Expanding Participation in Computing—EPIC

National Science Foundation EPIC Scholarships at Oregon Institute of Technology

About OIT

Oregon Institute of Technology partners with academic, business and industry leaders to ensure our programs regularly adapt to new technologies and workforce demands. This real-world focus gives our graduates a competitive edge; 95 percent are employed or in graduate school within six months and, year after year, our bachelor's degree graduates command starting salaries that surpass those of their peers at all other public universities in the state.

Our applied approach to teaching is the main reason so many employers seek OIT alumni. Our students have amazing opportunities to apply what they learn in lab-based classes, capstone projects, externships and cooperative-education experiences. And in every program, major studies are underscored by a general-education core that broadens students' understanding of the world and teaches them to communicate effectively, solve problems and think for themselves.

Established in 1947, OIT is the only accredited public polytechnic university in the Pacific Northwest. The main campus is located in Klamath Falls, Oregon's City of Sunshine. Degree-completion programs geared for working adults are offered at two campuses located in Portland and via Distance Education.

Hands-on education for real-world achievement.

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About the program

The National Science Foundation Expanding Participation in Computing (EPIC) program seeks to motivate and enable low-income, underrepresented and academically talented students—especially women, members of minority populations, students with disabilities, first-generation college students and those from rural communities—to pursue bachelor's degrees in computing programs at OIT in Klamath Falls. As many as 30 scholarship recipients will each receive up to $6,100 which may be used toward tuition, books, supplies or equipment while attending Oregon Tech. EPIC scholarship recipients will be assigned faculty mentors and will participate in special programs and activities designed to support academic and personal success.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for EPIC, you must:
- Be a United States citizen, U.S. national, permanent resident alien or refugee alien at the time of application.
- Demonstrate financial need, defined for undergraduate students by the U.S. Department of Education rules for Federal financial aid.
- Plan to pursue (or continue) full-time enrollment in one of the following majors:
- Computer Engineering Technology
- Software Engineering Technology
- Embedded Systems Engineering Technology
- Information Technology/Accounting
- Information Technology/Applications Development
- Information Technology/Business/Systems Analysis
- Information Technology/Health Informatics

EPIC scholarships may be renewed for up to three years, based on certain student expectations. To be considered for renewed scholarships, EPIC recipients must:
1. Maintain full time student status in a computing or IT major.
2. Make satisfactory academic progress toward completion of a bachelor's degree.
3. Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
4. Participate in EPIC Learning Community seminar courses as students or mentors.

How to apply

Students wishing to apply for the EPIC scholarship must:
- Complete the OIT EPIC application.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Make sure to include OIT's school code: 003211.
- Write a short essay explaining why you wish to study computing and how the scholarship will help you attain your degree.
- Include a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or high school teacher describing your potential for success.
- Provide transcripts of high school and all college work completed.

Complete application packages (including the EPIC application, essay, transcripts and letter of recommendation) must be received by Feb. 1, 2010.

Send application packages to:

EPIC Program
Computer Systems Engineering Technology
Oregon Institute of Technology
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Evaluation

Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria will be evaluated based on:
- Academic readiness as reflected in transcripts and placement tests
- Quality and content of application essay
- Content of the letter of recommendation
- Strong preference given to women, minorities, first generation college students and students with disabilities

For more information, contact OIT Professor Sherry Yang by e-mail at sherry.yang@oit.edu or by telephone at (541) 885-1594. Please visit OIT's EPIC page on the Web at www.oit.edu/EPIC.

Make your future EPIC!