

**Continuing Education and University Outreach
California Polytechnic State University
Osher Reentry Scholarship Program Application
2009-2010**

The Osher Reentry Scholarship Program is made possible through generous support from The Bernard Osher Foundation. Scholarships of up to \$5,000 annually are available to adult reentry students who have been admitted to, or currently matriculated at, California Polytechnic State University. In order to receive a scholarship, adult students must be between the age of 25 - 50 years old; have experienced a gap in their path to an undergraduate degree, and currently demonstrate financial need. Recipients of Osher Reentry Scholarships must also demonstrate a commitment to the pursuit of their degree and the likelihood of making a contribution to the larger community upon graduation. Osher Reentry Scholarships are awarded on the basis of both merit and financial need.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient must also:

- Remain in good academic standing throughout the 2009-2010 academic year. Students who do not remain in good academic standing will forfeit their scholarship.
- Remain continuously enrolled for at least eight units during the fall, winter, and spring quarters of the 2009-2010 academic year.

Students applying for an Osher Reentry Scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year must complete and submit their application and all supporting documents, which include an essay and faculty letters of recommendation, on or before 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2009 to the Office of the Dean, Continuing Education and University Outreach. The office is located in Building 116, Room 101. **It is important to note that scholarship funds are limited and awards are given on a rolling basis. Therefore, early application is strongly recommended.** Applicants' eligibility does not guarantee an award, if all funds for the 2009-2010 year have been awarded. Students must also complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Information on completing the FAFSA is available from the following sources:

◆ The Cal Poly Office of Financial Aid www.ess.calpoly.edu/_finaid

◆ The US Department of Education FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov

The Osher Reentry Scholarship Award Committee and the Office of Financial Aid review applications. For further inquiries, please contact the Office of the Dean, Continuing Education and University Outreach at (805) 756-7438 or cedean@calpoly.edu.

Application Process:

1. Complete the FAFSA
2. Complete the Osher Reentry Scholarship Program Application
3. Distribute the Faculty Letter of Recommendation forms
4. Complete the Essay
5. Turn in Program Application and supporting documents.

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NAME: _____

Local Address

Street City, State, ZIP

Phone Email

Date of Birth Expected Graduation

Student Status

Have you been admitted to California Polytechnic State University? () Yes () No

If No, for which term are you applying? _____

What is your overall GPA? _____

If you are a current Cal Poly student: What is your Student ID #? _____

Do you currently receive financial aid? () Yes () No

In addition to this application form, please submit a typed double spaced essay of 300-500 words stating:

1. How you plan to make use of your college degree
2. What obstacles you have encountered and/or currently experiencing as you try to complete your degree
3. What you wish to accomplish upon completion of your degree.

Two letters of faculty recommendation (see attached form) must also be submitted by the application deadline in order to be considered.

I attest that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my ability. I also give permission to California Polytechnic State University to use my name, as an Osher Reentry Scholar, in printed materials and on University websites. I furthermore grant California Polytechnic State University permission to report my academic progress and other pertinent information to The Bernard Osher Foundation.

Signature

Date

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FACULTY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Student: _____ **Student ID #:** _____

Dear Colleague:

The student named above has applied for an Osher Reentry Scholarship from California Polytechnic State University. This scholarship is based on both FINANCIAL NEED and MERIT. Would you please take a moment to fill out the following evaluation on his/her behalf? We thank you for your time and assistance.

1. Please indicate the type of contact you have had with the applicant:

2. Using the scale below, how would the candidate rate on the following?

1) Below average 2) Average 3) Above average 4) Superior 5) No opinion

- A. Scholastic potential _____
- B. Attitude to new ideas and cultures _____
- C. Interaction with other students _____
- D. Academic performance _____
- E. Initiative and Motivation _____

3. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please comment on his/her ability to participate and profit from the ADP program. Please mention any special circumstances and/or weaknesses that may aid the committee in making a final decision.

Printed Name **Signed** **Date**

Position/Department: _____

**Please return by November 13, 2009 to:
Cal Poly Continuing Education,
Jespersen Hall, Building 116, Room 101
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407**