North Dakota State University
Osher Reentry Scholarship
Program Requirements and Application

**Purpose of the Scholarship**
The Bernard Osher Foundation established the Osher Reentry Scholarship Program which provides scholarship support for students pursuing their first baccalaureate degree after a significant break in their studies. The scholarship program was designed for students who may have taken a break from their college studies due to personal challenges, financial hardships, illness, or family responsibilities and for students who didn’t start college immediately following high school. Presently, there are 86 colleges and universities in 47 states participating in the program. North Dakota State University was recently selected as a full participant in this scholarship program.

**Scholarship Requirements**
For the 2016-2017 academic year, NDSU will award at least 10 scholarships of up to $5,000 ($2,500 per semester) in tuition assistance for individuals meeting the program requirements. These scholarship awards are contingent on the grant being renewed by the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Osher Reentry Scholarship applicants must meet all of the following requirements.

- Must have “stopped out” in pursuit of first bachelor’s degree for a cumulative total of 5 or more years prior to entering North Dakota State University.
  (This includes students who never started college and after 5 or more years are pursuing their first bachelor’s degree as well as students who started pursuing a bachelor’s degree, but discontinued and have a cumulative lapse of 5 or more years).
- Undergraduate domestic students pursuing their first bachelor’s degree.
- Demonstrate financial need as determined through completion of the FAFSA.
- Must be admitted to NDSU at the time of scholarship selection. *(June 15, 2016)*
- Full-time or part-time enrollment. *(Scholarship award will be adjusted for part-time students)*
- Demonstrate academic promise and commitment to obtaining an undergraduate degree.
- Anticipate workforce participation for a significant period of time subsequent to graduation.
- Students who are between the ages of 25 and 50.
- At least 50% of coursework must be residential. *(Courses taken on the NDSU campus)*.
- Complete all scholarship requirements and meet the scholarship application deadline.

**Application Deadline**
The priority application deadline for the 2016-2017 academic year is **June 15, 2016**. Applications will be accepted until all awards are filled. A scholarship committee will review all applications and evaluate applicants based on the criteria listed above. Award recipients will be notified by letter beginning July 1, 2016.
**Required Application Materials**

1. Osher Reentry Scholarship Application Form (Attached)
2. Applicant must be admitted to NDSU by the scholarship application deadline of June 15, 2016.
3. Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by June 1, 2016.
4. Attach a separate sheet of paper answering the following questions:

   A. What obstacles have you faced in obtaining or completing your bachelor’s degree?
   B. What has changed in your life to ensure academic success?
   C. Why do you need the Osher Reentry Scholarship and how will the scholarship be significant to you?

**Important Notes**

All required application materials must be submitted by the application deadline in order to be reviewed. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure all application materials have been received prior to the June 15, 2016 deadline.

**Submit all required application materials by the deadline to:**
Office of Admission
Attn: Doug Zeltinger
NDSU Dept. 2832
PO Box 6050
Fargo, ND 58108-6050

**Award Information**

- The scholarship is a commitment for the 2016-2017 academic year only. However, if offered again at NDSU in future years, Osher Reentry Scholars will be invited to apply.
- Osher Reentry Scholarships can only be applied toward tuition. Scholarship funds are not permitted to be used for housing, books, fees, or other expenses.
- Successful applicants may qualify for tuition assistance of up to $5,000 ($2,500 per semester). Students must meet satisfactory academic progress as defined by the Office of Student Financial Services. [http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/bisonconnection.ndsu.edu/sfs/sap.pdf](http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/bisonconnection.ndsu.edu/sfs/sap.pdf)
- The Osher Reentry Scholarship amount could be adjusted depending on the amount of other tuition assistance being offered to students.
- Osher Scholars will be required to meet with their academic advisor each semester to assess academic progress and develop a plan for success.
- Osher Scholars will be linked to a number of NDSU’s programs and services such as: Academic Collegiate Enhancement (ACE), Veterans’ Resource Center, Advising Resource Center, Student Support Services, Veterans Upward Bound, NDSU Counseling Center and others.
- Osher Scholars may be required to attend a meeting with an Osher Reentry Scholarship Program committee member to assess personal and academic progress as well as offer feedback on the program to help strengthen it for future years.
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2016-2017 Osher Reentry Scholarship Application

Legal Name:  ________________________________________________________________
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth: ____________________________  Student ID: _______________________
(Month) (Day) (Year)  (Listed on your admit letter)

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________  State: ____________________________  Zip: __________

Home Phone: (____)__________________________  Cell Phone: (____)__________________________

E-Mail Address: ____________________________  NDSU E-Mail Address: ____________________________

When do you plan to begin studies at NDSU? _____Fall      _____Spring      _____Summer     Year_________

High School ____________________________  Year of HS Graduation ____________________________

Have you ever attended college? ______Yes      ______No    Are you a single parent ______Yes      ______No

Please list the name and dates of colleges or universities attended:

Name of Institution: ____________________________  Dates attended: ____________________________

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Will you be pursuing your first baccalaureate degree? _____Yes      _____No (If no, you are not eligible)

Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? _____Yes      _____No (If no, you are not eligible)

Are you strictly Distance Education/Online only? _____Yes      _____No (If yes, you are not eligible)

Have you filed the 2016-2017 FAFSA? _____Yes      _____No (You must file to be eligible)

Note: Your application is not complete without submitting the responses to the questions listed under required application materials.

I certify that all of the information contained within this application is true and I comply with all of the application criteria stated above.

Applicant Signature ____________________________  Date ____________________________

Forward all materials to: Office of Admission, Attn: Doug Zeltinger, NDSU Dept. 2832, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050