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## **Patty J. Barton Memorial Scholarship 2024 Scholarship Information & Application**

This is a Scholarship Award of up to \$20,000 paid quarterly, directly to the accredited college of your choice **to cover tuition, books and education-related supplies only**. The award will be paid quarterly as requested, with proof of enrollment and tuition invoice until fully expended.

**Application Due Date:** April 15, 2024

**Scholarship Awarded:** May 31, 2024

This scholarship is renewable and will be paid out **directly to the school** at the beginning of each term upon meeting the renewable requirements until the \$20,000 award is fully disbursed. The award will only cover tuition, fees, books, and education-related supplies (not housing & meals).

### **Applicant requirements:**

1. Coos and Curry County residents. This includes students who consider Coos or Curry County their home base when away at college
2. Female enrolled by the start of the fall semester of 2024 at an accredited institution
3. Plan to enroll with a minimum of 10 credit hours
4. In pursuit of a specific degree or other professional or vocational certification
5. In pursuit of a career in a field with the intent of full-time employment
6. Enrolled in undergraduate programs **ONLY**

### **Preference given to applicant demonstrating:**

1. Significant life challenge from which they are rebuilding
2. The tenacity to focus on something and see it through to completion
3. Financial need

### **Grade point average (GPA)**

1. Current college and/or high school transcripts are not required in the initial application. Finalists selected for in-person interviews may be requested to provide transcripts at or prior to the interview.
2. If awarded the scholarship, ongoing cumulative GPA will be verified for ongoing payment of the scholarship (see below).

### **Renewal or Extension:**

Renewal packet will be provided upon award notification. If selected, up to \$20,000 of ongoing support is available. Ongoing payment of the scholarship award will require verification of the following items at the start of each subsequent term.

1. Submit proof of cumulative GPA 3.0 or better
2. Brief letter from recipient demonstrating your ongoing tenacity and progress. If helpful, include current needs where the Zonta PJB Scholarship Committee members may be of assistance such as mentoring advice, listening ear, personal support, etc.
3. Copy of invoice or student account for new term showing amount you are requesting as proof of enrollment.
4. At academic school year end (one time per year only): Submit letters from two professors detailing your acceptable attendance and participation in college courses and activities.



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**Application Process:** If selected as a finalist, you will be notified for an in-person interview. Interviews will take place **May 10th & May 11th** in Coos Bay. In-person interview is preferable, but ZOOM may be an option.

**Submissions must be complete or will not be considered.**

**Submission Checklist: Postmark or email date must be on or before April 15, 2024, midnight.**

1. Student Information sheet
2. Financial table & Expected Family Contribution (EFC) information from FAFSA
3. One thorough and compelling essay as instructed on page 5
4. Two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers or community leaders that refer to the applicant's character and accomplishments. Letters are to include contact information for the letter writer as the Scholarship Committee may be contacting them for further information.

### **IF MAILING SEND TO:**

Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation  
PO Box 245  
North Bend, Oregon 97459

### **IF EMAILING SEND TO:**

[pjbscholarship2@zontacoosbayarea.org](mailto:pjbscholarship2@zontacoosbayarea.org)

**Subject Line:** ATTENTION PJB SCHOLARSHIP

*Include the application and recommendation letters in one email submission. All files must be PDF format.*

## **Scoring Information**

The members of the Patty J. Barton Scholarship committee will score each application based on your responses to the essay. Your financial need and letters of recommendation will be read and considered but will not be scored. Your detailed responses to the essay question are your chance to tell your story, to stand out and to compel the committee to select you for an interview.

The final scholarship award selection will be based on the score from your essay response plus a score determined after the in-person interview for those selected.



**Student Information Sheet**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School of Preference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Enrollment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Field of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree or Certificate Pursuing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Completed # College Credits:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Completion Date Expected:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about this scholarship?** \_\_\_\_\_



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### Financial Information Table

Estimate the below information as best you can.

Annual tuition, books, fees:	+		
Annual housing & meal costs ( <b>only</b> if living away from primary home to attend school):	+		
Childcare costs (annually):	+		
Other education related costs (be sure to describe):	+		
Subtract any support you expect to receive (income, family support, scholarships, awards, etc.):	(-)		
Subtotal the remaining funds needed for the year	=		

We know it may be too early to have a current year Expected Family Contribution amount (EFC), from your financial aid application. If this is the case, provide prior year EFC above and briefly describe below any significant changes which you expect could affect the current EFC to be calculated for the 2024 school year.

Current Year EFC (if you have it) \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Year EFC - N/A If no FAFSA prior year): \_\_\_\_\_



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### **ESSAY**

#### **Essay Requirement:**

1. The essay can be no longer than 3 pages, *double spaced*, using the space provided.
2. All information submitted is confidential and will only be viewed by the Zonta PJB Scholarship Committee. Be sure to answer all parts of the essay question.

We are MOST interested in hearing about your life challenges and how you live with tenacity and focus to accomplish your goals and improve your future with education. Please answer the question with detail, examples and show us your unique self. Be thorough and compelling.

#### **Essay Question:**

Please write a 2–3-page double spaced essay using the attached pages telling us about you and your journey. We want to specifically know what life challenge(s) you have faced, survived, and continue to rebuild from. Include telling us where you find strength, courage, and inspiration to pursue your education. Help us understand your obstacles and barriers.

Include a brief discussion (1-2 short paragraphs) about the passion you feel for your field of study and career choice. How will your education help you achieve your career goals? Tell us a little about how you plan to contribute to your community moving forward.

Include a brief discussion (1-2 short paragraphs) describing in detail personal financial circumstances in your family and/or life that are unique to your story. What other unusual roadblocks do you see in pursuing an undergraduate degree? Are there financial resources which you have lost (for example divorce in family, family member's job loss, serious illness)? Do you have special resources available or are there reasons you have very little resources? We are asking for special circumstances or information that is not obvious in the financial table on page 4.

#### **Be sure your essay includes all these bullet points:**

- **Your life challenges**
- **Where you find strength, courage, and inspiration**
- **What are your obstacles and barriers to your education**
- **Passion for field of study and career**
- **How you will contribute to your community moving forward**
- **Financial circumstances and unusual roadblocks**



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