

# Scholarships for Students



## 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 2025.

**\$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 2025. 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 2025 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 – Bob and Diann Hokanson Family Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to a student enrolling full time who has a 2.5 grade point average or higher. The applicant a preferred resident of Northern California with preference given to a student from Siskiyou County. Applicants must have participated in at least one high school sport. Applicants must display solid citizenship, leadership, and community involvement. Bob and Diann Hokanson came to Happy Camp from Morris, Minnesota in 1960. Bob coached basketball for 28 years and track for 30 years at Happy Camp high school. Coach Hoke is one of the most successful high school basketball coaches in Northern California history. Diann is an accomplished artist who studied art at COS and internationally and whose works are represented throughout the north state. Bob and Diann raised 7 children (and grandchildren) who attended COS and participated in extracurricular activities; Misti (COS 1979-80 student government) RN,BSN, Daniel (COS 1981-82, cross country, track, basketball) USMA General, Chief of National Guard Bureau, Eric (COS 1988) Millwright, Keefer-grandson (COS 2011-2013), Matt, (COS 1985-87) HS teacher and coach, Kayla (DNA) USPS, Annaleisa Nadig-Granddaughter (COS 2010-2012 volleyball) teacher, Nikki (COS 1991-92, track, volleyball) dental tech), Mitch (COS 1995-1996, football) USFS smokejumper, Mitch-Grandson (COS 2016-2019).

**\$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 2025 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 – Siskiyous 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 Siskiyous employees.

## Scholarships Available for Siskiyou / Modoc County Graduating High School Seniors and College of the Siskiyous 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 in the memory of fellow quilter and educator, Judy Sartor. Judy was a devoted high school English and German teacher, a master quilter and long-time friend and resident of Mt. Shasta. She established and started this scholarship, and participated in implementing the veterans Quilts of Valor program and the Project Linus event here in Siskiyou County.

**\$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 Siskiyous 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 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.

**\$500 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Scholarship –** This scholarship is awarded to a Siskiyou County high school graduate who will be enrolling as a full or part time student and is majoring in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) field with a 2.0 grade point average or higher. The American Association of University Women (AAUW), officially founded in 1881, is a non-profit organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. The organization has a nationwide network of 170,000 members and supporters, 1,000 local branches, and 800 college and university partners. The AAUW Siskiyou County Branch is focused on supporting underrepresented students, from K-12 through college, in their pursuit towards a higher education. Annually, AAUW works with local schools to recruit students for Tech Trek (a one-week, in-person STEM summer camp at UC Davis).

**\$250 – Weed Family Memorial Award:** This award is offered to a Siskiyous 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 Siskiyous 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 College of the Siskiyous 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 Siskiyous.

- 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 – 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.

**\$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.

**\$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.

**More information and applications available [online](#).**