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Patty J. Barton Memorial Scholarship 2025 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, fees, books, and education-related supplies only**. The award will be paid quarterly as requested, with proof of enrollment and tuition invoice until fully expended. **The funds must be used within 24 months of being awarded.** 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.

Application Due Date: March 14, 2025 Interviews: April 25 & 26.

Scholarship Awarded: May 1, 2025

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. A female enrolled by the start of the fall semester of 2025 at an accredited institution, trade school, or vocational program, in pursuit of a specific degree or other professional or vocational certification.
3. Plan to enroll with a minimum of 10 credit hours
4. In pursuit of a career in a field with the intent of full-time employment
5. Enrolled in undergraduate programs **ONLY**

Preference is given to the 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 on April 25 & 26 in Coos Bay. An 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 March 14, 2025, at 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 contact them for further information.

If mailing send to:

**ATTENTION PJB SCHOLARSHIP
Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation
PO Box 245
North Bend, OR 97459**

If emailing, send as a single .pdf file to:

pjbscholarship2@zontacoosbayarea.org

Subject line: **ATTENTION PJB SCHOLARSHIP**

Scoring Information

The Patty J. Barton Scholarship committee members will score each application based on your responses to the essay. 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/ST/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

High School Attended and Graduation Date _____

School of Preference _____

Date of Enrollment _____

Field of Study _____

Degree or certificate pursuing: _____

Current Completed # College Credits at end of Fall term 2024: _____

Degree completion expected date / credits remaining to complete: _____/_____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Indicate your preferred date for an Interview (Select one): ____April 25 ____April 26

Financial Information Table

Estimate the below information as best you can.

Amount

Annual tuition, books, fees:	+	
Annual housing & meal costs (only if living away from primary home to attend school):	+	
Annual childcare or other expenses (be sure to describe):	+	
Other education-related costs, e.g., laptop (be sure to describe):	+	
Total funds needed:		

1. Please identify any other scholarships or financial awards you will be receiving:

2. Current Year Expected Family Contribution amount (EFC) _____

3. Prior Year EFC – (N/A If no FAFSA prior year): _____

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 the prior year's EFC above and briefly describe below, any significant changes that you expect could affect the current EFC to be calculated for the 2025 school year.



ESSAY

Essay Requirement:

1. The essay can be no more than 3 pages, *double-spaced*, 12-point font, 1" side margins.
2. Label each page of the essay with your last name. Attach essay pages to the application packet.
3. Please scan all pages into one .pdf file.
4. 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.

In your essay, please identify the following:

- **Reflect on your journey:** Focusing on challenges and resilience. You are encouraged to showcase your character and determination which have helped you.
- **Demonstrate self-awareness:** Identify obstacles past or present and how you have, or plan to overcome them.
- **Articulate your motivations:** Explain your passion for your field of study and career goals and demonstrate your commitment and long-term vision.
- **Highlight your potential for impact:** Discuss your plans for community contribution showing your social awareness and desire to make a difference within your community.
- **Provide an understanding of your financial situation:** Identify financial circumstances that may be prohibitive or aid in the advancement of your education path.

This essay is meant for us to comprehensively understand each applicant beyond your academic records and test scores. This is your chance to tell your unique story and demonstrate your tenacity in facing life's challenges. Help us to see your potential for success in higher education and your desired career path.



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