

ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2024 Osprey Care Fund Report



Osprey Care Fund Student Emergency Funds

In May 2020, just as the pandemic was fully underway, RCC began offering emergency funds to students in need.





\$128,000

in Osprey Care Funds

Between May 2020 and July 2024 the Osprey Care Fund Committee considered nearly 400 applications, developed a rubric, and awarded over \$128,000 to students in need with a cap of \$500 per student per academic year.



**We were
asked:**

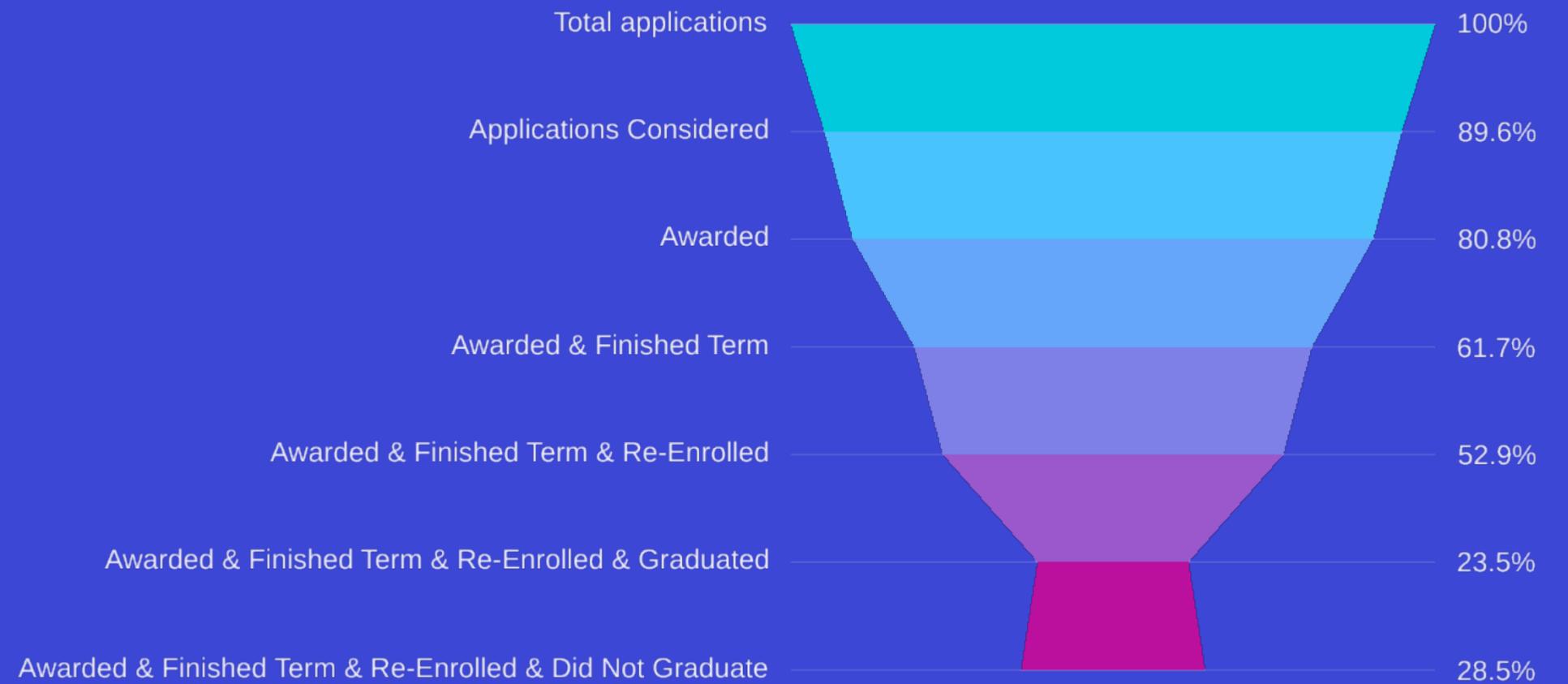
*Did receiving
the Osprey
Care Funds
help students
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that term?*

*Did they re-
enroll?*

*Did they
graduate?*

Osprey Care Fund Applicant Overview

2020 -2024



The Osprey Care Fund Phone Survey

RCC's Advocacy and Resource Center called

We contacted 106 students who received funds, completed their term, re-enrolled and graduated. 36 students talked with us.

OUR FIRST QUESTIONS



Did it help?

We asked all students whether receiving the Osprey Care Fund helped them. Every student said yes.

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Should we keep the program going?

Every student said yes, it helped them, and absolutely keep the Osprey Care Fund going.



Did it keep them in school?

Students talked about how crucial it was to receive the award, and many were on the verge of having to quit school and get a job to pay bills.



Here are some of
their stories.



2020...

Suddenly we had to
take our classes
online...



Helped me buy a laptop

Most of my classes were changed to online classes due to the pandemic. I got a laptop with the award because mine was broken. Without the Osprey Care Fund I wouldn't have been able to finish my classes and my RN degree online. I definitely wouldn't have finished without the laptop.



Kept my WIFI on

If I hadn't received the Osprey Care Fund, I wouldn't have been able to pay my WIFI bill which kept me enrolled in school at the time. Being a full-time mom of three children and in school and working, it was great to know there was a resource that would enable me to keep my WIFI on. I couldn't go down to Starbucks or McDonald's to use their WIFI. It was greatly appreciated.



2020...

...the fires...

How an Oregon Wildfire Became One of the Most Destructive

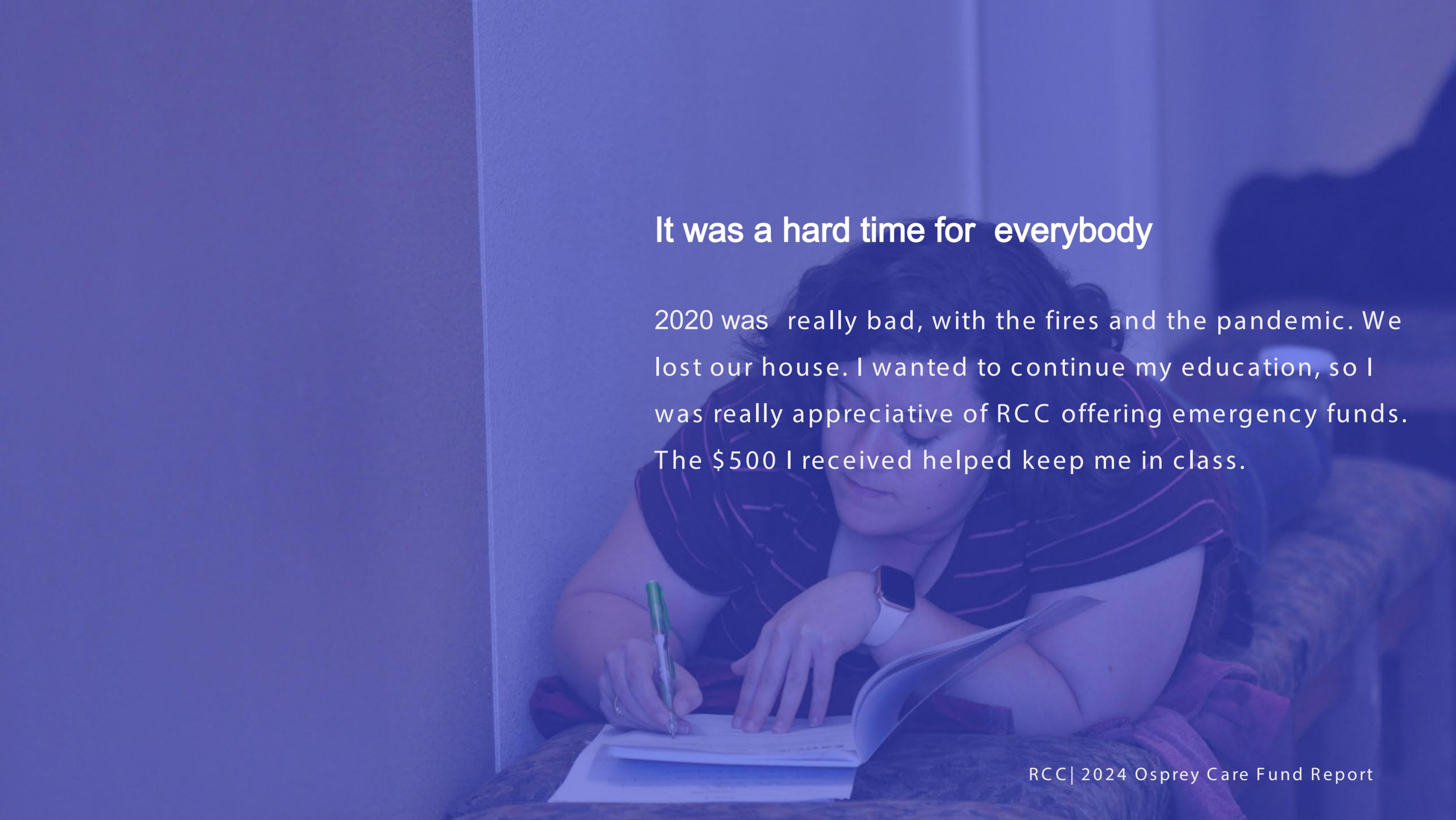
By Christoph Koettl, Caroline Kim, Drew Jordan and Arielle Ray • September 20, 2020

The Almeda fire left a path of destruction as it tore through the Rogue Valley in southern Oregon. About 24 hours after it started, an estimated 2,350 homes had been left in ashes. We used satellite images, videos and social media posts to track what happened.

I lost my house in the fires. The Osprey Care Fund helped me tremendously. I used that money to purchase textbooks and get back on my feet a little. I considered dropping out that term, but the award helped me stay in class. I continued my education and was able to graduate. Actually, having the fire experience opened up many more opportunities! I'm currently in my dream job.



When I applied for the Osprey Care Fund I hadn't received any student aid yet; this was an immense help in getting me through, since I lost my home during the fires. Anything that helps keep the student going is wildly important. Graduating from RCC and going on to SOU completely revolutionized my life. Education has been a 180-degree career change for me.



It was a hard time for everybody

2020 was really bad, with the fires and the pandemic. We lost our house. I wanted to continue my education, so I was really appreciative of RCC offering emergency funds. The \$500 I received helped keep me in class.



2020...

...the Osprey Care
Fund helped me
keep a roof over my
head...

Paid my rent

I was months behind at the time because I didn't get my grant money. All of the resources are very necessary, to eliminate some of the stress. We have a million things piled on us and anything to eliminate stress is a really big help.



Roof over my head

I wouldn't have had a roof over my head if not for the student funding. Absolutely keep this emergency fund going. You could just walk in there and see anyone; it felt like home. You guys really helped out. It's really important to keep the emergency fund going.

Want to hear more?



Want to hear more stories about how RCC students survived the pandemic, the fires, unemployment, losing their homes, chronic illness and disability, being an older student, financial aid uncertainties, unavailability of child care -- and yet stayed in school, finished their programs, and graduated?

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