



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

From Potential to Possibility:

The Ford Family Scholarships

ASPIRE Conference Fall 2026

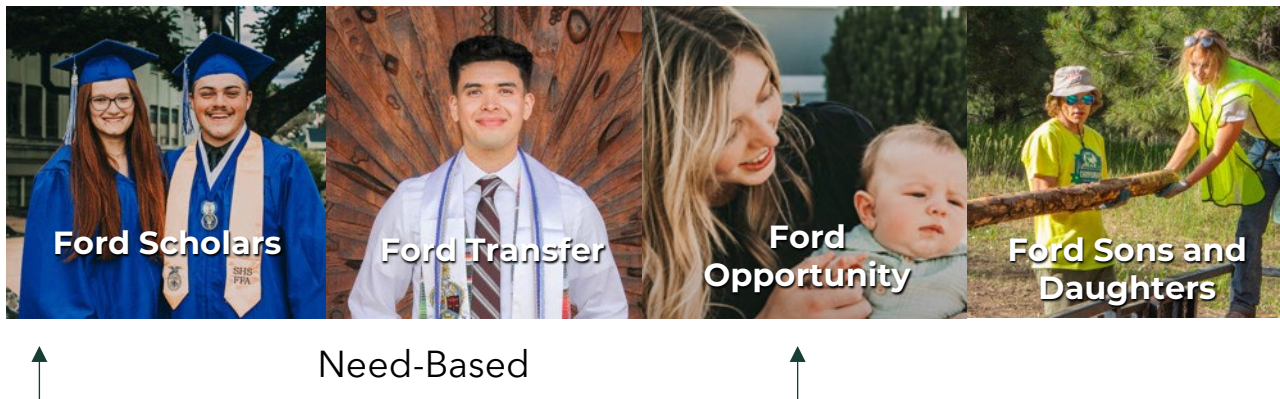


Our organization's values are rooted in those
that guided our founders throughout their lives:

**integrity, stewardship, respect, independence
and community.**



Four Scholarship Programs



One Community



**ICEBREAKER
ACTIVITY**



Renewable support

**Cover 90% of unmet need
up to \$40,000/year
based on institution's COA
and other financial aid!**

Cost of Attendance (COA)



TUITION AND FEES



LIVING EXPENSES
(HOUSING AND
FOOD)



BOOKS, COURSE
MATERIALS,
SUPPLIES, AND
EQUIPMENT



PERSONAL AND
MISC EXPENSES



TRANSPORTATION





Ford Scholars

UP TO 120 SCHOLARS SELECTED

- Graduating high school senior or recent high school graduate.
- Has never enrolled full time in a two- or four-year college program.
- Enroll full-time in the fall.
- Goal of earning a bachelor's degree.

Eligibility

- Resident of Oregon
- High financial need: FAFSA or ORSAA (OR)
 - SAI 8,000 max
- Eligible undocumented students welcome to apply
- No special recommendations
- No GPA requirement

Application checklist

- Dec 1: www.tfff.org/fordscholars
- Financial Aid Submission Summary report- FAFSA or ORSAA:
 - SAI (no more than 8000)
- High school information
- Transcript – through end of junior year
- College plans – must be in OR
- Activities
- 3 Personal statements (150-word ea)
- Family/household info

What Counts *(More Than You Think)*

- Working a job — shows responsibility
- Helping your family — shows character
- Clubs, sports, volunteering
- Grades — even improving grades tells a story
- Being curious and showing up



Personal Essay: Strategies

TIP	PURPOSE
Review the question	Answer what is being asked.
Be authentic	Tell us who you are in your voice. Not AI.
Proofread thoroughly	Improves your writing by fixing mistakes.
Draft separately	Revise. Revise. Revise before final submission.
Seek feedback	Provides helpful insights. Catch things you may have missed.

All personal statement questions:

www.tfff.org/scholarships/apply

Top Three Applicant Issues

1. Applied to the wrong program.
2. Transcript.
3. Financial Aid Report.

Ford Scholars: Timeline and Tips

Pre Deadline	Deadline	Post Deadline
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Attributes of Scholars



**Academic
potential**



**Community
engagement
and service to
others**



Work ethic



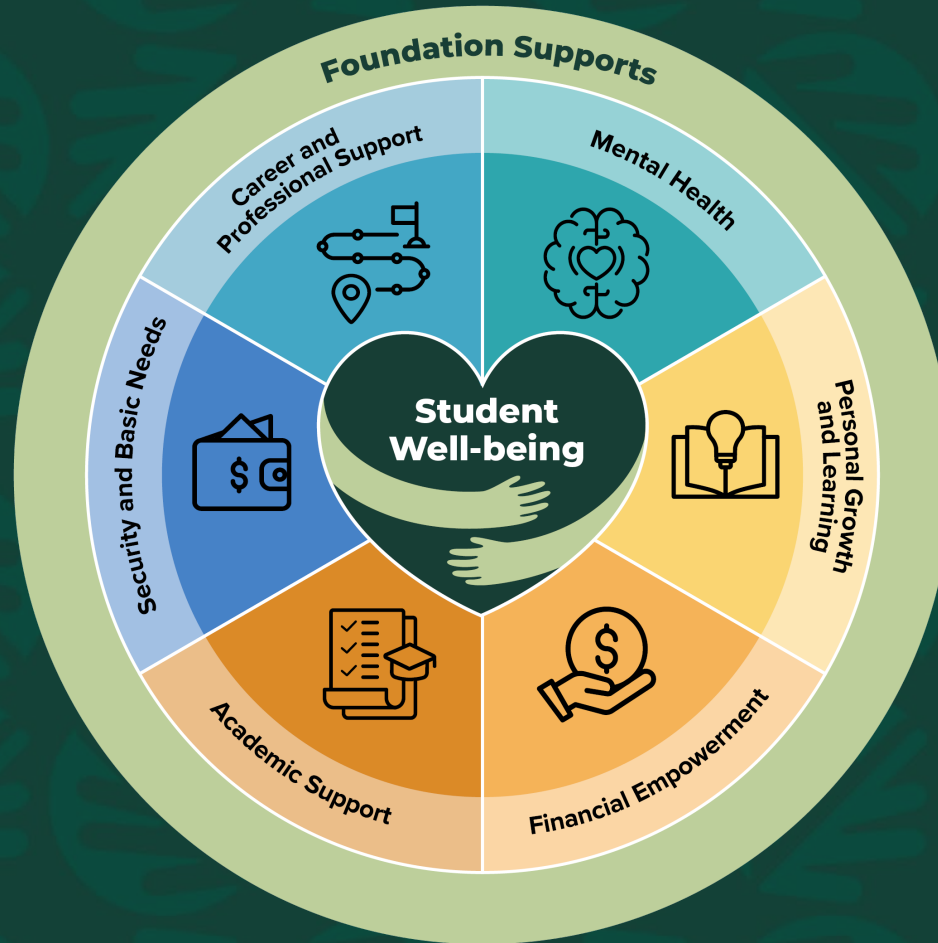
**Motivation
and
mindset**

More than just money

- Renewable financial support of up to \$40,000/year
- Academic guidance
- Leadership development
- Personal and professional support
- Access to Ford Family alumni network



Well-being



Wisdom and insight from a Ford Scholar



More Resources...



Available to download: English and Spanish

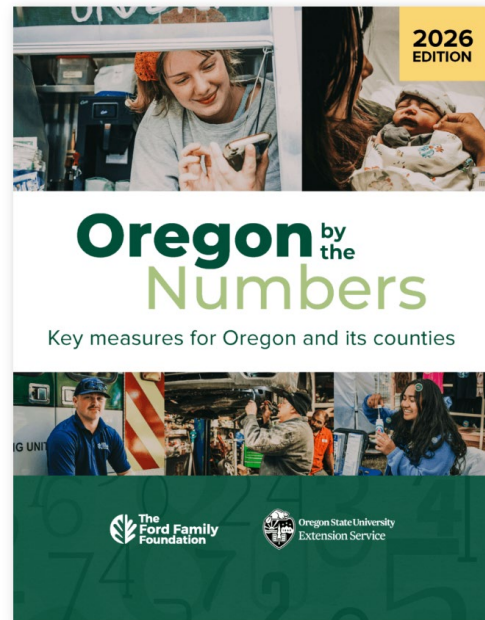
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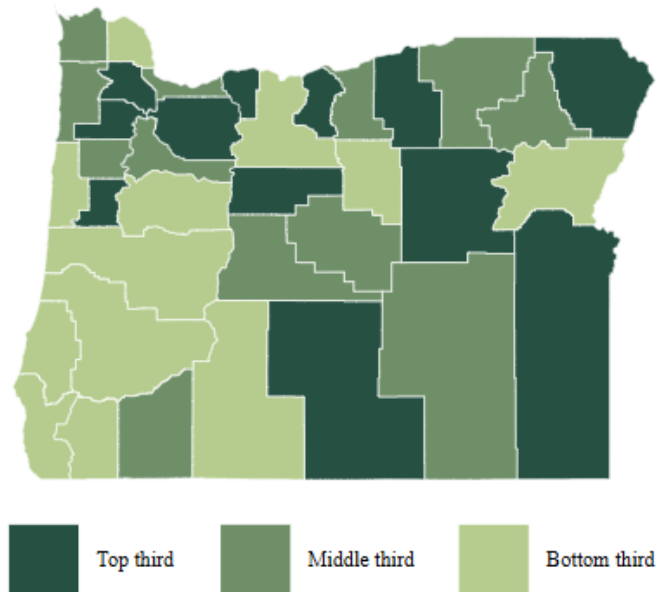
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Oregon by the Numbers 2026 Edition

Five-year high school graduation rate

Hover over the interactive map to view rates for each Oregon county.





Need a HECPS Curriculum? We've Got One.

Oregon's new Higher Education and Career Path Skills (HECPS) graduation requirement is here!

What's Included?

The curriculum is organized into four units aligned to the four HECPS domains:

- **A: Seeking Assistance and Self-Advocacy**
- **B: Career Exploration and Preparation**
- **C: Postsecondary Readiness**
- **D: Workforce Readiness**

Together, the units include:

- More than 60 hours of instruction in 60 lesson frameworks
- Assessment ideas
- Extension activities
- Supplemental resources
- Flexible materials you can adapt for your students and community

Designed for Real Oregon Classrooms

No Scripts. No one-size-fits-all approach.

Thank you!

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