



The Osher Reentry Scholarship Endowment Application 2011/2012

Deadline for submission: July 31, 2011.

Name of Applicant: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

The Osher Reentry Scholarship Endowment, sponsored by the Bernard Osher Foundation, is designed to provide students tuition assistance (up to \$2000) during the 2011/2012 academic year. These scholarships are designed to provide financial assistance to eligible "reentry" Granite State College (GSC) students who are pursuing their first bachelor's degree.

A "reentry student" is a person who has experienced a cumulative gap of five or more years during their formal education and has not yet completed the requirements for a bachelor's degree. ***If you are a returning Osher Reentry Scholar and would like to reapply for the Osher Reentry Scholarship Endowment, please complete the application for "Returning Osher Reentry Scholars" available at <http://www.granite.edu/finaid/forms.php>.***

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a reentry student preferably between the ages of 25 and 50, and currently enrolled either full or half time in a bachelor's degree program at GSC. *If you are a student under the age of 25 or over the age of 50 and wish to apply, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 603-513-1392.*
- Must have experienced a cumulative gap of 5 years or more during the pursuit of formal education and anticipate a significant number of years of workforce participation.
- Must maintain a 3.0 GPA. (GPA will be reviewed at time of application each year).
- Must **not** be enrolled in an online degree program.
- Must **not** be a USNH employee using a tuition waiver.

Personal Information:

- Are you between the ages of 25-50? Yes No Date of Birth: _____
If you are a student under the age of 25 or over the age of 50 and wish to apply, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 603-513-1392.
- Which degree program are you working towards? BA BS
- Dates of five year (cumulative) break in formal education since high school: _____
- Are you presently employed? Yes No If yes, Name of Employer _____
of years employed _____

Write a 300-500 word essay that includes the following (it is important that you address each of the items below in your essay. Failure to do so will result in a lower overall essay score):

- Explanation of why your studies were interrupted.
- Reasons why you are enrolling in/returning to college.
- Scholarly, vocational accomplishments, honors, special awards, or recognition you have received.
- Challenges you have faced as a reentry student.
- Your future employment goals once you graduate.
- Briefly state your need for financial assistance.

Provide one letter of recommendation from a current/former instructor or your current employer/supervisor. (See recommendation form at <http://www.granite.edu/finaid/forms.php>).

- Mail or deliver the above documents to the Granite State College Office of Financial Aid, 8 Old Suncook Road, Concord, NH 03301. Application materials may also be faxed to the Office of Financial Aid at (603) 513-1386.

I certify that all information contained within this application is true and that to the best of my knowledge, I comply with all of the above stated applicant criteria.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____