Scholarships make the Difference

Oregon State University
College of Business
Scholarships mean so much to our students. They are a vote of confidence in students’ academic abilities. They tell them: “Your dreams are possible!” And they show students that the Beaver community cares.

You make all of it possible.

Your investment in scholarships in the College of Business is critical to our educational mission — and life-changing for our students.

We cannot thank you enough for making a difference.
Last year, we launched our Business Leaders Scholars Program, which was created through a donor’s generous gift to address the recruitment, retention and graduation gap historically underrepresented students experience. Students who are invited into this program are offered experiential learning opportunities, on-campus employment, guidance and mentorship in addition to monetary support.

Data shows that graduation rates jump from 61% to 84% for students who participate in just one experiential learning opportunity, and that’s what makes the Business Leaders Scholars Program so powerful.

$845,000
Total amount of scholarship money given in 2020–2021.

59%
Percentage of 2021 graduates who finished with no student-loan debt.

$27,196
Average amount of debt for students who took out student loans.

42%
Percentage of College of Business students with financial need.

12
Number of students per week who were supported with an emergency scholarship.

$2,500
At least $2,500 was given out for emergency scholarships weekly.
“Thanks to donors like you I received a generous scholarship based on academics that enabled me to attend this establishment. I am so grateful for your donation that lightens the load and enables me and other students to learn freely. You are assisting students and their families to afford higher education, so they can achieve their goals and dreams; assisting the community and the world to have a larger generation of college graduates than ever before, and for that I thank you.”

KARA NAGATO Dunlap Family Scholar and Accounting Department Scholar

“This donation will assist me in balancing funds for academic courses, materials and even meals. Your donation will also allow me to focus more on my studies knowing that the stress of how I’m going to pay for my education has greatly been reduced. I pledge to you that I will do everything I can to ensure that not a cent of your generous donation will be wasted, and I will do so by making certain that every dollar donated will be used appropriately and as efficiently as possible so that your investment in my future is worthwhile.”

JOSEPH HARTSOOK Business Leaders Scholar

“I am a student with a large amount of loans, so anything toward lessening the burden makes a massive difference. I am thrilled to have such an active alumni community at Oregon State who wants to help undergraduates. I appreciate the scholarship as it allows me to succeed in my endeavors with far less financial burden. Thank you for your generosity.”

DAVID MALLERY Hildebrandt Accounting Student Success Scholar and McNeal Family Accounting Scholar

“This scholarship means so much more to me than you will ever know. It is the realization that I can achieve my dreams of getting an education and pursue a career. It is the realization that someone I have not had the opportunity to know personally believes in me. It is truly humbling to me that you would want to invest in the future of a stranger, bringing renewed confidence that I do not stand alone.”

EMMA POSTON Edna M. Jesseph Scholar, Judith Erwin Scholar and Oliver Family Scholar