

2024 Oregon Blueberry Commission Scholarship

Scholarship applicants must be involved in some aspect of agriculture. 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 for scholarships will be at the OBCSC's discretion.

Oregon Blueberry Commission Scholarship Selection Criteria:

1. Selection preference will be given to applicants who:
 - a. Are enrolled in a Crop Science, Horticulture or Food Science program.
 - b. Are interested in the blueberry industry.
 - c. Are permanent residents of Oregon.
 - d. Are current students in at least their first year of college; 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 what the student would bring to the blueberry industry, three letters of reference and college transcripts.
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 January 31, 2024. The OBCSC will determine if applications meet the required criteria and will set the time and location for the interviews as necessary.

OBCSC will score applications using a subjective scoring matrix and reserves the right to limit the awards 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 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.

Progress Report Requirement:

Scholarship recipients are required to submit End of the Year Progress Reports by June 30 of the academic year in which the award was received. This update should include a brief update of the recipient's work towards their degree, including any pertinent work experience or internships. If the recipient will be graduating, include post-graduate plans, if known. Current scholarship recipients applying for scholarship renewal for the next academic year must submit a mid-year Progress Report with the new application.

Volunteer Requirement:

Scholarship recipients are required to serve one half-day shift at the Ag Fest event held annually the end of April at the Oregon state fairgrounds in Salem, if asked.

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.

2024 OREGON BLUEBERRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Qualifications: Any student who is a permanent resident of Oregon; is currently enrolled and attending at least their first year of college; has at least one year remaining towards a degree at the time the scholarship is received. Students enrolled in crop science, horticulture or food science will receive selection preference.

Please type or print legibly in dark ink. **Illegible applications will not be considered.** A copy of current college transcripts must be attached.

Application deadline January 31, 2024. Use this application form or go to the following website to complete a scholarship application form: <http://www.oregonblueberry.com/scholarship>

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

Applicant Information

Full Name:

_____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Permanent Address:

Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone:

_____ E-mail: _____

Education

High School Attended:

_____ City, State: _____

Year Graduated:

_____ Cumulative High School GPA: _____

COLLEGE:

College (Current):

_____ Address: _____

College 2024/25:

_____ 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. Please elaborate on your specific interest in the Blueberry Industry, where it comes from and your future goals:
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 what you would bring to the Blueberry Industry.

Past Work Experience Related to the Agricultural or Berry 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 two 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