
Lyllye Reynolds-Parker

BLACK CULTURAL CENTER

SCHOLARSHIP

FURTHERING THE BCC VISION

empowering every student to complete their degree

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OVERVIEW

FUND PURPOSE

The Lyllye Reynolds-Parker Black Cultural Center Scholarship Fund will provide scholarship awards to students at the University of Oregon, to support continuation of enrollment or degree completion. The University of Oregon will organize a scholarship committee, convened by the Coordinator of the Lyllye Reynolds-Parker Black Cultural Center in the Office of the Dean of Students, that will include faculty and staff from the Center for Multicultural Academic Excellence, Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies and Black Studies departments, and/or the greater UO community. Individual awards will range between \$750-\$5,000 and be made available to students who demonstrate exceptional volunteer service to the Lyllye Reynolds-Parker Black Cultural Center; participate in the Umoja Residential Community/Academic Residential Community; and/or pursue a minor in UO's Black Studies or Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies Program.

TIMELINE

Application Open

- March 29, 2021 - May 14, 2021

Committee Review

- May 31, 2021 - June 18, 2021

Award Announcements

- First Week of July

ELIGIBLE AWARDS

- Incoming First-Year and Transfer Student(s) - \$750 Book Award
- Second-Year Student - \$1,500 Award
- Third-Year Student - \$3,000 Award
- Fourth- and Fifth-Year Student - \$5,000 Award
- Graduate or Law Student - \$5,000 Award

SELECTION CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY

Qualified applicants will

- Apply for admission to the University of Oregon OR be a currently enrolled University of Oregon student in good academic standing with no conduct violations;
- Demonstrate leadership qualities and commitment to their communities and the Black community;
- Exhibit academic achievement as evidenced by a 2.5 grade point average or higher; and
- Meet the LRP-BCC scholarship deadlines.

Important Notes:

- Class standing is based on earned credits.
- Scholarships are NOT automatically renewable.
- Students are eligible to apply each year.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Scholarship recipients are selected by the LRP Black Cultural Center Scholarship selection committee based on the following:
- Past academic performance
- Participation in campus or community activities
- Ability to contribute to the Black community

PREFERENCE GIVEN TO:

- Domestic Non-Resident Students
- Students with financial need as defined by federal and state guidelines
- First-generation College Students (first in their immediate family to attend college)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer the essay questions below. There are three (3) essay questions below. Each question will need to be 225 word maximum.

All Applicants Should Respond to the Following Questions:

- What issues within or affecting the Black community are you most passionate about, and why?
- How can you engage in the local (Eugene-Springfield area), Black community as it relates to the issue(s) you are passionate about?

Based upon your student status and/or class standing as of Fall 2021, please select the option that applies to you and complete the correct Essay Prompt.

- ***Prompt # 1 - Incoming First-Year and Transfer Students***

Every academic journey requires an adjustment period or transition. What barriers or challenges do you anticipate facing as a student during the first-year at the University of Oregon? How will you use the strategies or resources that you used in the past to overcome those barriers to be successful in your academic journey at UO?

- ***Prompt # 2 - Second-or Third-Year Undergraduate Students***

Black Cultural Center Scholarship recipients are expected to be responsible, engaged members on the UO campus. Share how you will engage with the LRP Black Cultural Center as a student leader and contribute to the Black community upon our return to campus in Fall 2021.

- ***Prompt #3 - Fourth-or Fifth-Year Undergraduate, Graduate, or Law Students***

Black Cultural Center Scholarship recipients are expected to be responsible, engaged members on the UO campus. Share with us about how you will give back to the UO community, specifically as it relates to the LRP Black Cultural Center, as an alum of the University of Oregon.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

1. *Leadership, Service, and/or Involvement*

- Please list 1-3 example(s) that demonstrate your leadership, service and/or involvement in your community (e.g., role within an organization, employment and/or student leader position, etc.). For each example, explain how you were involved (e.g., event planning, coordinated meetings, etc.) and what you learned.

2. *First-Generation College Student*

- Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend college?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Unsure/Decline to State

REFERENCES

- Please provide the names and email addresses of TWO individuals who have agreed to serve as a reference for you.
 - This person may be a school official, a member of a community organization, an employer, or any other non-family member.
 - They will be asked to:
 - (a) speak to your performance and potential as a student and/or leader;
 - (b) provide examples of ways that you have shown leadership or contributed to your community or family; and
 - (c) speak to your strengths and ability to overcome adversity.
 - You are strongly advised to personally contact your references prior to listing them in your application to ensure they are available and willing to recommend you. Both references must be submitted on your behalf by the scholarship deadline in order for your application to receive review.

HOW TO APPLY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **MAY 14, 2021**

- Complete the online LRP Black Cultural Center Scholarship Application by the deadline. Application includes short essay questions and transcript (*official or unofficial*) submission.
- Letters of reference via the online application should be submitted by **May 14, 2021**.
- I understand that Financial Need is a requirement in order to be considered for some (not all) scholarships and that I must submit a FAFSA, ORSAA or Financial Resource Form by the deadline for this application if I want my financial need to be assessed with my scholarship application.
 - The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is an online application for students who are US citizens, Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) or other eligible non-citizens. Submit the FAFSA no later than March 1; include the UO as one of your choices. The UO school code is 003223.
 - The ORSAA (Oregon Student Aid Application) is an alternative to the FAFSA for Dreamer students including students who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) as well as other undocumented students.
 - The ISSS Financial Resource Form is for international students with a valid student visa. This form must be submitted directly to the Office of International Affairs.

Note: *This award cannot be combined with some tuition-remission programs such as University of Oregon staff tuition rates or Graduate Teaching Fellowships.*