

Scholarships and Loan Forgiveness for Social Workers

Scholarships

Please check the scholarship website for eligibility guidelines and application requirements.

[EOU Foundation Scholarship](#)

Eastern Oregon University gives out over \$4 million to students every year. There are 100+ scholarships and awards available.

[Department of Labor Scholarship Database](#) (CareerOneStop)

A searchable database of over 9,500 scholarships.

[Community Counseling Solutions \(CCS\)- Scholarships for students from Morrow, Grant, Gilliam, or Wheeler Counties \(OR\)](#)

Up to ten (10) - \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded each year. Must be a resident of Morrow, Grant, Gilliam, or Wheeler Counties.

[Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc \(GOBHI\)](#)

GOBHI plans to offer scholarships in the future. Please see the website for details. They also offer a page with [financial assistance resources for behavioral health workers](#) in Oregon.

[Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#)

“HSF awards more than \$30 million in Scholarships annually and, depending upon available funds, HSF Scholars may also be eligible to receive a scholarship, which range from \$500-\$5,000 and are awarded directly to students.”

[Indian Health Service Health Professionals Program](#)

“The Health Professions scholarship provides financial aid to qualified American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate- and graduate-level students. Recipients must be members of federally recognized Tribes and enrolled in an eligible health profession degree program. In exchange for financial aid, scholarship recipients agree to fulfill a service commitment in full-time clinical practice upon completion of their academic or post-graduate clinical training.”

[National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\) Foundation](#)

The foundation funds four scholarships for students pursuing a career in social work.

[Native Forward](#)

Largest direct scholarship provider to Native Americans in the United States. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$30,000.

[Oregon Tribal Student Grant](#)

“The Oregon Tribal Student Grant provides funding for eligible Oregon tribal students to offset the cost of attendance at eligible Oregon colleges and universities. The grant is intended to cover the average cost of attendance after all federal and state grants/scholarships have been applied.”

[Oregon Student Aid Scholarships](#)

“The OSAC Scholarship Application provides current and future Oregon students one easy application to apply for multiple scholarships at one time. OSAC awards more than \$10 million in scholarships annually through more than 600 scholarships.”

[Veterans United Scholarship](#)

“The Veterans United Foundation Scholarship creates opportunities for family members of service members and Veterans to achieve their educational dreams. Since our scholarship program was created, over \$1 MILLION has been awarded to support the educational dreams of military families across the U.S.”

[Women's Independence Scholarship Program](#)

“To be eligible to submit an application for the Women’s Independence Scholarship Program all potential applicants must: Identify as a female survivor of intimate partner abuse; Be physically separated from her abuser a minimum of one year but not more than ten; Have sought services from a non-profit agency that provides services to survivors of intimate partner abuse for a minimum of 6 consecutive months. This agency is willing to act as sponsor by mentoring and providing support to the student throughout her educational experience and can accept funds on behalf of the applicant, should a scholarship for living expenses be awarded.”

[American Association of University Women](#)

AAUW provides fellowships and grants for women pursuing graduate studies. They are one of the largest funders of women’s graduate education.



[Point Foundation Flagship Scholarship](#)

The Flagship Scholarship is for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and ally students earning a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree.

Federal Loan Forgiveness

Social Workers working for certain eligible employers and/or in Health Care Shortage Areas are eligible for loan forgiveness programs. Check the site for eligibility as some programs are for licensed social workers.

[NHSC Loan Repayment Program](#)

[NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program](#)

[NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program](#)

[Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\)](#)

State Loan Forgiveness

Oregon:

[Oregon Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program](#)

[Oregon Office of Rural Health - Provider Incentive Programs](#)

Washington:

[RHIhub - Health Professionals Seeking Loan Repayment Options](#)

[Washington Student Achievement Council](#)

Idaho:

[Idaho Department of Health & Welfare](#)

California:

[California State Loan REpayment Program \(SLRP\)](#)

Fund Matching

[Northeast Oregon Economic Development District \(NEOEDD\) - Individual Development Account](#)

“The Individual Development Account, or IDA, is a special matched savings account to help individuals with modest income save money to invest in post-secondary education, business, specialized employment training or equipment, or a vehicle.

The IDA program is a 5:1 matched savings program. This means that for every \$1 you save, the program will match it with \$5. If you save \$2,000 and fulfill the program requirements, you will earn a match of \$10,000—for a total of \$12,000.” There is a household income limit as well as a limit of personal assets. Please see the website for more information.