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Guidelines: Osher Reentry Scholarship

The School of Continuing Studies is pleased to introduce, beginning Fall Quarter 2008, The Osher Reentry Scholarship for degree-seeking undergraduate students. The Osher Reentry Scholarship and program is made possible by The Bernard Osher Foundation and is made available to both new and continuing students who meet the described criteria and demonstrate both strong academic achievement and financial need. The maximum annual award toward tuition will be \$3,960 (3 courses).

Eligible applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 50 and must have reentered higher education after five or more year's interruption in their education since their last enrollment at an institution of higher education.

Osher Reentry Scholars will be paired with an experienced SCS student, who will serve as mentor throughout the year. Osher Reentry Scholars will have identified opportunities to meet with other Osher Scholars. The designation as Osher Reentry Scholar, assuming continual good academic standing, will become part of the scholar's permanent record.

Deadlines*

Deadlines for application for this scholarship are as follows:

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| Fall quarter: September 1 | Spring Quarter: March 1 |
| Winter quarter: December 1 | Summer session: June 1 |

***Because of the structure of the Osher funding, SCS will be limited to approximately 18 awards per year; funds may be exhausted by the end of Fall Quarter.**

Eligibility

New and continuing SCS students are eligible. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 25-50
- Be pursuing their first baccalaureate degree
- Have or have had a five or more year gap in their attendance at an institution of higher education
- Current undergraduate students must have a 3.0 or higher GPA and a 3.0 GPA at most recent institution if the applicant is a first quarter PBA or transfer student
- New PBA or transfer students must have had a 3.0 or higher GPA at the last institution attended.
- Complete a one-page application
- Submit two references, one academic/professional and one community organization
- Submit an essay describing academic and professional goals and how funds would support the initiatives and include additional description of how a mentor relationship with a current student would impact the learning experience and what applicant would seek to gain from this relationship.
- Complete the FAFSA and University aid applications to demonstrate financial need

Essay

Write a brief essay (two pages) describing your goals and aspirations (personal and professional) and what receiving the scholarship would mean to you. Also please indicate how you believe a mentor might assist you in your studies at SCS and Northwestern.

Application Checklist & Instructions

- Osher Reentry Scholarship Application (www.scs.northwestern.edu/forms/scholarship_application.pdf)
- Two Recommendation Forms (www.scs.northwestern.edu/forms/scholarship_recommendation.pdf) At least one academic recommendation is preferred. Recommendation Forms are sent directly to SCS by recommender.
- Current resume

- Essay (two pages)

Please submit all application materials together to the following address:

Northwestern University
School of Continuing Studies
Undergraduate Scholarship Committee
339 East Chicago Avenue, Wieboldt Hall, 6th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60611

In addition, you will need to submit the following materials to the Chicago Office of Financial Aid:

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Northwestern University Aid Application*

*To obtain these forms, please visit the Chicago Office of Financial Aid web site:

www.chicagofinancialaid.northwestern.edu/scs . The web site has information regarding deadlines, school codes, and necessary forms.

Please submit all financial aid materials to the following address:

Office of Financial Aid
Abbott Hall, Room 629
710 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago 60611-3078



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Osher Reentry Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____ E-mail: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Colleges/universities attended (other than SCS):

| <i>Institution</i> | <i>Dates of Attendance</i> | <i>Credits/Degree Earned</i> |
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GPA at SCS (if applicable): _____ Intended major: _____

Expected graduation date (month/year): _____

Employer: _____

Job title (if applicable): _____

Briefly describe any involvement with special groups, interests outside academia, and/or honors and recognition you have received while pursuing your college education (attach a separate sheet, if needed).

Have you ever received an SCS scholarship? Yes, term _____ No

I certify that the information contained on this application is correct. I understand that if any information provided on this application is found to be inaccurate, my scholarship may be revoked.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies
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