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Top scholarships awarded to 14 RCC students

The Ford Family Foundation Scholarship Programs has selected 14 Rogue Community College students to receive premier scholarships.

Some of the awards will provide 90 percent of educational costs (tuition plus cost of living) and can continue through graduate school.

“It’s quite an honor to be selected. This scholarship will be life changing for these students,” said Anna Manley, director of RCC Financial Aid. Besides encouraging students to apply, Financial Aid provides sessions to help prepare students. This year Jodie Fulton, assistant director of Financial Aid, and Joe Momyer, counselor, conducted the interview skills classes.

The Ford Family Foundation, based in Roseburg, offers a range of college financial and program resources in Oregon and Siskiyou County, Calif.

Scholarships include the Ford Scholars Program, which is open to graduating high school seniors and continuing community college students who are pursuing a bachelor’s degree and are ready to transfer to a four-year college. Another is the Ford Opportunity Program, which is specifically for single parents who are heads of households and who are pursuing a bachelor’s degree. The Ford ReStart Program supports nontraditional adult students not currently enrolled in full-time postsecondary education.

At RCC ReStart scholarships went to Crystal Bigboy and Donell Swearingen. Receiving Scholars awards were Gonzalo (Chalo) Castenada, Justin Hobart, Lizett Maclaurin, Steven Monroe, Breanna Parker, and Brandon Schilling. Opportunity award recipients were Summer Blue, Christina Cano, Tanya Dungey, Zoila Castenada, Stephanie Perry, and Tammi Spencer.

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