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## Section I. Introduction

The Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium (OSGC) is pleased to provide community college students attending our member community colleges an opportunity to apply for scholarship awards that will support their academic pursuit in STEM fields relating to space studies, including physical sciences, life sciences, planetary sciences, mathematics, or engineering. These awards will also serve to recognize their achievements in these fields.

The OSGC Community College Partnership Scholarship Program supports the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) objectives of attracting and retaining more community college and technical college students into STEM-based academic programs and developing a diverse and capable next-generation workforce. Women and individuals from underrepresented groups in the STEM fields are strongly encouraged to apply.

Scholarship applicants will need to demonstrate how they are pursuing STEM fields relating to space studies and how their field of study relates to the NASA Vision and the activities of one or more of NASA Mission Directorates.

### **NASA Vision:**

“To reach for new heights and reveal the unknown so that what we do and learn will benefit all humankind.”

### **Mission Directorates:**

**Aeronautics Research** – Enables a safer, more secure, efficient, and environmentally friendly air transportation system. <http://www.aeronautics.nasa.gov/>

**Human Exploration and Operations** – Operates the International Space Station and prepare for human exploration beyond low Earth orbit. <http://www.nasa.gov/directorates/heo/home/index.html#.VLmkrSdQVD8>

**Science** – Exploring the Earth-Sun system, our solar system, and the universe beyond. Divisions include Astrophysics, Earth Science, Heliophysics, and Planets. <http://science.nasa.gov/>

**Space Technology** – Develops the crosscutting, advanced pioneering new technologies needed for current and future missions, benefiting the aerospace industry and other agencies, and addressing national needs. <http://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/home/index.html#.VLmk5SdQVD8>

(From <http://www.nasa.gov/about/directorates/index.html#.VLmINSdQVD9>)

## Member Institutions

Applicants must be currently enrolled at a minimum of 6 credit hours per term and in good academic standing at one of the following OSGC community college member institutions:

### **Community Colleges**

- Lane Community College (Lane)
- Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC)
- Portland Community College (PCC), Cascade Campus
- Portland Community College (PCC), Rock Creek Campus
- Portland Community College (PCC), Southeast Campus
- Portland Community College (PCC), Sylvania Campus

Visit the following website for information regarding your institution's official OSGC representative. <http://spacegrant.oregonstate.edu/members-oregon-nasa-space-grant-consortium>.

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## Section II. Community College Partnership Scholarships

This scholarship is designed to attract and retain community college students in STEM-based academic programs relating to space studies and to encourage matriculation to a 4-year institution in a related field. Scholarships will be competitively awarded to students enrolled at OSGC affiliated community colleges who are pursuing degrees in STEM fields relating to space studies, including physical sciences, life sciences, planetary sciences, mathematics, or engineering. Students who are dual-enrolled in a community college and a 4-year institution are eligible.

Forty (40) awards, in the amount of \$5,000 per student will be offered during the 2015-16 academic year. Award distribution among institutions is as follows: Portland Community College - 27 awards, Lane Community College - 9 awards, and Linn-Benton Community College - 4 awards. These awards will be made in two disbursements, the first in the amount of \$3,000 in October of 2015. The second disbursement of \$2,000 in March of 2016 will be contingent upon the submission of documentation showing student progress toward their stated educational goals.

### Dates | Deadlines

- Application Deadline: May 22, 2015
- Award Selections: July 2015
- Award Disbursements: October 2015 (\$3,000) and March 2016 (\$2,000)

### Eligibility

Scholarships are open to students who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Students enrolled at a minimum of 6 credit hours per term at an **affiliated community college** in Winter 2015 and for the duration of the award
- Student is enrolled in STEM-related coursework that relates to space studies, including physical sciences, life sciences, planetary sciences, mathematics, or engineering, during the 2015-2016 academic year
- Student maintains good academic standing
- Student is a U.S. Citizen

### Required Application Materials

#### Student Essay

A one-page essay (12 pt font, single spaced) that answers the following questions:

- What are your interests in the STEM fields relating to space studies and how do you see this shaping your academic career?
- How do your academic interests relate to the NASA vision and align with one or more of the NASA Mission Directorates?

#### Letter of Recommendation

One letter of recommendation is required. The letter should specifically address your qualifications for this scholarship. During the application process you will be asked to provide contact information for your letter writer. Upon submission of your application this individual will receive an email request for the letter and instructions on how it is to be submitted. The due date for the letter of recommendation is May 22, 2015.

#### Academic Transcript

A PDF version of your academic transcript must be submitted with your online application. Unofficial transcripts from your college or university website are acceptable.

#### Online Application Website

<https://spacegrant.net/apps/?pk=ors4>

## Renewals | Second Award Disbursement

Renewal disbursements, scheduled for March of 2016, are contingent upon the submission of a brief one-page report from the student and an unofficial transcript proving enrollment in a minimum of 6 credit hours per term and successful academic progress. A formal request for these materials will be sent via email prior to the renewal date; renewals will be submitted via an online system.

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## Section III. Application Procedures

### 1) Complete all sections of the Online Application:

<https://spacegrant.net/apps/?pk=ors4>

### 2) Attach the required supporting documentation to the application

## Review | Selection Process

Applications are evaluated for eligibility when received. Qualified applications will be reviewed by a diverse selection committee who will make recommendations for funding based on stated review criteria (see below). Preference may be given to women and individuals from underrepresented groups in the STEM fields.

## Review Criteria

Applications are ranked based on the following criteria:

- Academic Achievement
- STEM career goals relating to space studies, including physical sciences, life sciences, planetary sciences, mathematics, or engineering
- Direct relation to NASA vision and alignment with one or more of NASA mission directorates
- Strength of recommendation

## Other Requirements

Award recipients agree to:

- Notify OSGC of any changes in mailing address, e-mail address, or telephone number for purposes of progress reports.
- Grant permission to release and/or publish requested recipient information to NASA or other appropriate parties.
- Include the following text in all publications resulting from funded work “**...supported in part through funding from NASA / Oregon Space Grant Consortium, grant NNX14AR50A.**”

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