

# The Osher Reentry Scholarship Program

**Application for Academic Year 2009-2010**

School of Continuing and Professional Studies  
820 North Michigan Avenue, LT 401  
Chicago, IL 60611



*Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives*

## About the Bernard Osher Foundation

Founded by California businessman Bernard Osher in 1977, the The Bernard Osher Foundation's mission is to improve quality of life. By supporting education and the arts, The Foundation focuses on the needs of college students and lifelong learners. One of their many priorities is to support scholarship funds at colleges and universities across the nation, with special attention to reentry students.

Along with providing educational support, The Foundation supports multiple avenues of learning. These include integrative medicine programs in the US and overseas; the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes, run on over 115 college campuses nationwide; and an array of performing arts organizations, museums, and selected educational programs in Northern California Maine. For more information on the Bernard Osher Foundation, visit

[www.osherfoundation.org](http://www.osherfoundation.org)

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The School of Continuing and Professional studies (SCPS) is the beneficiary of a generous grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation for the 2008-2009 school year, for returning students working toward undergraduate degree completion. Over the course of the academic year, twenty \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing a bachelors degree in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies. All SCPS full-time (12 or more hours per semester) and part-time (less than 12 hours per semester) degree-seeking students are welcome to apply; preference is given to newly matriculating students and previous Osher Reentry Scholars.

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants will meet the following qualifications:

- Have experienced a gap in time of at least five years in during the pursuit of a degree. This gap in time need not be consecutive.
- Are in current in pursuit of a first baccalaureate degree in SCPS
- Are between the ages of 25-50
- Have an intent to remain in the workforce for a significant time after gradation
- Demonstrate financial need, as indicated on a filed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Show academic promise and commitment toward degree completion; a minimum cumulative GPA is 2.5 is recommended
- Are a US citizen

### Selection Process

Of those who meet the above qualifications, preference will be given to eligible applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Newly admitted and matriculated SCPS students
- Prior Osher Reentry Scholar recipients
- Students in their first year of studies at in SCPS
- Students showing high academic achievement

### Application Guidelines

- Complete the attached application
- Compose a essay addressing the following information:
  - Circumstances that lead you to your current degree program, and any obstacles that have been overcome while pursuing your degree (in SCPS or prior)
  - Your career goals and how obtaining your degree will help achieve your stated goals
  - Your future plans, academic, career, and interests
- Ensure that you filled a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Submit the application and essay in a sealed envelope, no later than 5p.m. of the deadline date to:

The Osher Reentry Scholarship Program  
C/O The School of Continuing and Professional Studies  
Loyola University Chicago  
820 North Michigan Avenue, Lewis Towers 401  
Chicago, IL 60611



**DEADLINES: FALL 2008 - AUGUST 1, SPRING 2009 – DECEMBER 1**

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**Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(see transcript in LOCUS for 9-digit number)*

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(mm/dd/yy)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Last) (First) (Middle/Maiden)*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Number and Street)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(City, State, Zip)*

**Day Phone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Loyola E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCPS Program of Study:**  BA  BS **Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Session admitted to SCPS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current Loyola GPA (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(i.e. Fall 2008)*

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Company Name)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(City, State, Zip)*

**Position Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  Full-time  Part-time

**Does your employer provide tuition reimbursement or remission program?**  Yes  Does not provide

**If yes, please indicate the amount your employer reimburses:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **per** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(i.e. year, semester)*

**I have competed a FAFSA and submitted it to Loyola University Chicago:**  Yes  No

**Country of Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not USA, please indicate residency status:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list all colleges and universities attended prior to Loyola University Chicago:

College/University	City/State	Hrs. Complete	Cumulative GPA

Please read the below carefully and sign below:

- I certify that the information contained on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I am not eligible for full tuition reimbursement from another source.
- I understand that the information on this application and my level of financial need as determined by my FAFSA may be released to the scholarship committee for their use in making award decisions.
- I understand any scholarship awarded by the Bernard Osher Foundation is tuition-restricted; funds will be applied to tuition costs only, and not books, fees, or any other related costs.
- I understand that any unused or excess Osher Reentry Scholarship funds above the cost of tuition for any award semester can not be refunded, applied to a prior or future session/semester, or used for related expenses.
- I understand that any award received will be applied to my account upon receipt of the required documents, as outlined in the award notification, by the dates indicated.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

