



Scholarship Criteria

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.

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.

Scholarships Available for Graduating Siskiyou County High School Seniors

\$3,000 – Siskiyou Scholar Award: This award is offered to a graduating Siskiyou County high school student enrolling as a full-time COS student, 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 hours per week volunteer service in 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 scholarships are offered to high school seniors attending one of the nine Siskiyou County High Schools, Charter Schools, and to Scott River, Jefferson and Discovery Continuation High School. Graduates 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 hours per week is required for the scholarships.

\$500 – Donald Herfindahl Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is offered to a Yreka High School senior (minimum 2.0 grade point average) enrolling as a full-time COS student.

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

\$500 - Harry Crebbin Memorial Scholarship (Business Major): This scholarship is offered to a Siskiyou County high school senior enrolling at COS as a full-time student, majoring in business.

\$300 Administrative Support Management (ASM) Group Scholarship—This scholarship is offered to dependents of COS employees who will graduate from a Siskiyou County high school and plan to enroll as a full-time student at COS the fall semester following their high school graduation. Applicant must have overall 3.0 grade point average.

Scholarships Available for Siskiyou County Graduating High School Seniors and COS Continuing Students

\$500 – George F. Mattos Scholarship (Music Major): This scholarship is offered to a full-time student who is majoring in music (vocal or instrumental) with a 3.0 grade point average.

\$500 – James Witherell Scholarship (Theatre Arts Major): This scholarship is offered to a full-time student who is majoring in theater arts (performance or technical) with a 2.5 grade point average.

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

\$500 – Dunsmuir VFW Post 4718 Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is offered 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.

\$500 – Level Up Studio Scholarship (Physical Education / Kinesiology / Athletic Training Major): This scholarship is offered to Siskiyou County student who is or plans to attend College of the Siskiyous as a full-time student and is majoring in Kinesiology, Athletic Training, or Physical Fitness/Education.

\$500 – Joe & Jana Blevins Scholarship (Athletics Major): This scholarship is offered to a full-time or returning student, with a 2.0 grade point average and is need based. Preference will be given to a student from Northern California. Applicants must participate in extracurricular activities, preferred athletics. Applicant must display solid citizenship, traits of caring, concern, for others, sense of humor, ability to inspire others.

\$250 – Weed Family Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is offered to graduates of Gazelle Elementary School or a direct descendent of Abner E. Weed (founder of the City of Weed, CA). Award preference will be given to students in financial need. A grade point average of 2.0 is required.

\$250 – Roger Ellis Legacy Scholarship (Physical Education Major): This scholarship is offered 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.

\$250 – Don Stensaas Family Scholarship (Speech, Major): This scholarship is offered 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.

Scholarships Available for COS Continuing Students (Currently Enrolled)

\$1,200 – Bernard Osher Scholarship: Student attending COS must have completed 24 or more “degree applicable” units (or the equivalent) at the time of the initial scholarship disbursement. Transfer units from another institution may be included in as long as they have been determined to meet COS requirements for degree applicable coursework. Student must be enrolled at least 6 or more units at COS during all terms in which the award remains active and have received a CCC Promise Grant (formerly BOG waiver).

\$1,000 – Moran Family Nursing Scholarship (Nursing Major): This scholarship is offered to a COS student who has an overall 3.5 grade point average and is enrolled in the Vocational Nursing or Registered Nursing (LVN to RN Step-Up) Programs.

\$1,000 – Neil Schanker Memorial Scholarship (Biology Major): This scholarship is offered 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.

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

\$1,000 – Re-Entry Scholarship (Renewable for Second Year): The scholarship is offered to a student who is either a single parent, a displaced homemaker, or widowed. In addition the applicant must be seeking educational or vocational training to enter the workforce and 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 will be released. In order to receive the second installment in January, the applicant must maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. The scholarship will be “renewable” for the second year rather than a reapplication.

\$1,000 - Charles Byrd Memorial Scholarship (Administration of Justice Major): This scholarship is offered to continuing COS students enrolling full-time and majoring in Administration of Justice, carrying a 2.5 overall grade point average.

\$700 –Whetstine Family Memorial Scholarship (Math / Science Major): This scholarship is offered to a full-time, continuing student with a 2.5 grade point average. Applicant must demonstrate potential goals and ambitions that are committed to education.

\$700 – Larry & Rosalie Meyer Scholarship (Healthcare Major): This scholarship is offered 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 offered 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.

\$500 – McCaleb “Mac” DeCausmaker Memorial Scholarship (Fire Technology – Spring Fire Fighter I Academy): This scholarship is offered to a Siskiyou County high school graduate who is enrolled in the COS Fire Fighter 1 Academy held during the spring semester. The student must carry a 2.5 grade point average while attending COS. The recipient of this award will also be required to serve 30 hours of community service during the spring semester with the Fire Science Program (Fire Fighter Academy).

\$500 – Victor J. Thompson MD Memorial Scholarship (Healthcare Major): This scholarship is offered 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).

\$500 – Kenneth Beatty Memorial Biology Scholarship (Biology Major): This scholarship is offered to a full or part-time spring semester 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.

\$500 – Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center, Mt. Shasta RN Scholarship (Nursing Major): This scholarship is offered 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.

\$500 - Margaret Rizzo Dean Business Scholarship (Business Major): This scholarship is offered to a student attending COS who has completed 6 units or more in Business Administration classes with a 2.5 grade point average and is registered as a full or part time student who will be continuing their education at COS.

\$300 – Paul Dawson Memorial Geology and Natural Resource Program Scholarship (Environmental / Natural Resources Major): This scholarship is offered to a full-time, continuing student who has an overall GPA of 3.0. Student must have taken or be enrolled in a Geology course and be pursuing a career in Environmental / Natural Resources.

\$250 - Patricia K. Thompson Memorial English Scholarship (English Major): This scholarship is offered 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 offered to a second year COS art student, who has completed 24 units of study, has demonstrated scholastic achievement, and can demonstrate financial need.

\$250– Robert Sanchez Scholarship (Athletic Training Major): This scholarship is offered 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.

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