



# 2016-16 The Osher Reentry Scholarship Endowment Application

**Deadline for submission: July 29, 2016**

**Please mail, deliver or fax this form to:** Granite State College  
Office of Financial Aid  
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Last Name		First Name	Middle Name	GSC Student ID #
Address				Date of Birth
City	State	Zip	Phone Number	

The Osher Reentry Scholarship Endowment, sponsored by the Bernard Osher Foundation, is designed to provide students tuition assistance (up to \$3000) during the 2016-2017 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:

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) Must maintain a 3.0 GPA. (GPA will be reviewed at time of application each year).
- d) Must NOT be taking exclusively online classes.
- e) Must NOT be a USNH employee using a tuition waiver.

### Personal Information:

- 1. 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 submit an updated resume.
- 2. Which degree program are you working towards?  BA  BS
- 3. Dates of five year (cumulative) break in formal education since high school: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. 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.** (Visit [granite.edu/finaid/forms.php](http://granite.edu/finaid/forms.php))

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: \_\_\_\_\_