

Oregon's Adult Learner College Line

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Things People Say: Timing is everything!

Motivation, Higher Education and Timing

By Debbie Porter

It's safe to say that those who are considering college later in life have thought about timing. When considering furthering your education, a motivating factor is that planning can help save you both money and time.

Here are a few timelines and ideas to keep you motivated while planning your new journey.

Federal Financial Aid:

Always apply for federal financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov in January of any year in which you may be a college student (see below). Don't wait to file your federal income tax return before filing the FAFSA: you

come familiar with the language of new disciplines. You will thank yourself later for putting in some work early, when your schedule is less hectic.

Scholarships:

Here's a motivating idea: there really is free money for college out there for those who are willing to search for it. Don't believe the

... Free money for college may take hard work!

Looking to the future at any time of year can be helpful, and with higher education there are certain tasks that should be done on a schedule. For example, many four year colleges and universities, both public and private, begin the fall college application process for new students in prior December of each year. Likewise, college transfer applications and scholarship applications are often due in February or March for the future academic year that starts in fall.

Community colleges usually have more relaxed admissions deadlines, although competition has been heating up because of a slow economy. Thousands more adults are returning to colleges of all types in 2010, so planning becomes even more important.

could miss out on state grants by waiting. Do estimate your income based on the previous year and do indicate several schools to which to send your financial aid eligibility information.

College admissions:

Do examine college guides and web sites, and take a campus visit to make sure the school is a good fit for you. If classes are full, or if financial aid is delayed and you can't start right away, see if there are steps that you can take that will prepare you. While you are waiting, concentrating on improving your math and writing skills, for example, can put you ahead and gives you valuable study skills. In math and science, concepts change little over time, so do borrow or buy some used textbooks to be-

myths that scholarships are only for graduating high school seniors or straight-A students. Do research scholarships thoroughly, write essays thoughtfully and re-write often. Do apply for national scholarships and look for volunteer opportunities in your community and your future career field. Lead times for scholarships are often long; keep applying for new opportunities. And don't allow yourself to get discouraged: free money for college may take hard work!

Finally, do plan for success! Don't let yourself get overwhelmed by putting off big projects too long. Find study buddies, take advantage of tutoring, get involved on campus, schedule relaxation time and get ready to reach for the stars.

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[Oregon Institute of Technology](#)
[Oregon State University](#)
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[Southern Oregon University](#)
[University of Oregon](#)
[Western Oregon University](#)
[OR.Health & Science University](#)

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www.odccwd.state.or.us/communitycolleges.aspx

[Oregon Independent Colleges Association \(OICA\)](#)
Private Institutions of Higher Education
Links to OICA member schools:
www.oicanet.org

Oregon's Adult Learner College Line: web links

Featured links for obtaining funding for education. Federal student aid may be in the form of grants, work study jobs or loans.

To file the [Free](#) Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov

Using your 2009 federal income tax information, complete the FAFSA form for the academic year 2010-2011, which for most schools, runs through June, 2011.

To sign the electronic FAFSA form, use your Personal Information Number (PIN) obtained at: www.pin.ed.gov.

Questions?
<http://studentaid.ed.gov>
FAFSA phone: Monday - Saturday at 1 800 433 3243

Oregon Adult Learner College Line: Click to e-mail us a question:



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Calendar: Planning for success!

October 2010

3: Mid Willamette College Fair. Sunday, Noon-3p.m. Gym Bldg #5. Lane Community College, Eugene, OR

4: Douglas County College Fair. Monday, 11:30a.m. - 3p.m. Roseburg High School Gym, Roseburg, OR

6: Southern Oregon/N. California College Fair. Wednesday, 9a.m.-Noon. Medford Armory, Medford, OR

7: Central Oregon College Fair. Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-Noon. Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR

22: College Financial Aid Event. 10a.m.-Noon. Central Oregon Community College/Oregon State University-Cascades campus, 2600 NW College Way, Bend, Oregon Questions? 541-550-4000 or bendinfo@ecmcfoundation.org

27: Performing & Visual Arts College Fair. 7p.m. to 9p.m. Portland State University Smith Memorial Student Union-Ballroom 1825 SW Broadway Portland, OR 97207 info at: www.nacacnet.org

28: Idealist Graduate School Fair. Portland. Information at www.idealist.org

November 2010

1: Oregon Student Assistance Commission scholarship application available: www.getcollegefunds.org

4: College Financial Aid Event. 3p.m.-5p.m. Central Oregon Community College/Oregon State University-Cascades campus, 2600 NW College Way, Bend, Oregon Questions? 541-550-4000 or bendinfo@ecmcfoundation.org

12-13: Portland National College Fair Friday, 9:00a.m. - noon. Saturday, 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. [Oregon Convention Center](http://www.nacacnet.org) Exhibit Hall C 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Portland, OR 97232 800 791-2250, 503 235-7575 info at: www.nacacnet.org

15: Salem Oregon College & Career Fair, location TBA

19: College Financial Aid Event. 10a.m.-12p.m. Central Oregon Community College/Oregon State University-Cascades campus, 2600 NW College Way, Bend, Oregon Questions? 541-550-4000 or bendinfo@ecmcfoundation.org

December 2010

2: College Financial Aid Event. 3p.m.-5p.m. Central Oregon Community College/Oregon State University-Cascades campus, 2600 NW College Way, Bend, Oregon. Questions? 541-550-4000 or bendinfo@ecmcfoundation.org

Anytime Online

[View Oregon Public University information Here:](#)

Preview Days:

[Click here for 2010-11 OUS Campus Preview Dates](#)

Explore Computer Science and Engineering Careers on the GetReal web site:

<http://getreal.ous.edu/career.php>

Oregon Veterans' Benefits: www.ous.edu/stucoun/prospstu/vb.php

Labor Statistics and Career Wage information:

www.oregonopportunities.gov/choosing.html

Did you know?

Several Oregon community colleges offer associate degrees and certificates completely online? oregoncollegesonline.com/degrees.html

Nearly all community colleges have distance classes and/or degree partnerships with universities.

[Start at www.ous.edu](http://www.ous.edu)

Ask us about resources for your education by phone Monday through Friday 9am to 9pm 1-877-848-4669



www.oregonopportunities.gov

Oregon's independent colleges and universities offer degree programs for any area of interest.

For more details on Oregon Independent Colleges Association (OICA) institutions

please visit www.oicanet.org

(School names below are web links)

[Concordia University](#)

[Corban University](#)

[George Fox University](#)

[Lewis and Clark College](#)

[Linfield College](#)

[Marylhurst University](#)

[Mount Angel Seminary](#)

[Multnomah University](#)

[National College of Natural Medicine](#)

[Northwest Christian University](#)



[Oregon College of Art & Craft](#)

[Oregon College of Oriental Medicine](#)

[Pacific Northwest College of Art](#)

[Pacific University](#)

[Reed College](#)

[University of Portland](#)

[Warner Pacific College](#)

[Western Seminary](#)

[University of Western States](#)

[Willamette University](#)



Repair Careers and Outlook *compiled by Kathleen Hamilton*

The following is a list of possible equipment repair, construction, fabrication and technical careers, followed by a career outlook estimate for the future. **Note: some short term training programs will not qualify for federal financial aid.**

Construction Technology - Carpenter, Construction Laborer, Construction Grip, Construction Manager, Construction Inspector, construction Millwright, Construction Worker

Commercial Truck driver - Chip hauler, local delivery driver, log hauler, Long Haul Truck Driver, Sand and Gravel Hauler

Diesel Technology - Service and repair of diesel engines, hydraulic systems, breaking systems, electrical systems, drive trains and air conditioning systems

Drafting - Architectural Drafters - Residential designer, structural engineers, architectural drafter, cabinet shop, construction firm. Mechanical Drafters - Manufacture of electronics, precision sheet metal, heavy equipment, steel fabrication, process piping, plastics

Electronic Technology - Electronic Engineering Technician, electronic production technician, electronic instrument technician, industrial electronic technician or employment in the Military

Energy Management - Renewable energy systems installers

Fabrication and Welding Technology - Welder/fabricators build bridges, buildings, bicycles, machine tools, etc. Aerospace and transportation, medical, recreation, recycling, energy processing delivery, road construction, shipping and management.

Manufacturing Technology

(Machine Shop) - Machine repair and maintenance shops, tool and die shops, manufacturing industries, metalworking plants, repair and maintenance shops for mill and construction contractors, high tech and specialty machine shops and production machine shops

Mechatronics Technician troubleshoot, maintain, and repair mechanical equipment that is controlled by electrical, electronic and computer systems used in a wide variety of applications. Industries

include: food processing, forest products, manufacturing, health care and educational facilities, petroleum, renewable energy, mining, agriculture, aerospace, defense and telecommunications.

Welding Technology: Oxygen Fuel Gas Cutting, Electric Arc Welding, MIG Welding and TIG Welding

Career Growth Estimates:

According to Oregon Labor Market Information ([OLMIS](#))

Automotive Technician

(Mechanic) expected to grow over 15% state wide in next 10 years. By the year 2010, 350,000 new entry level technicians will be needing to fill demands of all the dealers in the US.

Construction Technology growth expected to exceed 35% over the next 10 years.

Welding Technology projected growth rate in this industry state wide, to exceed 11% over the next year.



[Oregon community colleges](#)

offer training and degrees for many of these careers.

Training may be short-term, credential awarded may be certificate, Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or Associate of Science. Click on the school names below to access web site.

Blue Mt. Community College

Commercial Truck Driving School (CDL) w/IITR Truck Driving School
AAS/Diesel Technology
Welding - Less than 1 yr Certificate

Central Oregon Comm. College

Aviation Pilot Program
Industrial Resources:
Apprenticeship Programs
Automotive Technology
Composite Manufacturing Technology Certificate
Manufacturing Technology:

- ◆ Short Term Certificate
- ◆ 1 yr Certificate
- ◆ 2 yr Certificate

- ◆ Associate of Applied Science

Chemeketa Community College

Apprenticeship programs,
Industrial Technology
Automotive Technology (AAS) -
Certificates:

- ◆ Auto Body Repair
- ◆ Auto. Entry Level Technician
- ◆ Automotive Machining
- ◆ Building Inspection Technology (AAS)
- ◆ Electronics Technologies
- ◆ Electronic Engineering AAS
- ◆ Computer Electronics AAS
- ◆ Industrial Electronics AAS
- ◆ Computer-Aided Design/Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAS/CAM) AAS

Machining Technology certificates

- ◆ Basic Manufacturing Technician
- ◆ CAM Fundamentals
- ◆ CNC Operator
- ◆ Manual Machine Operator

Occupational Skills Training:

- Welding Technology -
- ◆ Welding Certificate of Completion
 - ◆ Welding Fabrication - AAS

Clackamas Community College

Certificates of Completion -Less than 1 yr

- ◆ CNC Machining Technician
- ◆ Irrigation Technician
- ◆ Limited Electrician Apprenticeship Technologies
- ◆ Manual Apprenticeship Trades
- ◆ Professional Truck Driver
- ◆ Water/High-Purity
- ◆ Production Welding/Entry Level Welding Technician

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Certificates of Completion - 1 year

- ◆ Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology
- ◆ Construction Trades - Apprenticeship
- ◆ Electrician apprenticeship
- ◆ Technologies Manufacturing Technology
- ◆ Welding Technology

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Repair and Related Careers (con't from page 3)

(Clackamas Community College con't)

Associate of Applied Science:
Automotive Service Technology
CAD/CAM Technology
Collision Refinishing and Repair Technology
Construction Trades: Apprenticeship
Electrician Apprenticeship Tech.
Electronics Systems Technology
Manufacturing Technology
Welding Technology

Clatsop Community College

Certificate Programs:

- ◆ American Welding Society Entry - Level Welding
- ◆ Automotive Technician
- ◆ CADD Technician
- ◆ Seamanship
- ◆ Truck Driving
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Degree Apprenticeship
- ◆ Automotive Technician
- ◆ Vessel Operations

Columbia Gorge Comm. College

Renewable Energy Technician: 1 year certificate and Associate's degree

Klamath Community College

Welding Certificate
Technical Studies

Lane Community College

Apprenticeship program

- ◆ Construction and Manufacturing -Construction Technology
 - ◆ Fabrication/Welding Tech.
 - ◆ Manufacturing Technology
- Technical Occupations:
- ◆ Auto Body & Fender
 - ◆ Automotive
 - ◆ Aviation Maintenance
 - ◆ Diesel Technology
 - ◆ Drafting
 - ◆ Electronic Technologies
 - ◆ Energy Management
 - ◆ Fabrication/Welding
 - ◆ Flight Technology
 - ◆ Manufacturing Technology

Linn-Benton Community College

Automotive Technology
Basic Manufacturing Technician
CNC Machinist

Construction and Forest Equipment
Drafting and Engineering Graphics
Electrician Apprenticeship Tech.
Heavy Equipment /Diesel Tech.
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance
Limited Electrician Apprenticeship
Machine Tool Technology
Mechatronics Technician
Water/wastewater Technology
Welding Technology

Mt. Hood Community College

Automotive Technology Degree Options:

- ◆ Automotive Tech. Chrysler CAP
- ◆ Automotive Tech. Ford ASSET
- ◆ Automotive Tech. Honda PACT
- ◆ Automotive Tech. IMPORT

Integrated Metals - Degree
Integrated Metals: Machine Tool Technology - Degree Option
Certificates:

- ◆ Integrated Metals: Machine Tool Operator -
- ◆ Integrated Metals: CNC/CAD/CAM -
- ◆ Integrated Metals: Welding Technology
- ◆ Integrated Metals: Welding Technology - AWS Certified Welder
- ◆ Integrated Metals: VESL* / Accelerated Welding Technology
- ◆ Integrated Metals: VESL* / Accelerated CNC Operator
- *Vocational English as a Second Language
- ◆ Basic Manufacturing Technician

Oregon Coast Community College

Building Inspection Technology
Welding

Portland Community College

Architectural Design and Drafting:
AAS - Architectural Design and Drafting
AAS - Architectural Design and Drafting: Residential
Automotive Service Technology
Apprenticeship and Trades
Auto Collision Repair Technology
Aviation Maintenance
Building Inspection Technology (1 of 2 colleges in Oregon)
Residential Structural & Mechanical Inspection and Plans certificate

Building Construction Technology
Certificates:

- ◆ Kitchen and Bath
- ◆ Sustainable Building
Drafting Technology and Design
Dealer Service Technology ThinkBIG
PARTNERSHIP WITH CAT DEALERS
AAS with on-the-job training/
internships

- ◆ Diesel Service Technology
- ◆ Electronic Engineering Technology -AAS - Electronics Engineering Technology (EET)
- ◆ Options: Biomedical Engineering Technology
- ◆ Renewable Energy Systems
- ◆ Wireless and Data Communication Engineering Technology
- ◆ Mechatronics/Automation/Robotics Engineering Technology

Machine Manufacturing Technology
AAS-Machine Manufacturing Technology

Certificates:

- ◆ Electronics Engineering Technology
- ◆ Renewable Energy Systems Facilities Maint. Technology
- ◆ Certificate - CNC Turning
- ◆ CNC Milling Machine Manufacturing

Microelectronics Technology
Welding Technology

Rogue Community College

AAS Degrees:

- ◆ Automotive Technology Construction
- ◆ Industry Construction Trades - General Apprenticeship
- ◆ Diesel Technology
- ◆ Electrician Apprenticeship Technologies
- ◆ Electronics Technology
- ◆ Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology
- ◆ Apprenticeship
- ◆ Industrial Welding Technology
- ◆ Manufacturing/Engineering Technology

Certificates:

- ◆ Architectural Computer Aided Drafting

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Repair and Related Careers (con't from page 4)

(Rogue Community College con't)

- ◆ Automotive Specialist
- ◆ Commercial Truck Driving
- ◆ Computer Numerical Control Operator (CNC) Computer Numerical Control Technician (CNC)
- ◆ Construction Technology Construction Trades -
- ◆ General Apprenticeship Diesel Specialist
- ◆ Electrician Apprenticeship Technologies
- ◆ Electronics Technician
- ◆ Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology Apprenticeship
- ◆ Industrial Welding Technology Limited Electrician Apprenticeship Technologies
- ◆ Mechanical maintenance Apprenticeship

Southwestern Oregon Community College

Technical Support
Welding and Fabrication

Tillamook Bay Community College

Industrial Maintenance Technology

Treasure Valley Community College

Welding Program

Umpqua Community College

Certificate Programs

- ◆ Automotive
- ◆ Aviation Technology - Pilot
- ◆ Construction Technology
- ◆ Truck Driving - Commercial Welding

Associate of Applied Science
Automotive Technology
Electrician Apprenticeship Tech.

Please contact individual college academic advisors for current information.

Oregon University System

[Click here to download](#)

Native American Student Resource Guide. 2010

Comprehensive guide to student services at Oregon's public institutions of higher education.

Find out about Careers with Online Tools

Explore Possibilities with My Path Careers
www.mypathcareers.org/

Career pathways (Oregon community colleges)

www.worksourceoregon.org/index.php/career-pathways/156-career-pathways-roadmaps

Careers and college

msn.careerbuilder.com/Article/MSN-989-Job-Search-Does-a-College-Degree-Really-Matter/?sc_extcmp=JS_989_advice&SiteId=cbsmn4989



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[From CNN News: 50 great careers for the future](#)

Get ready to apply:

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The Oregon Student Assistance Commission and hundreds of private donors give out millions of dollars in scholarships!

Returning adult scholarships

www.getcollegefunds.org

A scholarship search engine that we recommend: www.fastweb.com. It's a good idea to create a separate, free e-mail account for this site, as you will receive lots of their advertisers' e-mails. Fastweb is a good source of competitive national scholarships.

Remember, never pay for a scholarship or apply if the result is "guaranteed." Never share personal information (such as your social security number) with a scholarship agency unless you know them to be legitimate.

Consider an Adult Degree Completion from an Oregon public or private university or college program to help you earn that job promotion!



Education Bits

White House launches Teach web site

Current information on becoming a teacher, with state-specific information, grant and scholarship lists and job postings.

<http://teach.gov/>

US Department of Education – Accredited institutions

(accreditation for programs can originate from a variety of sources):

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>

Search for Internships

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/SearchInternships.aspx>

OSAC packet of scholarships:

Oregon is fortunate to have a state agency, the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, which handles scholarships for hundreds of foundations and companies.

Every year in March, students can apply for many scholarship opportunities with one application. Scholarships can be applied to Oregon Title IV *schools, and some can be applied outside Oregon. Besides awarding the Oregon Opportunity Grants, each year OSAC helps award millions of dollars in scholarships to students of all ages in many academic disciplines. The official web site for the scholarship application, which can be viewed now, is

www.getcollegefunds.org.

According to press releases, "Since it began in 1959 OSAC has served more than 650,000

Oregon students and awarded more than \$600 million to help students attain their goal of a college education.

As a state agency, OSAC is unique in the nation for its scholarship administration program that connects private donors with scholarship recipients through a single common application. Last year (2008 ed. note) more than 3,400 students benefited from more than 400 individual programs through the OSAC scholarship process."

Final figures for the 2010-2011 award season will be available in January, 2011, but last year's figures showed OSAC distributed \$6,366,399 to ten public, private and independent post-secondary institutions alone, plus scholarships went to students at many other institutions.

Oregon State University was #1 on the OSAC awards list with 451 scholarships and students receiving a total of \$1,696,455.

The remaining top ten, in order of award funds, were University of Oregon, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, Oregon Health & Science University, George Fox University, University of Portland, Linfield College - Portland Campus, Oregon Institute of Technology and Pacific University.

According to OSAC press releases, numbers of scholarship applicants and award funds both increased more than 10% from the previous year.

*Title IV refers to the Higher Education Act of 1965 under which federal financial aid is disbursed through the U.S. Department of Education. Not all colleges are eligible to receive Title IV funds.



Former foster youth Chafee scholarships:

College financial aid information and assistance for former foster youth is available all year from OSAC, the Oregon Student Assistance Commission.

<http://www.osac.state.or.us/chafeeetv.html>

If you do not have internet access, contact Peggy Cooksey, Portfolio Coordinator, Oregon Student Assistance Commission, peggy.d.cooksey@state.or.us or by telephone 1-800-452-8807 ext. 7443 to request a paper application be mailed to you.

OSAC Tip Sheets:

Information on many types of benefits for college students:

Essential services link:

In some areas, for referrals for food, shelter and medical care you may dial **211** from any phone, or go online to <http://www.211info.org/>

OSU's Extension Service provides links for family services:

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/tough_times/finding-help-tough-times