

## Osher Reentry Scholarship Academic Year 2009-2010

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, and those with some university credit. 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 2009-2010 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 for Fall 2009 Semester:

July 1, 2009

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

# Osher Reentry Scholarship Application Form

Academic Year 2009-2010

*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 \_\_\_\_

Approx. Academic Level: Fr. \_\_\_\_ So. \_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_ Sr. \_\_\_\_ Grad. \_\_\_\_

Estimated Cumulative Credits as of July 1, 2009: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>College/University Attended</u>	<u>Dates of Attendance</u>	<u>Degree Received</u>	<u>GPA</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Period of Employment</u>	<u>Job Title/Responsibilities</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Degree sought (Major): \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. credits needed to graduate \_\_\_\_

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

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Do you have military or other benefits available?

Yes, Military \_\_\_ Yes, Other (list ) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>List activities, honors received, offices held, etc.</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**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:

<u>Workshop/Training/Conference Title</u>	<u>Workshop Date(s)</u>	<u>Content Description</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Have you completed and submitted a **2009-2010 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

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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.

<u>Reference Name</u>	<u>Organization or Company</u>	<u>Phone number</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<p align="center"><b>Release of Financial Information Form</b> (Keep a copy of this form for your records)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I certify that all my information on this application is correct and complete.</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p><i>Applications must be signed. Unsigned applications will not be considered.</i></p>
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**Send completed application to:**

Andrew Simons  
UWM School of Continuing Education  
161 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 6000  
Milwaukee, WI 53203  
Phone: 414-227-3354  
Fax: 414-227-3224

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

<i>For Internal Use Only</i>
<b>Approval Status:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved    Amount of Award _____% <input type="checkbox"/> Denied    Reason _____
Date _____    Program Director's Signature _____

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