



RACE TO THE TOP SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP 2014

Your Associates Degree is waiting! The Race to the Top Supplemental Scholarship (RTT) is available now until December 2016 to enhance the quality of childhood care and education in Oregon by supporting Early Childhood Educators to obtain an Associates of Arts or Applied Sciences degree (AA/AAS). Scholarship funds are available for students working toward their AA or AAS degree at an Oregon Community College with a focus in Early Childhood Care & Education. Act now! The RTT funding will end December 2016.

PROGRAM DETAILS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

WHAT WILL THE RTT SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

The scholarship will fund direct costs, tuition and fees not covered by other grants or scholarships you are receiving, as well as, indirect expenses. Supplemental funds (\$60 per credit) will go directly to you to help with the cost of books, supplies, and other indirect expenses.

- You must work directly with or supervise someone who works directly with children at least 20 hours a week in an Office of Child Care (Certified or Registered) child care facility.
- You must already have an Oregon Registry **Step 3** or above at the time you submit the application.
- You must be willing to participate in an Associate of Arts or Applied Sciences (AA/AAS) degree program at an Oregon Community College, working toward the completion of your degree. Priority will be given to those planning to complete a degree with a focus in Early Childhood Care or Education or related field and those planning to complete their degree by 2016.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

1 COMPLETE THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To receive scholarship support, please submit the RTT Supplemental application by August 1, 2014 to the Oregon Center for Career Development (OCCD): PSU-OCCD, Attn: Scholarship, PO BOX 751 Portland, OR 97207 or Fax: 503-725-5430 or Email: occdscholarship@pdx.edu

You will receive a letter informing you of the status of your application by 8/20/2014

Tuition will be paid directly to the community colleges at the beginning of each term and supplemental funds for expenses will be issued to you within a month of the beginning of each term.

2 MEET WITH YOUR COLLEGE ADVISOR & REGISTER FOR CLASS

Make an appointment with your advisor in the academic department of your college. Plan your academic courseload and register for classes. **To be considered for funding for the Fall 2014 term you will need to submit proof of course registration with the scholarship application (Due August 1, 2014).** However, students are not required to start course work Fall term to participate in the program. Once you are approved, you will be required to send proof of course registration for following terms, prior to the beginning of each term.

3 FOLLOW UP & MAINTAIN IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship recipients are expected to complete the following in order to receive their award through the academic year:

- Submit completion documentation in the form of transcripts for coursework completed at the end of each term
- Maintain a minimum of a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Maintain employment in a licensed or registered child care program
- Contact us immediately if you do not use your award
- Submit proof of course registration for the following terms, before the beginning of each term
- Apply for FAFSA and other financial aid programs for the 2015 year. *Please note that the RTT scholarship is considered taxable income and may also affect your financial aid package.*



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Find application forms on our website:

www.pdx.edu/occd or email us at occdscholarship@pdx.edu with questions
You can also call: 503-725-8533 (toll free 1-877-725-8533)

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COURSE PLANNING WORKSHEET

Use this worksheet to navigate through the degree and scholarship program requirements

FALL 2014

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with your academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Fall 2014 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit the Scholarship Application, **Due August 1, 2014** (If attending fall term send in proof of course registration with your application)
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 9/5/2014
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 10/10/2014

WINTER 2015

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with your academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Winter 2015 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit proof of course registration and fall transcripts, **Due 12/19/2014**
- ☐ Complete your Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, available **1/1/2015**
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 1/2/2015
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 2/14/2015

SPRING 2015

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Spring 2015 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit proof of course registration and winter transcripts, **Due 3/13/2015**
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 3/20/2015
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 4/17/2015

SUMMER 2015

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Summer 2015 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit proof of course registration and spring transcripts, **Due 6/1/2015**
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 6/12/2015
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 7/10/2015

* Award dates may be subject to change, please use this guide for planning purposes only

FALL 2015

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with your academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Fall 2015 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit proof of course registration and summer transcripts, **Due 9/4/2015**
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 9/11/2015
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 10/9/2015

WINTER 2016

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Winter 2016 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit proof of course registration and fall transcripts, **Due 12/18/2016**
- ☐ Complete your Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, available **1/1/2016**
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 1/4/2016
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 2/15/2016

SPRING 2016

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Spring 2016 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit proof of course registration and winter transcripts, **Due 3/11/2016**
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 3/21/2016
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 4/18/2016

SUMMER 2016

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Summer 2016 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit proof of course registration and spring transcripts, **Due 6/3/2016**
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 6/13/2016
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 7/10/2016

FALL 2016

Dates to Remember:

- ☐ Meet with academic advisor
- ☐ Register for Fall 2016 Courses _____
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- ☐ Submit proof of course registration and summer transcripts, **Due 9/2/2016**
- ☐ Tuition payments are issued to college by 9/12/2016
- ☐ Expect check for supplemental expenses by 10/14/2016