Osher Reentry Scholarship 2012

The School of Continuing Education, a recent 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 returning to UWM and qualify, this could be an excellent opportunity to receive up to $5,000 of tuition support.

To qualify you must be 25 years of age or older, and returning to school after a cumulative gap in your education of at least five years. Candidates include adults entering undergraduate studies for the first time, those with some university credit and those very near to completion. All candidates must meet federal requirements for students in need of financial aid. Applicants must have undergraduate status (graduate students are not eligible).

Special consideration is given to students seeking to further their education for work in the nonprofit and public service sectors, including early childhood, youth work, non profit management, education, adult and family work, aging, the arts and a number of areas focused on sustaining the environment. Students in career transition who are returning to school to develop or gain a new set of skills in business and technology are also eligible.

Recipients become part of a national network of Osher Scholars and are supported by the Bernard Osher Foundation, School of Continuing Education, 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. Completion of the 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the application due date is required as a standard determination of 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:

November 1, 2011
Osher Reentry Scholarship Application Form

Calendar Year 2012

All information on this application will be considered confidential. Please answer all questions. For those questions which do not apply, please enter N/A.

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 

_______ (Spring 2012) ________ (Summer 2012) ________ (Fall 2012) 

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 educational benefits available?
Yes, Military ___ Yes, Other (list ) ___________________________ No ___

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 2011-2012 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 15 days of 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 furthering your education will help you achieve your career goals. Please describe any relevant circumstances that may have contributed to your decision to return to school. You may wish to include additional information about your employment history, extra-curricular activities, interests, or other achievements or any special circumstances you would like the selection committee to consider in 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.

Send completed application to: Osher Scholarship Committee
UWM School of Continuing Education
161 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 6000
Milwaukee, WI 53203
Phone: 414-227-3354
Fax: 414-227-3224
Application Deadline: November 1, 2011

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

*This is a four-page document; please complete information on all pages.*
Approval Status:

- [ ] Approved  Amount of Award _____%  
- [ ] Denied  Reason ________________

Date ________________  Program Director’s Signature ________________

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