



PremierWest Bank Community Scholarship Program

The PremierWest Bank Scholarship Program is for graduating seniors who are going to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational technical school in the United States. This is a one year, non-renewable scholarship. PremierWest Bank will award ten one-time gifts of \$1,000.00 to the applicants who best fit our criteria.

Complete this application if you are:

- A high school senior and going to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited college or university for the Fall 2012 semester;
- Eligible to apply according to the Scholarship's family income requirements;
- Reside in the California counties of Butte, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, or Yolo;
- Reside in the Oregon counties of Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine or Klamath;
- Meet the cumulative 3.0 GPA requirement.

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Involvement in the community;
- Academic achievement;
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC—Established through FAFSA Application/Process);
- Clarity of direction and goals;
- Letters of recommendation;
- Financial need.

Eligibility Requirements:

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES/AMOUNTS:

- University or Community College Applicants must be high school seniors planning to be enrolled at a university in the fall 2012.

COURSELOAD REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must register as "full-time" students as defined by the university or community college.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:

- At the time of application, the student must be a resident of the following California counties; Butte, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, or Yolo;
- Or a resident of the following Oregon counties; Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine or Klamath.

TRANSCRIPTS/LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

- Student must provide 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, manager or other adult familiar with the student for at least 1 year. Relatives may not provide letters of recommendation.
- Student must provide sealed, official transcripts from their school(s).
- Recommendation letters and transcripts may be sent separately, but must be postmarked by April 27, 2012.
- Recommendation letters and transcripts can be included in the same package as application packet if placed in separate envelopes, signed, and sealed.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REQUIREMENTS:

- Student must meet the cumulative 3.0 GPA requirement.

FAMILY INCOME REQUIREMENTS:

- The family of the student must show financial need and meet the low-to-moderate family income criteria as determined by the following table which includes model based estimates provided by FFIEC reports.

County You Live In	Maximum Family Income During 2011
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>	
Butte	46,320
Nevada	45,760
Placer	60,080
Sacramento	60,080
Shasta	46,560
Siskiyou	45,760
Tehama	45,760
Yolo	60,080
<u>OREGON</u>	
Deschutes	52,400
Douglas	42,160
Jackson	46,160
Josephine	42,160
Klamath	42,160

Income tax returns: A copy of your parent or guardian’s most recent income tax form must be submitted with the application. If your 2011 tax form is not yet available, please submit your 2010 form and an estimate of 2011 family income. *A copy of your 2011 form will be required prior to the distribution of funds. For privacy purposes, you may black out all but the last 4 digits of the SSN listed on the tax return.*

Payment of Scholarship:

- Scholarships will be paid directly to the school upon receipt of certification of enrollment from the school. Payment will not be made directly to the student.

Selection of Scholarship Participant:

- The Bank’s review committee will make decisions based upon the stated criteria. The number of awards is limited and therefore not every qualified applicant will receive a scholarship.
- PremierWest Bank will notify the Scholarship winners by May 11, 2012.
- All decisions are final.

Any questions regarding the scholarship program should be directed to:

Brande Cowden
 Marketing Manager
 541-282-5180
brande.cowden@premierwestbank.com

DEADLINE: April 27, 2012

**Please return application materials to: 2012 Scholarship Program
 PremierWest Bank
 Attn: Brande Cowden
 PO Box 40
 Medford, OR 97501**

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Applicants Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

County of Residence: CALIFORNIA - Butte Nevada Placer Sacramento Shasta Siskiyou Tehama Yolo

OREGON - Deschutes Douglas Jackson Josephine Klamath

High school presently attending: _____ High school counselor: _____

High school Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Name of college you will attend fall 2012: _____ Major: _____

Total cost of attendance (per year): \$ _____ EFC: \$ _____

What is your high school accumulated G.P.A.? (*through seven semesters*) _____

Are there any unusual expenses, medical, educational, or other debts or special circumstances? Please explain:

Activities Chart

List your participation in extra-curricular and community activities. Include offices held, performances given, awards received, special events, major accomplishments, jobs, etc., during the last two years. An Activities Chart is included for your convenience, if needed.

Essay Question (maximum 150 words)

On a separate piece of paper, provide a typed narrative of your career aspirations and your educational plan to meet these goals.

Application Checklist

This application becomes complete and valid only when you have submitted.

- Completed application form
- Current transcript of grades
- Two letters of recommendation
- A signed copy of your parent or guardian's most recent income tax form (*for privacy purposes, you may black out all but the last 4 digits of the SSN listed on the tax return*).
- Copy of the Admission Letter from an accredited university or community college (a provisional acceptance letter is adequate)
- All application materials postmarked and mailed by April 27, 2012. (Any applications delivered to our office later than May 1, 2012, will not be considered).
- Activities Chart
- Essay Question

Certification

I certify the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of any information will cause disqualification from the scholarships program. This application becomes the sole property of PremierWest Bank. I certify I am not an employee or family member of an employee of PremierWest Bank.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

