



Embark's Diversity in Leadership Scholarship
 (Formerly Oregon College Savings Plan's Diversity in Leadership Scholarship)

Scholarship Purpose	To support underrepresented and diverse students in pursuing higher education in Oregon		
Eligibility Requirements (Please check the box to confirm you meet each application criterion)	☐	Oregon resident	
	☐	Graduate or graduating senior of an Oregon high school or high school equivalent	
	☐	Attend a public or private institution of higher education in Oregon, including community college, trade school, or a qualifying apprenticeship program through a Title-IV eligible Oregon school	
	☐	Enroll for first year of school	
	☐	Enroll at least half-time	
Publicity Agreement (Please read through and check the box to agree)	☐	If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release and understand that I will be asked to provide a quote for inclusion. I also acknowledge that as an awardee, I will be considered a public ambassador for the program and that I am expected to actively participate in promotional activities that may emerge from the media release, including, but not limited to, potential media interviews and ongoing opportunities to help promote the Embark Scholarship.	
Award Information	• Award amount of \$10,000 for freshman year; \$5,000 for following three years (or until completion of degree) • Renewable for up to four (years if enrolled full-time) • Recipient may defer award for up to one year • If recipient is interested in a career in public policy, public finance or a related field, an interview for the Straub Fellowship will be offered during the junior and senior years		
Due Date for Application Submission	March 2, 2026		

Student Name	Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
Student Mailing Address					
Student Email Address					
Student Home Phone			Student Cell Phone		
Student Pronouns					

School Information

Name and City of High School Attended	
College, University, or Educational Program You Plan to Attend	
Mailing Address of Institution	
Intended Major	
Intended Profession or Career	
Estimated Cost of Attendance Next Year (tuition, fees, books, housing, etc.)	

Activities Chart

Please list below the activities in which you have participated. Start with most recent activities and list in reverse chronological order. Add or delete rows as needed.

Type of Activity	Dates (From -To)	Time Spent		Responsibilities / Accomplishments
		Hours per Month or Week	Total Hours	
School/Family/Community Activities:				
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
Volunteer Service:				
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
Work for Pay:				
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				

Achievements and Honors List

Please detail below notable achievements, accomplishments, honors or awards related to academics or leadership. Start with most recent first and list in reverse chronological order. Add or delete rows as needed.

	Date	Achievement / Honor
(1)		
(2)		

You may be eligible for other scholarships through the Office of Student Access and Completion. See <http://oregonstudentaid.gov> for information.

(3)		
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Financial Resources

Please submit a copy of your FAFSA or ORSAA Submission Summary **OR** complete the asset and income information below

For which calendar year is this summary?		
Family Assets	Total balance in cash, savings and checking:	\$
	Net worth (value minus debt) of investments, including real estate:	\$
	Total Assets:	\$
Family Annual Gross Income	Parent/Guardian(s):	\$
	Student:	\$
	Student spouse (if married):	\$
	Total Income:	\$
Number of households supported by gross income:		
Number of dependents supported by gross income:		

Number of household members attending college this year:		
If you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA), please answer the questions to the right.	What is your Student Aid Index (SAI)?	\$
	Are you eligible for a Pell Grant?	Yes
		No
	Are you eligible for an Oregon Opportunity Grant?	Yes
No		
Optional: If you wish, you may describe your family's financial situation or situation that is not reflected in the FAFSA/ORSAA. (250 words maximum)		

Personal Statements

Please write short essays – 250 words maximum each essay – addressing the following topics. Identify your essays by number or begin each with the essay topic, so that we know which essay relates to each topic.	
1. How will this scholarship help you achieve your educational and/or professional goals?	

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2. Embark is committed to diversifying education by providing funding to students who are typically under-represented in higher learning. Please describe how you and/or your life experience(s) could be viewed as under-represented.
3. Please explain a personal hardship that you have experienced. How did you manage to persevere through this difficulty? How has it made you the person you are today?

Demographic Information

Please check the boxes that apply.

Date of Birth		Gender/Identity	☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Trans Female/Trans Woman ☐ Trans Male/Trans Man ☐ Non-binary/Genderqueer/Gender non-conforming ☐ Different Identity: _____ ☐ Choose Not to Say		
Race/Ethnicity	Choose more than one, if applicable. ☐ White ☐ Hispanic ☐ Asian ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Black or African-American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Choose Not to Say				
Primary Language Spoken at Home	☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Other: _____				
Family Education History	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Highest education completed by Parent 1/Guardian 1 ☐ Elementary School ☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ Associate/Vocational Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree or Beyond ☐ Don't Know </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Highest education completed by Parent 2/Guardian 2 ☐ Elementary School ☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ Associate/Vocational Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree or Beyond ☐ Don't Know </td> </tr> </table>			Highest education completed by Parent 1/Guardian 1 ☐ Elementary School ☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ Associate/Vocational Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree or Beyond ☐ Don't Know	Highest education completed by Parent 2/Guardian 2 ☐ Elementary School ☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ Associate/Vocational Degree ☐ Bachelor's Degree or Beyond ☐ Don't Know
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Requirements for Submission

A complete application packet must include the following. Please check the box to confirm you have included each piece.	
☐	This complete application form
☐	Personal statements
☐	High school and college transcript(s) (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)

By signing this form, I, the applicant, certify the accuracy of the information I have provided. Also, I authorize (1) OCF to share this information with scholarship staff, donors and selection committee members and (2) OCF or scholarship selection committee members to contact school officials for additional information, if needed.	
Applicant Signature and Date	

Please email your Application Packet as a PDF attachment to scholarships@oregoncf.org
If you are not able to email your Application Packet, you may mail it to:

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