

Osher Scholar Award

Year Established: 2009

Purpose: Bernard Osher created this award to be distributed through the California Community Colleges Foundation to students with the greatest financial need. Priority is given to students with the greatest need, as determined by the individual community colleges. As long as an applicant is making satisfactory progress toward a degree, the applicant's academic performance will not be considered by the selection committee. The award should be used to cover lab fees, books, uniforms, tools, and other equipment required by a student's course of study.

Sponsoring Department: Los Angeles City College Foundation

Contact: LACC Foundation 323.953.4011

Award Amount: Varies

- 1) Students must have completed 24 or more "degree-applicable" semester units (or the equivalent) at the time of the initial scholarship disbursement
- 2) Students must be enrolled at least half-time (6 or more units) during all terms in which the award remains active
- 3) Students must have received a CCC Board of Governor's Fee Waiver
- 4) Awards will be adjusted based on enrolled status and determined as follows:
 - i. Full-time (12 or more units per term) = up to \$500/semester
 - ii. Three-quarter-time (9 - 11.99 units per term) = up to \$375/semester
 - iii. Half-time (6 - 8.99 units per term) = up to \$250/semester

Requirements: Must complete a self-profile essay indicating background, interest, and need for a scholarship

The Bernard Osher Story

Bernard Osher, a patron of education and the arts, is well known as "the quiet philanthropist". He created the Bernard Osher Foundation in 1977 which seeks to improve quality of life through support for higher education and the arts.

A native of Biddeford, Maine and a graduate of Bowdoin College, Osher has pursued a successful career in business, beginning with the management of his family's hardware and plumbing supplies store in Maine and continuing with work at Oppenheimer & Company in New York before moving to California. There he became a founding director of World Savings, the second largest savings institution in the United States, which merged with Wachovia Corporation.

Having served on a number of philanthropic and non-profit boards, Osher is an active community leader in the San Francisco Bay Area, the recipient of several honorary degrees, a serious student of opera, and an ardent fly fisherman.