



2010–11 DIVERSITY EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



What is the Diversity Excellence Scholarship?

The University of Oregon Diversity Excellence Scholarship recognizes the academic achievement and potential of students who, through sharing their varied cultural perspectives, will enhance the education of all students and the excellence of the university.

The Diversity Excellence Scholarship (DES) is a tuition-remission scholarship with awards ranging from partial to full tuition and fee waivers. The UO Diversity Excellence Scholarship Committee determines the amount of each award.

The Diversity Excellence Scholarship Application postmark deadline is **January 15, 2010**. Applicants who have submitted complete applications by the deadline will receive committee decisions by April 15, 2010.

The DES application is available online at
**[financialaid.uoregon.edu/
scg-desinfo.htm](http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/scg-desinfo.htm)**

What is the purpose of the scholarship?

A cornerstone of the University of Oregon's mission is the knowledge that effective education incorporates a global and multicultural perspective. As Oregon and the nation become increasingly pluralistic, the university must respond by ensuring the next generation has equitable access to education.

The UO is committed to the principles of diversity and inclusion, and maintains a steadfast focus on doing all that is possible to provide a welcoming multicultural learning environment. An education that prepares undergraduate and graduate students to participate fully in society offers opportunities for learning, living, socializing, and studying with people from a variety of backgrounds.

The university's curriculum, research, and scholarship are enhanced by the discourse that is made possible when students and faculty members offer their unique perspectives. Efforts to support recruitment and retention of a diverse student body are essential to the university's mission and are embedded in the goals of the University of Oregon's Campus Diversity Plan.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Eligibility

In order to be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident
- Complete and submit the 2010–11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor no later than **February 1, 2010**. List the UO as one of your first six choices. **The school code is 003223**
- Meet the standard UO admission requirements or be a currently enrolled UO student in good academic standing
- Meet the Diversity Excellence Scholarship minimum grade point average requirements. Freshmen must have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.00. All other applicants must have a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.50

UO admission application procedure

Scholarship application materials must be postmarked on or before **January 15, 2010**. Late or incomplete applications, including the FAFSA, will not be considered by the UO DES Committee.

Send the following materials to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships:

Freshmen (0–44 college credits as of September 2010)

- DES application
- Personal statements
- DES recommendation

Sophomores (45–89 college credits as of September 2010)

- DES application
- Personal statements
- DES recommendation
- Final high school transcript. Request that official high school transcript be sent directly to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Official college transcripts (UO transcripts not required)

Juniors, seniors, graduate, and law students (as of September 2010)

- DES application
- Personal statements
- DES recommendation
- Official college transcripts (UO transcripts not required)

Selection criteria

The DES committee selects recipients based on:

- Past academic performance
- Participation in campus or community activities
- Racial or ethnic background
- Financial need as defined by federal guidelines
- Residency; preference is given to Oregon residents

Scholarship renewal

The duration of a scholarship award will depend on the recipient's class standing at the time of the initial award. Awards will be made for the number of terms indicated below:

- Freshmen—16 terms
- Sophomores—13 terms
- Juniors—10 terms
- Seniors—7 terms
- Graduate and law students—length of award to be determined by the DES Selection Committee

Community service

Recipients of the scholarship will be expected to participate in community service to share cultural heritage, special skills and abilities, and diverse experiences. The Office of Multicultural Academic Success coordinates and supports these projects.

To maintain scholarship eligibility, recipients must:

- Maintain full-time student status
- Maintain a minimum 2.50 college GPA
- Make satisfactory progress toward completion of a degree objective
- Meet regularly with a scholarship adviser

Note that this award cannot be combined with some tuition-remission programs such as Oregon University System staff tuition rates or Graduate Teaching Fellowships.



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Please print or type. Legibility is important.

Name _____

UO ID number _____-_____-_____

The UO ID is a nine-digit number that begins with 950 or 951.

Mailing address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Citizenship classification (check one):

- U.S. citizen
- U.S. permanent resident; list alien registration number

Date of birth _____-_____-_____
Month Day Year

Ethnic or racial identification (optional)

Please list your ethnic or racial identification.

Specify ethnic group

If you are a Native American or Alaska Native, please indicate your tribal enrollment number or attach documentation verifying tribal affiliation.

Specify tribe

Family educational history

Highest degree attained by parents or guardians:

- None
- Elementary school
- Junior high
- High school
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Doctorate
- Unknown

Oregon residency

Are you a legal resident of the state of Oregon?

- Yes
- No

In fall term 2010, I will be:

An undergraduate: Fr Soph Jr Sr
 5th-year Sr

A graduate student: First Second Third Fourth

A law student: First Second Third

Major _____

Expected graduation date _____

Career objective _____

High school _____

List all colleges or universities you have attended. See checklist at the back of the application package for transcript information.

School _____

School _____

School _____

My letter of recommendation will be provided by:

Name _____

School or agency _____

Personal statements

The Diversity Excellence Scholarship Committee considers written statements an important part of your application. Please answer each of the following three questions:

In 250 words or less: Tell us about a community service activity in which you were involved. Why did you choose to participate in that activity and why was it meaningful to you? How will you continue this kind of engagement?

In 250 words or less: Tell us about an academic experience that challenged you in some way.

In 500 words or less: Tell us about a diversity-related experience that tested your courage.

Academic achievements

Please list your academic honors, scholarships, and scholarly work—publications and presentations—including years awarded.

High school

College

Achievement	Dates of participation	Achievement	Dates of participation

Extracurricular activities and talents

Please list the extracurricular activities through which you contribute to the educational diversity needs of your community. Such activities may include school and community service, leadership, student government, clubs, family responsibilities, and talents such as music, art, or sports that you pursue outside of school.

Activities and talents	Offices held, awards, or honors	Dates of participation	Approx. hrs/wk

Employment

Position	Employer	Check below		Approx. dates	Approx. hrs/wk
		Summer	School yr.		

Signed authorization

I authorize the University of Oregon to furnish copies of my academic record, this application, the recommendation, and a statement of my financial need, when appropriate, to the Diversity Excellence Scholarship Committee for review in considering my application for the Diversity Excellence Scholarship. If I am awarded a scholarship, I hereby give approval for the University of Oregon to issue a news release listing my name, hometown, and the name and amount of the scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

This application will be considered only after all documents have been received by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.



2010–11 DIVERSITY EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION FORM

To applicant: Please write your name and UO identification number and check an access box before giving this form to the person recommending you for the Diversity Excellence Scholarship. The recommender must be a school official, member of a community organization, employer, or anyone else (other than a family member) who can illustrate your achievements, leadership, cultural involvement, and abilities.

Name of applicant _____ UO ID number _____

Under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and the UO Student Record Policy, registered students have the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. If you wish to waive your right of access to this evaluation, you may do so by checking the appropriate box below. Check only one box. Refusal to waive access will not affect the decision of the scholarship committee.

I WAIVE access to this recommendation I DO NOT WAIVE access to this recommendation

Signature _____ Date _____

To recommender: Diversity Excellence Scholarships are designed to help students from varied backgrounds achieve their educational goals at the University of Oregon. These are tuition-remission scholarships with awards ranging from partial to full tuition and fee waivers. The amount of each award is determined by the UO Diversity Excellence Scholarship Committee.

In a separate letter, please describe the applicant’s commitment to cultural diversity. Address the student’s involvement in his or her cultural community, including leadership roles, community service, family responsibilities, achievements, and any other experiences that illustrate the student’s background. This is critical information; your evaluation of the student will assist the selection committee in making awards. Please explain your relationship to the applicant and how long you have known her or him. Attach your letter to this form and mail in a sealed envelope to the address below.

Printed name

Title

Signature

School, organization, or agency

Address

Telephone

Postmark deadline: **January 15, 2010**

Please sign, seal, and mail this recommendation form and attached letter to the following address:

Diversity Excellence Scholarship Committee
Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
1278 University of Oregon
Eugene OR 97403-1278



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For additional information, contact:

Office of Admissions
(800) BE-A-DUCK
(541) 346-3201
admissions.uoregon.edu
uoadmit@uoregon.edu

CHECKLIST

All applicants

- **DES application:** Complete and submit the 2010–11 Diversity Excellence Scholarship Application to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. The application must be postmarked by January 15, 2010
- **FAFSA:** All applicants must complete and submit the 2010–11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor by February 1, 2010. List the UO as one of your first six college choices. The University of Oregon's FAFSA code is 003223. In order to fulfill the February 1 FAFSA deadline, it may be necessary to use estimated tax figures. Any delay with FAFSA processing could jeopardize your consideration for the DES. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships if you have any FAFSA-related questions
- **Personal statement:** Submit your statement with your application on a separate piece of paper (including your name and UO student identification number) to the UO Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. Limit your statement to no more than two double-spaced pages
- **Letter of recommendation:** The Diversity Excellence Scholarship Recommendation Form needs to be completed, sealed, and mailed to the UO Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships by January 15, 2010

Freshman applicants

- **Admission:** Submit the Application for Undergraduate Admission including transcripts and test scores to the UO Office of Admissions by the postmark deadline of January 15, 2010

College sophomores

- **Admission:** If not currently enrolled at the UO, submit a completed Application for Undergraduate Admission to the Office of Admissions by the postmark deadline of January 15, 2010
- **High school transcripts:** Request that official transcripts be sent by your high school to the UO Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
- **College transcripts:** Request that current college transcripts showing all completed college-level work (except from the University of Oregon) be sent to the UO Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. **We cannot obtain copies of transcripts you have sent to other UO departments or offices**

College juniors and seniors

- **Admission:** If not currently enrolled at the UO, submit a completed Application for Undergraduate Admission to the Office of Admissions by the postmark deadline of January 15, 2010
- **Transcripts:** Request that current college transcripts showing all completed college-level work (except from the University of Oregon) be sent to the UO Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. **We cannot obtain copies of transcripts you have sent to other UO departments or offices**

Graduate or law applicants

- **Admission:** If not currently enrolled at the UO, submit a completed admission application by the postmark deadline of January 15, 2010
- **Transcripts:** Request that current college transcripts showing all completed college-level work

(except from the University of Oregon) be sent to the UO Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. **We cannot obtain copies of transcripts you have sent to other UO departments or offices**

Helpful hints

This application is also available online at financialaid.uoregon.edu/scg-desinfo.htm.

Personal statement

- Thoroughly review the essay topic and instructions on page 3
- Content is more important than length; be clear and concise
- Proofread your essay

Letter of recommendation

- Request a letter from someone who knows you well and can illustrate your achievements, cultural involvement, and abilities
- Allow the recommender a generous amount of time to write your letter before the application deadline
- Give the recommender a description of the scholarship

Deadline

- Postmark your completed application by January 15, 2010

Submitting the application

- Mail your application to:
Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
1278 University of Oregon
Eugene OR 97403-1278

Additional information

- Direct questions to the Office of Admissions at (800) BE-A-DUCK or (541) 346-3201

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