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# COMMUNITY COLLEGES
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# ENDOWMENT
*a commitment to students*

## Students | What you should know about the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment (CCCSE) Osher Scholarship

> *"It is difficult to put into words how much this scholarship means to me. Thank you for allowing me and many others to continue pursuing our goals and dreams here... Having been given [this] opportunity makes me believe in myself more than ever before. Thank you once again, for allowing me to continue reaching for my goals."* — Osher Scholar

### How could this scholarship help me?
This scholarship can be used for educational expenses, including textbooks, lab fees, uniforms, tools, computer software or repairs, or other equipment required by your course of study.

### Am I eligible to be an Osher Scholar?
Visit your college's financial aid office or scholarship office for details on the CCCSE Osher Scholarship application process. Criteria and the application process may differ among college campuses. Students who demonstrate financial need receive top priority for scholarships, and general requirements include that you:

1. Have completed 24 or more "degree applicable" semester units (or the equivalent) at the time you receive your scholarship. Transfer units from another college may be included in this determination as long as they have been determined to meet your college's requirements for degree-applicable coursework.

2. Are enrolled at least half-time (six or more units) during all terms in which the scholarship remains active. If you are a student who requires a reduced course load that defines your half-time as fewer than six units, you are still eligible.

3. Are a California College Promise Grant recipient.

In addition, the following requirements are necessary for you to remain in good standing:

1. Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at all times, according to your college's policy.

2. Maintain at least half-time enrollment status (six units or more) to qualify for initial and all subsequent payments. If you are a student who requires a reduced course load that defines your half-time as fewer than six units, you are still eligible.

While you must maintain SAP to be eligible, academic performance, such as grades or test scores, is not a selection criterion itself.

## Is this a one-time scholarship?

Scholarships may be renewed in subsequent terms or years for eligible students. You must continue to meet all required criteria to remain eligible. Awards are renewable up to a maximum of three times the annual award (currently $4,800 total). Verify details on scholarship renewals with your college campus.

## If I transfer, am I still eligible for CCCSE Osher Scholarship renewals?

In some instances, Osher Scholars who transfer from one California community college to another may keep the CCCSE Osher Scholarship from their original college. This is dependent on the college and is not a guarantee. Since these scholarships benefit California community college students, those students who are no longer enrolled in a community college are no longer eligible to receive this award. If you are transferring, contact your new college's financial aid office or scholarship office for scholarship opportunities.

## My financial aid office or scholarship office mentioned that I need to write a thank-you letter.

Once you are selected as an Osher Scholar, your college should prompt you to write a thank-you letter to The Bernard Osher Foundation for its generous support. Thank-you letters will be submitted electronically by the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC) to The Bernard Osher Foundation. You should provide your thank-you letter to your financial aid office or scholarship office. Do not send a thank you letter directly to FoundationCCC.

## I'm not eligible, or I am an Osher Scholar who still needs extra support. Are there other opportunities?

For additional information on scholarship opportunities and other forms of financial aid available for California community college students, visit www.icanaffordcollege.com or your college's financial aid or scholarship office.