University of Oregon
Division of Equity and Inclusion’s (DEI) Oregon Young Scholars Program
2021 New Participant Application

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"Change or transform your character"

Symbol of life transformation

This symbol combines two separate adinkra symbols, the "Morning Star" which can mean a new start to the day, placed inside the wheel, representing rotation or independent movement.

Oregon Young Scholars Summer Academy:
July 26-July 31, 2021
Application Deadline
July 5, 2021

Submit this application by:

Mail: Oregon Young Scholars Program
Center for Multicultural Academic Excellence
135 Oregon Hall
1255 University of Oregon,
Eugene, OR 97403-1258

Fax: 541-346-3416
Email: oysp@uoregon.edu

Like the OYSP Facebook page for updates:
www.facebook.com/oregonyoungscholars

Visit webpage for more information:
http://inclusion.uoregon.edu/content/oregon-young-scholars-program
The following information is *REQUIRED* for this application to be considered complete. The information is confidential.

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2nd best way to contact you:

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### Applicant School Information

School Attending as of Fall of 2021:  

Grade Level as of Fall 2021:  

High School  

Academic advisor’s Information:

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With which racial/cultural group do you self-identify?

- American Indian/Alaskan
- Asian American
- Black, African American, or African
- Hispanic, Latino(a), or Chicano(a)
- White/Caucasian
- Middle Eastern or Arabic
- Multi-racial: (Please specify)
- Native Pacific/ Pacific Islander
- Other (Please Specify)

What languages do you speak?

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Gender Identity

- Female
- Transgender (FTM, MTF)
- Two-Spirit
- Male
- Gender Non-conforming
- Questioning
- Other
- I’d prefer not to answer

Please indicate your pronouns:
(Ex: She/Her, He/Him, They/Them, Ze, Hir etc.)

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What is your family’s yearly income (Estimate)

- Less than $15,000
- $15,000-30,000
- $30,000-70,000
- $70,000-100,000
- More than $100,000

How did you hear about the Oregon Young Scholars Program?

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Teacher/Academic advisor Recommendation You may complete on a separate piece of paper

Student: Please have this page completed by a teacher, academic advisor or other non-family member

Recommender: Please return this page or a letter of recommendation to: oysp@uoregon.edu

Deadline to return is July 5, 2021

(Put OYSP description or link)

What is your relationship to the student? ______________________________________________________________

NOTE: If your student is selected, the OYSP Program Director will contact the school academic advisor once per term/semester to check on student academic and personal progress.

RECOMMENDATION:

Prospective Young Scholar, ____________________________________________________________
is my student at________________________________________________________ School.

I believe that the student recommended would benefit from participation in the Oregon Young Scholars Program for the following reasons:

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Full Name: ____________________________________________ First: __________ M.I.: __________________

School: __________________________________________________ Street Address: __________________________ Apartment/Unit #: __________

Position: __________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
PLEASE NOTE: The expectations mentioned below must be met by specific deadlines as required. In addition, consistent communication with the program is mandatory. Failure to do so may serve as grounds to be dismissed from the program.

**Scholar (Student) Expectations/Requirements:**
- Attend the MANDATORY quarterly dinners
- Turn in monthly check-ins on time
- Check-in with academic advisor regularly throughout the school year
- Check email and Facebook updates regularly
- Communicating with OYSP office as contact information changes. (Examples: new cell phone number, e-mail, address).
- Treat fellow scholars and OYSP staff with respect at all times
- Uphold the mission and standards of the OYSP

**Parent Expectations:**
- Remain engaged with University of Oregon OYSP staff through the duration of the program to collaborate on the best ways to support your scholar.
- Support your scholar’s OYSP participation and academic endeavors. Request support when needed.

**Please Answer:**
- Does the Prospective Young Scholar have siblings? _____
- Number of Brothers (older) _____ Number of Brothers (younger) _____
- Number of Sisters (older) _____ Number of Sisters (younger) _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

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Scholar Signature                           Date

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Scholar Name (Print)
Extra-curricular activities
In what activities do you participate? Ex: Teams, clubs, service groups, community organizations, etc.

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Goals and Skills Questionnaire

In order to learn more about your goals and aspirations, we ask that you answer the following questions.

Please answer fully and thoughtfully. Please use the blank pages provided for your answers.

1. What is a fun fact about yourself?
2. What are your goals for high school?
3. What obstacles, past or present have you encountered on the path to achieving your goals?
4. What are your goals for your higher education plans?
5. What are your long-term goals for your future?
6. How do you think being in the OYSP will help you achieve your goals?
7. How will you commit to the OYSP and your own success?
8. How will you commit to contributing to the success of your peers?
9. What is your experience with diverse or not so diverse populations?
10. Have you ever experienced adversity involving a diversity related issue?
    o How did you handle the situation and/or what did you take away from the experience?

For which academic skills do you feel you need the most support? (Check all that apply)

☐ Study skills  ☐ Self-advocacy  ☐ Writing skills
☐ Exam Prep    ☐ Organizational skills  ☐ Other:
☐ Reading and Retention  ☐ Math skills

For which personal skills do you feel you need the most support? (Check all that apply)

☐ Direct Communication  ☐ Organizational skills  ☐ Self-advocacy
☐ Leadership skills    ☐ Building healthy relationships  ☐ Coping techniques
☐ Self-care techniques  ☐ Other:
PLEASE NOTE: The information on this page is *not required* and is OPTIONAL. Any information you share will be kept confidential and will help us better serve the scholar. If there is any personal information you would like to share, please do so below: (examples: religion, dietary restrictions, disability/ability, physical/psychological needs, sexual orientation, financial/family circumstances, etc.)

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SCHOLAR AGREEMENTS

These guidelines are a commitment agreed upon by each scholar participating in the Oregon Young Scholars Program and are intended to uphold the safety and health of everyone involved in the program, as well as OYSP’s integrity.

By signing below I understand that I will be expected to meet the expectations below:

1. I will remain within campus boundaries during the entirety of the OYSP Residential Academy, unless accompanied by an adult staff member.
2. I understand how my behavior not only affects me, but those around me as well. As such, I will attend, be on time, and engage in all OYSP Residential Academy-related activities (meetings, classes, meals, and extra-curricular events).
3. I will be respectful, helpful, honest, engaged, and make safe decisions. I will make sure that those around me exercise these behaviors as well.
4. I will be respectful of my fellow scholars and OYSP faculty and staff.
5. I will do my best to be successful in the OYSP and in school.
6. I will not bring any illegal substance or paraphernalia nor participate in any illegal activities.
7. I will not participate in sexual activity during the duration of OYSP Residential Academy.
8. I will not enter anyone else’s bedroom unless supervised/accompanied by an RA.
9. I will not have any weapons on my person during the duration of OYSP Residential Academy.
10. I will exercise academic honesty in my work. I understand that cheating or plagiarism in any work or exam will not be tolerated and can result in my dismissal from the program.
11. I will respect all property at the University of Oregon and am responsible for any damages I cause related to horseplay and/or negligence.
12. I will abide by the separate rules of UO Housing and classroom conduct and expectations of each professor.
13. I will provide an excellent example of honoring these agreements for my peers.

If a scholar is unable to uphold these agreements, the scholar is subject to dismissal from the Residential Academy and the program. If dismissed, their parent or guardian is responsible for their transportation from the academy.

Applicant Name: ________________________________
Applicant Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________
Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________ Date: ________________

Thank you for completing the 2021 Oregon Young Scholars Program Application. Please direct any questions to Barbara Marbury, 541-346-3479 and oysp@uoregon.edu.
Frequently Asked Questions

General
How many people will be accepted?
Our current goal is for a cohort of 60 students. The number admitted for the summer program will be determined by the number of returning students. We expect to be able to accept a minimum of 10 to 15 students.

Who is it for?
The OYSP is open to rising freshmen from schools in Portland, Eugene-Springfield, Roseburg and Wilsonville that are underserved in higher education. (Rising sophomores will be considered, if space permits). The program focuses on providing this opportunity to students of color, students from homes with limited incomes, and students who are the first in their families to be college bound.

What is the purpose?
The goals of the Oregon Young Scholars Program encompass ideas of building, expanding and stretching. They are:

- To develop and challenge the academic skills and college preparation of historically underrepresented students;
- To increase interest in college and the enrollment of African-American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic and Native American students, needs-based students, and other underrepresented students at the University of Oregon, and other colleges and universities;
- To build a cadre of young scholars who will participate in academic, social, community and cultural activities that increase their ability to flourish in an educational setting, improve study and analytical skills across the disciplines of writing, arts and sciences, and apply new lessons to their lives;
- To increase the interest of parents/families in higher education and encourage increased communication with teachers and administrators;
- To promote active civic engagement through volunteer experiences and lifelong learning;
- To foster a sense of community that is safe and accountable.

Does it cost money?
NO. Participation is free but personal investment by parents/guardians and students is required. Involvement is imperative and required for meetings throughout the year as well as the summer academy. Ex: Orientation, farewell/capstone presentation, parent opportunity events, etc.

What do the students get out of this program? Why should they want to do this program? etc.
Participants in the Oregon Young Scholars Program will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for college admission. In addition to academic skills, OYSP scholars develop social and personal skills that help them to be successful inside and outside the classroom. OYSP scholars will have a network of support throughout the school year and beyond that can help them academically and personally. They will have access to information about scholarships and other opportunities that become available through many different entities. OYSP scholars will gain a second family that truly cares about them.

Is the program for all students or ELD students?
This program is for all students as mentioned above. We are looking for first-generation students, students of color, and students from homes with limited resources, at least a 2.5 GPA, but we are flexible on admission if GPA requirement is not fulfilled. Students and family members must commit to monthly (email check-ins) throughout the year.

Are the forms in Spanish?
Yes! Forms are available in Spanish and we also have Spanish-speaking staff to answer any questions or concerns you may have!

Is immigration status important?

Immigration status of the youth, or their families, is not relevant.

What is the deadline?
The deadline to apply for 2021 is July 5. Applications received after this date, may be considered, dependent on enrollment numbers.

What do you look for in the recommendations from school academic advisors?
Mainly, we want to know why you think this student would be a good participant. Do they need encouragement to go to college? Do they want to go to college, so don’t need the encouragement but need the support/guidance? Do you see in them a potential they don’t see in themselves? Are they or their families going through a rough patch and don’t know about the resources on how to get to college? Etc.

What are tips for writing the student essay?
All requested information should be included. Students are encouraged to use creativity in writing the essays, but to also be through and thoughtful in their writing.

Summer Academy:

Is this an overnight camp?
Yes—Orientation is on July 21 and the closing date is July 29. Students stay in dormitories with 24/7 Resident Advisors and take classes at the university with UO instructors.

What are we going to be doing?
Besides having fun and building life-long friendships! All scholars will have writing and math classes. Students will divide into cohorts covering a wide range of subjects covering STEM subjects, the arts, social justice, business, and other alternating subjects. Scholars also participate in recreational activities and selected workshops.

During the week, there will be a Community and Networking Dinner where professors, UO administrators, community business owners, and other prominent figures/mentors will socialize and dine with our scholars.

On the final day, scholars will present their tangible projects and oral presentations to their parents, professors, and invited guests.

There will be lots of work and lots of fun!

All-year OYSP program

After the summer academy, what happens?
Every month students will receive a newsletter that will inform them about opportunities to get involved, events they are invited to attend, stories, anecdotes, accomplishments, art, pictures and more.

We also meet with Eugene/Springfield and Portland groups once every quarter over diner to reconvene and share updates.

Students are also required to meet with their academic advisor at least once a month.

Throughout the year, we also plug students in various UO and community-related events that are pertinent for their academic, social, and emotional development.