

**Eastern Oregon University
College of Education
Special Education Endorsement Program**

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

For information concerning scholarships and other available funds for graduate students, please visit the [Financial Aid website](#). Eastern Oregon University provides information for certain scholarships on their website with their respective deadlines and information. Keep checking back, as information is frequently updated. Of particular interest to Education students are the Foundation Scholarships, which have a deadline of February 15. If you have any questions regarding scholarships, please contact Melanie Bauman at 962-3551.

Some scholarships available specifically to students studying Special Education are as follows:

Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) Financial Aid Booklet (available through EOU Financial Aid Office) provides a listing of financial aid resources available to students in Oregon. See the *James Carlson Memorial Scholarship* for those interested in working with individuals with autism.

Arc of Washington Trust Fund (www.arcwa.org) offers grants to students interested in working with individuals with mental retardation. Students from EOU are encouraged to apply. Additional information may be obtained at arcwatrust@charter.net

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) pays for coursework that leads to a degree and/or certification in special education. Contact the *National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education* at www.special-ed-careers.org or ncpse@cec.sped.org

For more scholarship offerings, please try [FASTWEB](#), [College Board](#), [CollegeNet](#), and [US Bank College Search](#). These websites offer searches for particular scholarships offered nationwide and provide updated opportunities through your e-mail. This is particularly advantageous because, many places offering scholarships pull information once application deadlines are past, to offer updated and correct information for the next years offerings.

One advantage to choosing a career in Special Education is the loan discharge option available to teachers. Full-time special education teachers are eligible for, up to 100% loan discharge of Federal Perkins loans, Direct Stafford Loans, and some FFEL Stafford Loans. For detailed information concerning teaching service cancellation, please visit www.studentaid.ed.gov, click on the “Repaying” tab, then the “Cancellation and Deferment Option for Teachers.”