

2022 Scholarship Recipients administered by the Associations Foundation



Ragini Dindukurthi, Ron Holeman Honorary Scholarship, and JoAnn Jeter Memorial Diversity Scholarship, Oregon State University

This generous award grants me educational opportunities that will further my knowledge. Currently, I am a junior at Oregon State University majoring in Applied Computer Science with a focus in Artificial Intelligence and a minor in Psychology. At OSU, I'm an ambassador for the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), where I mentor undergraduate STEM students. This position has allowed me to offer guidance and make a difference for women in technology. Previously, I have worked as a Software Development Intern for CDK Global and as a Data Engineering Intern for Principal Financial Group. These scholarships allow me to gain more knowledge and skills to apply towards my career and eventually make a difference in the technology field.



Wyatt Weller, Montana State University

I would like to thank the Associate's Foundation Scholarship Committee for granting me the generous Associate's scholarship. I am honored to be one of this year's recipients and truly appreciate that you selected me. I am so grateful for the positive impact it will have on me and my education, and receiving this scholarship, will help me focus more on my studies while helping relieve the financial stress of college.

A little about me; I was born and raised in Kalispell, MT, and graduated from Glacier High School in 2020. I just started my third year at Montana State University Bozeman pursuing a Computer Engineering degree. Montana State University has an amazing Engineering department and I feel blessed to be able to attend such a great school. I have been embracing the challenge and knowledge growth my college education has provided so far and look forward to continuing my higher education to obtain my goals. I have really been enjoying learning all of the various different computer programming languages and various technologies and

systems. I hope to get a job after I graduate where I can utilize these new skills regularly.

Thank you very much again, for this scholarship, as well as for supporting other future college students, I truly appreciate it. Thank you again for this opportunity!



Madison Wells, Ohio University, Honors Tutorial College

Thank you to the Associates Foundation Scholarship Committee for selecting me as a recipient of the JoAnn Jeter Memorial Diversity Scholarship! I'm currently enrolled in the Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. I'm on the path of obtaining a master's degree in Social Work, highly likely to specialize in working with children and parents. I had been back and forth for a long time on what I wanted to do, and if I even wanted to go to college. I graduated as Valedictorian from Alexander High School, and with my high academics most people around me expected me to continue to pursue a higher education. But for some time, I wasn't so sure. I was suffering from a bit of the "gifted kid" burnout that tends to happen as high school comes to an end. I grew up in an environment that wasn't healthy, one that I left traumatically when I was 17. During this time, I had interactions with a social worker in the medical field, who opened my eyes to the numerous possibilities that job held. I wouldn't be where I am today without her. Almost a year after leaving my

situation, I have continued to take back my life, my health, and developed the goal of making a difference in the world. I am grateful for what I've been through, as odd as that may sound, as it has made me much more open-minded and determined. While I'm only in my freshman year and plans tend to change, I absolutely love working with children. As of right now, I believe that I will end up working as a children's counselor. All in all, I strive to be the person I needed as a child, as I know exactly what it feels like to not have that support and outlet. Regardless, I say with confidence that the funds I've been privileged to receive through this scholarship to further my education will be used to give back to my community. One person can't save the world, but you can make a world of difference to just one person. Again, thank you so much.

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Lydia Wainwright, Community Service Scholarship, George Fox U.

I am honored to be chosen as a recipient of the Associates Foundation Scholarship! I sincerely appreciate your generous scholarship support that will help me pursue my dream of studying nursing at George Fox University. I found my calling to become a nurse through caring for my sick or injured 4-H horses and rabbits. My immediate educational goal is a 4 year BSN degree with a minor in psychology, then to work in a hospital helping people. As my career progresses I plan to study for an advanced nursing degree to become a Nurse Anesthetist.

In May I completed Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training and worked in a memory care assisted living center over the summer. This was my final year of 4-H participation before I age out.

I enjoyed showing my miniature horse, Cooper, and my Appaloosa gelding, Hunter, at the Clark County Fair. I was pleased to be able to volunteer as a rider at the 4-H Horse Judging event so other kids could participate in a judging competition. Judging is a really important skill and I am glad that 4-H teaches it. I learned the joy of "giving back" through 4-H and I look forward to other opportunities to serve my community this fall on the George Fox University campus.

I moved back to campus in Newberg, Oregon on August 27 and my classes started today. Thank you so much for your generous scholarship. I will study hard, serve my community and become a nurse, so I can help people recover from illnesses, injuries or surgeries!



Grace Pendergrass, Portland Community College

I want to thank all of you for making this scholarship possible. It will be extremely helpful in furthering my education goals and relieving the economic stress that college now comes with.

Enjoying to write comes quite naturally to me, I'm one of the few people I know who would often prefer to write an essay when given a choice of how to complete an assignment. Rather ironically one of my most dreaded things to do is write about myself, so please bear with me.

I have lived in Portland all of my life. Outside of school you most often find me reading as many books as I possibly can, and participating in dragon boating in the spring, both of which are passions I hope to continue into the future. I will be attending Portland Community College this fall and working to earn credit towards a Bachelor of Arts degree. I plan to graduate from Portland State University with this degree, where I'm planning on majoring in English. I haven't yet decided

exactly which career I wish to pursue after college but I'm quite interested in book editing. I want to find a path where I am able to help others through my work.

My connection to BPA is being the progeny of Scott Bettin. I was in the background of many a BPA conference call, took great joy in hurtling around the Oaks' Roller Rink at Christmas and went to Associates' softball games for years growing up; it's touching that this organization is able to help me move towards my future plans. Again, thank you to everyone involved in the process of making this scholarship possible.

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Derek Freudenthal, Oregon State University

I sincerely appreciate you for this award, it will go a long way in helping me finance my academic future. I will be continuing my academics at Oregon State University this fall. I am currently enrolled as a marketing major however I am not set on that and have an interest in switching to statistics. I have been running track and cross country for all high school, and plan to join their club teams so I am able to continue my career. As school comes closer and closer, I become more excited, as well as grateful for the opportunity that I have been given by this grateful scholarship.



Desiree Cenita, Seattle University

I am extremely honored and grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the Associates Foundation Scholarship! I am currently entering my senior year at Seattle University and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in the spring. I am interested in pursuing a career as a Physician Assistant and currently work at a skilled nursing facility in my hometown of Vancouver, Washington. This school year I am looking forward to serving as the Senior Advisor of our university's United Filipino Club and continuing to build on our Filipino community in Seattle. Thank you again to the Associates for your generosity in supporting my academic and career goals.