Colorado Opportunity Scholarship  
Sponsored by the Otero Junior College Foundation

APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Otero Junior College, in cooperation with the Otero Junior College Foundation and the Colorado Department of Education, has developed a scholarship available to Colorado residents who are US citizens and full time, degree- or certificate-seeking students at OJC.

2. Scholarships will be awarded to at least four students at up to $1,500 per semester per student for the academic year for as long as funding is available. Successful applicants may re-apply for a second year of funding if still eligible.

3. Scholarship funds are sponsored by the Otero Junior College Foundation and may be paired with other eligible scholarships and financial aid opportunities. However, funds will not be awarded that exceed the cost of attending OJC (including tuition, fees, books and room/board). Other sources of financial aid and scholarships will be taken into account when determining the award amount for each student.

4. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to Otero Junior College to cover costs.

Selection

1. Selection is based on student eligibility criteria set by the program: CO residents who are US citizens, meet income qualifications (up to 250% Pell eligible), willing to participate in the TRiO Student Success Services program, full time enrollment in a certificate or degree program and on track to complete on time, and completing all coursework with a C or better.

2. Strong preference will be given to minority students and returning students who are on track to graduate the year in which they will receive the scholarship.

3. Successful applicants must apply to OJC’s TRiO program, if they are not already in the program, and participate in their student success programs the year(s) in which they receive the scholarship.

Please complete the application package and return to:
Angela Benfatti, Otero Junior College Financial Aid Director
Otero Junior College, 1802 Colorado Ave., La Junta, CO  81050
by 5 p.m. April 3, 2017.

Only completed application packets will be reviewed. An application must include:

a. Completed application form (page 2 of this document);

b. Official high school or college transcript;

c. Two (2) letters of recommendation from instructors, counselors or employers;

d. An essay (500-word maximum) describing your plans for education while at OJC and after graduation and why you would make a good candidate for this scholarship; and

e. A list of other scholarships and financial aid applied for, with information regarding those that have been received. The applicant’s 2013-14 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be included.
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME__________________________________________________________

Last     First     Middle

Maiden-if applicable___________________________________________

PERMANENT ADDRESS__________________________________________

Street/P.O. Box                  City           State           Zip

TELEPHONE:____________________

DATE OF BIRTH: ___________   PRESENT AGE:_________  
Mo/Day/Year

EDUCATION:

H.S. GRADUATION DATE: _________  G.P.A.:_______

SCHOOL _______________________

COLLEGE PLANS:

PLANNED MAJOR: __________________________

DO YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER TO A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

YES _______   NO ________   IF YES, WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER?

EMPLOYMENT:

ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED? YES____   NO_____

LIST CURRENT AND/OR MOST RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

EMPLOYER __________________________   DATES OF EMPLOYMENT   HRS. WORKED PER WEEK

_________________________     ____/____ to ____/____     ________________________________

TYPE OF WORK

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Funding for this scholarship opportunity is made possible in part through funding from generous donors and the Colorado Department of Education. All recipients will be required to submit a separate thank you letter prior to receiving the scholarship award.