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Earl Morris scholarship available to more students

A scholarship dedicated to helping career and technical education students attend college has expanded its mission to include graduates of any Jackson County high school.

Previously, the Earl Morris Scholarship was limited to grads from four area high schools: Butte Falls, Crater, Eagle Point, or Rogue River. The fund, however, has recently changed its criteria. Now students from throughout Jackson County who are pursuing a career/technical or vocational program may apply, according to Jennifer Wheatley, executive director of the Rogue Community College Foundation.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer this scholarship to a much larger group of students,” Wheatley said. The new criteria for the Earl Morris Scholarship includes students who:

- Graduated from any Jackson County high school prior to 2010;
- Plan to enroll in a career/technical or vocational one- or two-year degree or certificate program;
- Demonstrate financial need through submission of a FAFSA form;
- Plan to attend RCC for the 2010-11 winter and spring terms, enrolling in at least 6 credits per term and maintaining a per-term GPA of 2.5.

The application process will close Oct. 25. Call the RCC Foundation at 541-956-7327, or visit www.rccfoundation.org.

Brothers LaRue and Earl Morris founded the Morris Family Foundation in 1997. Earl was a mechanic and LaRue was an instructor at Eagle Point High School. Their goal was to benefit Jackson County youth by helping them acquire job skills that would prepare them for family-wage jobs in southern Oregon.

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