyou County high school senior enrolling at COS as a full-time student in fall 2023 and will be majoring in Business. Harry Crebbin was the manager of the Yreka Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the Inter-Counties Chambers of Commerce of Northern California and the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Siskiyou County.

\$500 – Level Up Studio Scholarship (Physical Education / Kinesiology / Athletic Training Major): This scholarship is awarded to a Yreka High School senior (minimum 2.5 grade point average) enrolling as a full-time COS student in the fall of 2024 and is majoring in Kinesiology, Athletic Training, or Physical Fitness/Education. This scholarship was established by the owners of the Level Up Studio in Yreka, CA.

\$500 – Weed Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to a Weed High School senior (minimum 2.5 grade point average) enrolling as a full-time COS student and is majoring in Business or a CTE program at College of the Siskiyous. The Weed Chamber of Commerce established this scholarship to support local students seeking to obtain an Associate degree or CTE certification.

\$300 – Siskiyou Family (ASM Group) Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to dependents of COS employees (permanent) who will graduate from a Siskiyou County high school and plan to enroll as a full-time student at College of the Siskiyous the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation. Applicant must have an overall 3.0 grade point average (all coursework will be considered including physical education). This scholarship is renewable for a second year provided the recipient has completed 24 or more units with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. This scholarship was established by the Administrative Support Management (ASM) Group at College of the Siskiyous to support the dependents of Siskiyou employees.

Scholarships Available for Siskiyou / Modoc County Graduating High School Seniors & Siskiyou Continuing Students

\$1,250 Jack and Mary Linville Scholarship (STEM Major): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling full-time and is majoring in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) field with a 3.0 grade point average or higher. This scholarship was established by the Linville Family in honor of Jack and Mary Linville.

\$1,000 - Charles Byrd Memorial Scholarship (Administration of Justice Major): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling full-time and is majoring in Administration of Justice with a 2.5 grade point average or higher. Byrd served as the Siskiyou County Sheriff for 16 years and was the City of Weed Police Chief for 12 years. This scholarship was established by members of the Byrd Family in honor of his memory and legacy.

- Two letters of recommendation – one academic (faculty member or administrator) and one from a community member (preferably someone affiliated with Charlie Byrd) must be submitted with application.
- In addition to the application questions, applicants must develop an essay that is typewritten and addresses the applicants:
 - 1) Understanding of Charlie Byrd’s philosophy
 - 2) Impact Charlie Byrd had on the community
 - 3) Your plan to help achieve career goals.

\$1,000 – John S Scroggin Memorial Scholarship (Preferred Majors: History / Social Science / Sociology / Psychology / Political Science / Multicultural Studies): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling full-time with a 2.0 grade point average. Applicant must demonstrate potential goals and ambitions that are committed to education. John Scroggin is one of the original faculty at College of the Siskiyous who taught History and Social Science. He passed away in 1967. This scholarship was established by his colleagues, friends and students and is maintained by his son and daughter-in-law, Steven Scroggin and Karen Cross.

\$1,000 – Shasta Lily Quilt Guild Scholarship (Performing or Visual/Fine Arts Major): This scholarship is awarded to a student enrolling full or part-time who has a 2.0 grade point average or higher. The applicant must be a resident Siskiyou County and is majoring in performing or visual/fine arts. This scholarship was established by the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild; a group of South Siskiyou County quilters, with diverse interests and backgrounds. In addition to monthly sewing circle meetings, programs of interest to members, educational activities and workshops, the group also sponsors the Quilting around the Mountain Quilt Show.

\$700 –Whetstine Family Memorial Scholarship (Math and/or Science Major): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling full-time with a 2.5 grade point average. Applicant must demonstrate potential goals and ambitions that are committed to education. This scholarship was established by family and friends of the Whetstine Family.

- A letter from a member of the COS Math/Science faculty recommending the student for this award needs to be submitted with the application.

\$500 – George F. Mattos Scholarship (Music Major): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling full-time who is majoring in music (vocal or instrumental) with a 3.0 grade point average. George Mattos was instrumental in the development of the COS Music Program and worked for the College from 1960 to 1989. This scholarship was established by the family of George F. Mattos.

- A letter from a member of the COS Music Department faculty or high school music instructor recommending the student for this award and detail regarding student’s participation in music classes.

\$500 – James Witherell Scholarship (Theatre Arts Major): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling full-time who is majoring in Theater Arts (performance or technical) with a minimum 2.5 grade point average. James Witherell was instrumental in the development of the COS Theater (Drama) Program. This scholarship was established by the Witherell Family and is supported by the Siskiyou Drama Club.

- A letter from a member of the COS Theatre Department faculty or high school theatre/drama instructor recommending the student for this award and detailing student’s participation in theatre classes and production.

\$500 – Joe & Jana Blevins Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to a student enrolling full-time who has a 2.0 grade point average or higher. The applicant must be a resident of Northern California with preference given to a student from Siskiyou County. Applicants must have participated in at least one high school sport. Applicant must display solid citizenship, traits of caring, concern, for others, sense of humor, ability to inspire others. Jana and Joe Blevins grew up in Siskiyou County and were educators and athletic coaches in the Siskiyou Union High School District. This scholarship was established to honor the values that Joe and Jana both personified and encouraged in others: good citizenship, sportsmanship, caring and concern for their fellow man, lightheartedness and humor, and the ability to lead and inspire others.

\$500 – A.T. “Thorn” Cumings Memorial Scholarship (Administration of Justice Major): This scholarship is awarded to Siskiyou County high school seniors and continuing COS students enrolling full-time at COS majoring in Administration of Justice. Students must have a minimum 2.8 grade point average. Thorn Cumings created the COS Administration of Justice Program in 1969.

\$500 – Dunsmuir VFW Post 4718 Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to a South Siskiyou County high school graduate who is also the child or grandchild of a military veteran or active duty military personnel. Students must be enrolling as a full-time COS student and have a 3.0 grade point average.

- Applicant must show proof of their connection to the military – see application.

\$500 – Shelly M. Green Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling full-time as a COS student. Students must carry a 3.0 grade point average. Family of Shelly Green established this scholarship in her memory. Shelly Green was a former Librarian at the Weed Library.

\$250 – Weed Family Memorial Award: This award is offered to a Siskiyou Law Enforcement Academy Cadet who is registered for the spring academy beginning in January of each year. Applicant must display solid citizenship, traits of caring, concern, for others, and the ability to inspire others. This award was established by the family of Abner Weed III, a fifth generation Siskiyou County native who was the great grandson of Abner Weed, and was the Administrator and Principal of Gazelle Elementary School for 30-years before retiring in 1999.

\$250 – Roger Ellis Legacy Scholarship (Physical Education Major): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling as a full-time COS student and is majoring in Physical Education. The student must be participating on a COS athletic team and carry a 2.0 grade point average. Roger Ellis was a career educator, athlete, coach, instructor, and an administrator. He was also a long-time volunteer with the COS Football Team and in 2006 was inducted into the COS Athletic Hall of Fame.

\$250 – Don Stensaas Family Scholarship (Speech-Communications / Psychology / Counseling Major): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling as a full or part-time student and is majoring in Speech, Psychology, or Counseling. Students must carry a 3.0 grade point average. Don Stensaas was one of seven original COS instructors and taught a variety of subjects including Speech, Marriage and Family Relations, and Psychology. In addition to teaching he was also a counselor and the College's first tennis coach. He retired in 1994 after teaching at Siskiyou for 34-years.

\$250– Robert Sanchez Scholarship (Athletic Training Major): This scholarship is awarded to a new or continuing student enrolling as a full-time COS student and is majoring in Physical Therapy or Athletic Training. Preference will be given to a Siskiyou County graduate. Students must carry a 2.5 grade point average. Sanchez served as the COS Athletic Trainer from 1977 to 2002.

- A letter of support from a member of the Athletic Department recommending the student for this scholarship is required with the application.

Scholarships Available for Siskiyou Continuing Students (Currently Enrolled)

\$2,000 – Richard K. Hanna Memorial Scholarship (Advanced Welding Major): This scholarship is awarded to a COS student who is majoring in Advanced Welding and is pursuing certification as a Welder through the COS Welding Program. The applicant should have an overall GPA of 2.5 and have successfully completed Beginning and Advanced Welding classes. Other Welding classes include Intro to Gas Metal Arc Welding, Metal Fabrication, Advanced Welding Applications, Intro to Gas Tung Arc Welding, and Weld Qualification. The scholarship honors the dedication and commitment of Richard K. Hanna's grandson, Adam Goodman, a 2006 alum who obtained his Associate of Science degree and first Welding certification from College of the Siskiyou.

- Upon successful completion of the certification program, the recipient of this scholarship award will receive an additional \$1,000 once certification with AWS testing in a 6G, 6GR, or TKY test in either GTAW or SMAW is achieved.
- This test should be done at an accredited test facility (ATF) which can be found on the AWS.org web page. The two nearest ones are in Redding, CA or Portland, OR.

\$1,450 – Bernard Osher Scholarship: Thanks to the generosity of The Bernard Osher Foundation, six (6) COS students, as well as thousands of California Community College students will receive an Osher Scholarship as part of the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment each year.

- Student attending COS during fall and spring semesters must have completed 24 or more "degree applicable" semester units (or the equivalent) at the time of the initial scholarship disbursement. Transfer units from another institution may be included in this determination as long as they have been determined to meet COS requirements for degree applicable coursework.
- Student must be enrolled at least part-time (six (6) or more units) at COS during all terms in which the award remains active. Award amount is based upon enrollment.
- Student must be a recipient of the California College Promise Grant (CCPG).

\$1,000 – Re-Entry Scholarship (Renewable for Second Year): The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is either a single parent, a displaced homemaker, or widowed. In addition, the applicant must be seeking educational or vocational (career) training to enter the workforce and is enrolling in a minimum of six academic units. There is no age limit or limit on the number of years the applicant has been out of the work force. Community service is encouraged but not required. The applicant must meet with a Counselor to develop an educational plan before scholarship award funds are disbursed. In order to receive the second installment in February, the applicant must maintain a 2.5 GPA. If the grade point average is less than 2.5, the applicant may appeal to the Foundation Scholarship Committee with special conditions. The scholarship will be “renewable” for the second year rather than a reapplication. To be eligible to renew, the student must have a 2.5 grade point average for the entire first year.

- If the applicant is reapplying for second year funding (renewing), they must declare an academic major or vocation.

\$1,000 – Harry Crebbin Memorial Scholarship (Business Major): This scholarship is awarded to a Siskiyou County high school graduate who is a continuing COS student; has completed 24 units of college credit while attending COS, has an overall 3.0 grade point average, and intends to transfer to a four-year college as a business major.

\$1,000 – Neil Schanker Memorial Biology Scholarship (Biology Major): This scholarship is awarded to an individual enrolling as a full-time COS student with the intent of transferring to a four-year college and majoring in a biology-related field. The student must carry a minimum 3.0 grade point average for all college course work. Special consideration will be given to an applicant whose emphasis is in ecology, zoology, botany or environmental science. Neil Schanker was a passionate COS biology instructor from 1994–2006, and contributed many photographs and specimens to the COS collections.

- A letter from a member of the COS Biology Department faculty recommending the student for this award needs to be turned in with the application.

\$1,000 – Moran Family Nursing Scholarship (Nursing Major): This scholarship is awarded to a COS student who has an overall 3.0 grade point average and is enrolled in the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Program or Registered Nursing (LVN to RN Step-Up) Program. This scholarship honors the dedication and commitment of Lawrence and Beverlee Moran who wanted to help further the education of individuals pursuing a career in nursing. Both Lawrence and Beverlee were shown care and compassion by graduates of the COS Nursing Program during their illnesses.

- Two (2) letters of recommendation – one academic (Nursing Program faculty member) and one from a community member must be submitted with application.

\$700 – Larry & Rosalie Meyer Scholarship (Healthcare Major): This scholarship is awarded to a Siskiyou County graduate, enrolling as a full-time student, in any healthcare-related program, carrying an overall 3.0 grade point average, who can demonstrate financial need.

\$500 – Kandace Kruger Memorial Music Scholarship (Music Major - Vocal): This scholarship is awarded to a full-time, continuing student with a 2.5 grade point average. Applicants must have participated in a COS Choir during their first year and will continue to participate their second year.

- A letter from a member of the COS Music Department faculty recommending the student for this award is to be submitted with the application.

\$500 – Victor J. Thompson MD Memorial Scholarship (Healthcare Major): This scholarship is awarded to a full-time, COS continuing student who plans to or is majoring in a healthcare-related program (i.e. Paramedic/EMT, Nursing, Athletic Training). Thompson was the first COS Team Doctor, and was instrumental in the establishment of the College of the Siskiyous in Weed.

\$500 - Margaret Rizzo Dean Business Scholarship (Business Major): This scholarship is awarded to a student attending COS who has completed six units or more of Business Administration classes with a 2.5 grade point average and is registered as a full-time student who will be continuing their education at COS. Ms. Dean is a local business owner, former COS Foundation Board member, and longtime supporter of the college and community. Being a business owner has awarded her with an independent, full and rewarding life and she hopes this scholarship will help others who are preparing to launch their own successful careers in business.

\$500 – Kenneth Beatty Memorial Biology Scholarship (Biology Major): This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who plans to continue at COS majoring in Biology. Applicants must have a 3.5 grade point average. Preference will be given to those studying ecology, botany, zoology and general biology. Beatty, a passionate scholar of nature, taught at COS from 1960 until 2010.

\$500 – Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center, Mt. Shasta RN Scholarship (Nursing Major): This scholarship is awarded to a Siskiyou County high school graduate and/or is a permanent resident of Siskiyou County and is a full-time student, pursuing a career as a Registered Nurse. The student must have an overall 3.0 grade point average.

\$250 - Patricia K. Thompson Memorial English Scholarship (English Major): This scholarship is awarded to a continuing student majoring in the areas of English, Creative Writing or Drama. Applicants must have successfully completed English classes, and carry a 3.0 grade point average.

\$250 – Penny Ordway Memorial Art Scholarship (Art Major): This scholarship is awarded to a second year COS art student, who has completed 24 units of study, has demonstrated scholastic achievement, and can demonstrate financial need.

APPENDIX B

Scholarship Application

Only electronically filled out applications will be accepted.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School Currently Attending (if applicable): _____ Graduation Date: _____

Please list the Elementary School you graduated from: _____ Year: _____

Do you have family in the Military? Yes No What branch (proof needed)? _____

This scholarship was recommended to me by:

Principal Counselor Teacher Other _____

Number of COS units you plan to enroll in Fall 2024: _____

If already registered as a COS student, list number of units successfully completed (submit copy transcripts): _____

Do you receive a California College Promise Grant? Yes No

What is Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC – found on the FAFSA): \$ _____

COS Student ID Number (S#): _____

Current students must submit copy of current spring enrollment with application.

What is your major? _____

I am applying for the following scholarships (list all applicable):

Please give answers to the following questions in essay/summary form. A minimum of **ten sentences** is required for each question. Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer questions.

1. Please write a statement about yourself. Include information about your background, interests, hobbies, and any other pertinent information.
2. Please tell us about any educational or extracurricular activities, classes, community service, or athletics in which you were involved in high school or are currently involved in. Discuss any paid or volunteer work you have done, or are currently doing, that is related to your future educational goal.
3. Please tell us what a college education means to you and why you have applied for this scholarship. Discuss your future educational goals and include the educational objectives you have planned to achieve. Please address financial need within your statement and how the award will assist you in pursuing your education.
4. Why should you receive a scholarship?

Activities Chart

Name: _____

School (if applicable): _____

School / Family / Community Activities	Dates From – To	Hours per Week or Month	Total Hours	Responsibility / Accomplishments

APPENDIX C

Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered!

_____ (initial) I understand all questions have been answered and forwarded with the application. If the application is not complete, it will not be considered.

I have included: (Only electronically filled out applications will be accepted.)

- Activities page
- High school (official) and/or college transcripts (official or unofficial COS). Current COS students must submit copy of spring enrollment.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation: one from a school counselor/teacher or employer; and, one from a community member. No letters will be accepted from family members. All letters should be recent (no older than one year).
- Supporting documents such as: outstanding awards, athletic achievements, leadership recognition, volunteer work, personal achievement awards, etc. (copies are acceptable).
- Picture of applicant (for publicity purposes)
- Copy of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Expected Family Contribution Page.
- Other materials as directed by individual named scholarship criteria.

Confidential Release of Information

_____ (initial) I authorize College of the Siskiyous to use and release enrollment, academic and background information included in my scholarship application to publicize COS Foundation scholarship recipients, thank donors, and promote the COS Scholarship Program.

Photography Release

_____ (initial) I give the College of the Siskiyous permission to use the following information in College related recruitment and promotional materials (examples – social media, press releases, news columns, brochures, flyers, catalogs, web pages, recruitment videos, calendar of events, student information guide and all other publications). In addition, I hold the College and the District harmless for any unintentional misuse or misrepresentation as part of the above-mentioned activities. I have included a recent photograph and have signed and returned the enclosed authorization for the release of the photograph for publicity purposes. Additional photographs taken throughout my participation as a College of the Siskiyous student become property of the District and therefore may be used by the College in all manner of promotional materials.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

_____ (initial) As a requirement to applying for a COS Foundation Scholarship, I understand the scholarship award will be paid in two installments (fall and spring). I understand that if satisfactory academic progress is not met at the conclusion of the COS fall semester (completion of 12 units and 2.0, or higher GPA if required by specific scholarship criteria), I will not be eligible to receive the award balance for the second semester.

_____ (initial) I also understand after being placed on probation for unsatisfactory progress, I must meet satisfactory progress standards as stated in the College Academic Policy, which is published and distributed to students in the College Catalog, during the next period of enrollment in order to receive the award balance.

_____ (initial) I understand award recipients who have outstanding fees will not receive their awards until payment is made. (registration fees, library, etc.) Scholarship awards not claimed within six months of being awarded will rescind back to the scholarship fund.

I have read and understand the information in Appendix C.

Signature of Applicant: _____