Osher Reentry Scholarship 2016

The School of Continuing Education, a recipient of the Osher Reentry Scholarship award, is pleased to announce the availability of 10 to 15 scholarships for adult returning students. If you are thinking of completing your Bachelor’s degree at UWM and qualify, this could be an excellent opportunity to receive up to $5,000 of tuition support.

Note: UWM students who returned in the 2015-16 academic year and meet the eligibility guidelines may also apply.

Recipients become part of a national network of Osher Scholars and are supported by the Bernard Osher Foundation, the UWM School of Continuing Education and the UWM Learning Community, all of which are designed to support and learn from adult returning students.

Eligibility Guidelines for Osher Reentry Scholars:

1. Students have experienced a cumulative gap in their education of five or more years.

2. Students are at the undergraduate level and pursuing their first baccalaureate degree.*

3. Students anticipate participation in the workforce for a significant period of time subsequent to graduation and are ideally between the ages of 25 – 50.

4. Students must demonstrate financial need. A 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed within 10 days of submitting the scholarship application, to determine financial need.

5. Students will show academic promise and make a commitment to obtaining their degree.

*Note: This scholarship is not intended for graduate students, students who are exclusively enrolled in online courses or students seeking an additional baccalaureate degree. International Students who are visiting the United States with the intention of returning to their country of origin after graduation will be excluded.

Application Deadline for Fall 2016 Semester:

July 20, 2016
Please print or type:

Name (First, Middle, Last) ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________ Apt. No. ______

City __________________________ State ______ Zip __________

Home Phone: (_____) ___________________ Cell Phone: (_____) ____________________

Date of Birth: ___ - ___ - 19___  Email: _________________________________

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:
Do you have a high school diploma or GED?  Yes ____  No ____

Do you have any college/university experience?  Yes ____  No ____

If yes, approximately how many college credits have you successfully completed. ______

Please approximate your Academic Level:  Fr._____ So._____ Jr._______ Sr._______

College/University Attended   Dates of Attendance   Degree Received   GPA
___________________________________    ________________    _____________ __________
___________________________________    ________________    _____________ __________

(list additional on separate sheet)

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:

Are you currently enrolled at UWM.  Yes _____  No _____

If yes, Degree sought (Major):_________________ Approx. credits needed to graduate ______

Please estimate the number of credits you plan to take each semester

_________ (Fall 2016) ___________ (Spring 2017) ___________ (Summer 2017)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Employer     Period of Employment     Job     Title/Responsibilities

______________________________________________
______________________________________________
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*This is a four-page document; please complete information on all pages.*
Does your current employer have a policy for employee reimbursement for training/educational costs? Yes _____ No ______

If yes, please attach a copy of your employer’s reimbursement policy

Do you have military or other benefits available?
Yes, Military _____ Yes, Other (list) ________________________________ No _____

Have you been awarded other scholarships for the upcoming academic year? Yes _____ No _____
(if yes, please list)
________________________________________________________________________
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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

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WORKSHOPS OR TRAININGS ATTENDED:

Please list any major trainings, conferences or workshops you have attended since you were last in high school or attended a college or university:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Have you completed and submitted a 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?
To apply or receive information go to: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

Yes _____ Date submitted __________
*No _____ Anticipated Submission Date __________

*NOTE (FAFSA application must be submitted within 10 days of scholarship application submission)

Annual family income (combined income, if married): $___________

Size of family (include applicant, spouse & dependents): __________

Do you have prior Federal Student Loans? Yes_____ No_____
If yes, are they current? Yes____ No _____
If yes, are they in default? Yes____ No _____
PERSONAL STATEMENT:
Please submit and attach a 1-2 page personal statement that describes how finishing your Bachelor’s degree will help you achieve your career goals, and how that will in turn help you impact the lives of others and/or serve your community. Please describe any relevant circumstances that contributed to your decision to return to school. You may wish to include additional information about your employment history, extra-curricular activities, interests, achievements and any other special circumstances that may be of interest to the selection committee when reviewing your application.

REFERENCES:
Please list two professional or educational references below.

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Release of Financial Information Form
(Keep a copy of this form for your records)

I understand that the Osher Reentry Scholarship Program is need-based and requires filing of the FAFSA on an annual basis. My signature hereby authorizes the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of Financial Aid to release an analysis of my financial aid application(s) to the Osher Reentry Scholarship Review Committee. This will include the Cost of Attendance used, my Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and Financial Need. I give my permission for release of this information for each academic year in which I remain eligible for renewal of this scholarship. I understand that this information will be treated confidentially and used only for consideration by the OSHER Scholarship Review Committee and may be provided to the Bernard Osher Foundation for the purpose of post award documentation. I understand I may be requested to participate in subsequent post award events if I am chosen as an Osher Reentry Scholar.

I certify that all my information on this application is correct and complete.

Signature_________________________________________ Date__________

Applications must be signed. Unsigned applications will not be considered.

Mail, drop off or fax completed application to:
Osher Reentry Scholarship Committee
UWM School of Continuing Education
161 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 6226
Milwaukee, WI 53203
Fax: 414-227-3224
Phone: 414-227-3137
Application Deadline: July 20, 2016

The Osher Reentry Scholarship Committee will notify you in writing of its decision.

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