

Oregon Blueberry Commission Scholarship

Scholarship applicants must be involved in some aspect of agriculture, without regard to the intended area of study. Two or more separate awards may be available. Each applicant will be eligible to receive only one award per year. The task of determining award recipients will be assigned to the Oregon Blueberry Commission Scholarship Committee (OBCSC).

Student finalists will be selected by the OBCSC prior to May 1; interviews with the OBCSC will be required for scholarships at the \$5,000 level and will be at the OBCSC's discretion for scholarships below that level.

Oregon Blueberry Commission Scholarship Selection Criteria:

1. Selection preference will be given to applicants who:
 - a. Come from an agricultural background.
 - b. Have been employed by a farm.
 - c. Are permanent residents of Oregon.
 - d. Will be enrolled in at least the first year of college in an Oregon university; having at least one year remaining towards a degree at the time the scholarship is received.
2. Applicants must be legal residents of the United States.
3. Applications for scholarship must include responses to a questionnaire, an essay of less than 500 words describing why the student deserves the scholarship, and three letters of reference.
4. Prior years' scholarship recipients are eligible to receive an award. Application from a prior winner must include information on progress toward degree.

Application Selection:

The selection of the scholarship recipients will be the responsibility of the OBCSC. The committee will consider only applicants who meet the above criteria and who have submitted a completed application prior to March 1. The OBCSC will determine if applications meet the required criteria and will set the time and location for the interviews.

OBCSC will score applications using a subjective scoring matrix and reserve the right to limit the number of applicants to interview based on scored applications.

Scholarship Amount:

The scholarship awards will be determined annually by the OBCSC and will be based on available funds as set by the Oregon Blueberry Commission Board. Awards will be made on an annual basis providing deserving candidate(s) are identified by the committee. In the event no suitable candidates are identified in a given year, no award will be made that year. The scholarship(s) shall be presented to either the recipient(s) or the recipient's college financial aid office, as directed by the OBCSC, by August 31 by check after the OBCSC has made a final determination.

Scholarship Eligibility Restrictions:

Family members of Oregon Blueberry Commission Scholarship Committee members are not eligible to receive an award. Committee members' family are encouraged to apply, but will not be eligible for an award if the committee member remains on the committee for the selection process.

Family members of Oregon Blueberry Commission staff are not eligible to win an award.

Family members are defined as spouses, children or step-children, grandchildren or step-grandchildren and siblings or step-siblings.

OREGON BLUEBERRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Qualifications: Any student who will be enrolled in at least the first year of college in an Oregon university; having at least one year remaining towards a degree at the time the scholarship is received.

Please type or print legibly in dark ink. **Illegible applications will not be considered.** Please attach a copy of transcripts or a copy of SAT scores if you are entering from high school.

Application deadline March 1. Use this application form or go to the following website to complete a scholarship application form: <http://www.oregonblueberry.com>

Return applications to: Oregon Blueberry Commission, P.O. Box 3366, Salem, Oregon 97302

Applicant Information

Full Name:

_____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Permanent Address:

_____ Apartment/Unit # _____
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

City State ZIP Code

Social Security Number

Phone:

_____ E-mail: _____

Parent Guardian Names:

Hometown Newspaper

Education

HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVELANT:

School Attended:

_____ Address: _____

Expected Graduation Date:

_____ Cumulative High School GPA: _____

SAT Scores

_____|_____
MATH VERBAL

COLLEGE:

College Attended:

_____ Address: _____

Cumulative College GPA: _____ Last Term College GPA: _____

Total expected college credits at end of this school year: _____

Mailing address during school year _____

Goals and Interests

Proposed major in college: _____

1. Briefly state your professional goals and interests:

2. List activities, honors, awards (include offices held, committees, clubs, and organizations). An additional sheet may be used if more space is needed.

High School/ College:

Community Activities:

Other:

3. On another sheet of paper, in no more than 500 words, please explain why you deserve this scholarship.

Past Work Experience Related to the Blueberry Industry

Employer or supervisor:

_____ *From (date)* *To (date)*

Address:

Duties:

Employer or supervisor:

_____ *From (date)* *To (date)*

Address:

Duties:

Employer or supervisor:

_____ *From (date)* *To (date)*

Address:

Duties:

Letters of Reference

Applicants must submit three letters of reference. These letters may be included in the application or sent by the writer directly to:

*Oregon Blueberry Commission
P.O. Box 3366, Salem, OR 97302*

Disclaimer

I, the undersigned, certify that the above information is correct and grant my permission to the Oregon Blueberry Commission to release information from this application to scholarship donor agencies and the media.

Signature

Date