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## The Osher Reentry Scholarship Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Rochester Institute of Technology

### **Application Instructions:**

All materials must be submitted via e-mail to Rachel McGinnis at [cms@rit.edu](mailto:cms@rit.edu) or to your academic advisor. We will continue to accept applications until all scholarships have been awarded. Please put "Osher Reentry Scholarship Application" in your email subject line.

The Osher Reentry Scholarship will be awarded for each academic year to students selected by the CMS Scholarship Selection Committee. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$5,000. Scholarship awards will be applied directly to student tuition fees exclusively. This scholarship is open to all CMS undergraduate students and potential students in good academic standing.

The scholarship is intended to provide assistance to individuals with financial need between the ages of 25 and 50 whose collegiate studies were interrupted for five or more years by circumstances beyond their control and who now wish to resume their studies and complete a four-year baccalaureate degree (bachelor's degree). These students are defined as "reentry" students who did not have the opportunity, usually because of financial need, to complete their higher education at an earlier stage in their lives.

Reentry students often have special needs including matriculation and career counseling, familiarization with new information technology used in higher education, and balancing the requirements of their families and employment. They impress counselors as individuals who bring a strong sense of commitment to their studies and often perform at a higher level than more traditionally aged students.

In order to be considered, applicants must submit:

- A current resume
- A brief narrative which contains the following information:
  - Full name
  - University ID Number
  - Current address, phone number(s), e-mail address
  - Degree program and concentrations
  - Anticipated graduation date
  - Cumulative GPA\* as of the last quarter of attendance
  - CMS advisor's name
  - Why you chose CMS to complete your degree
- 300 word personal essays explaining why you feel you are qualified to receive this award. Give specific examples of how you meet the definition of a "reentry" student. Explain reasons why you did not complete your education initially. Share how and why you have come back to school and why you chose CMS to complete your degree. Include an explanation of your financial need and how this award will help you. Please note that parts of this may be used for reporting and marketing purposes.
- All applicants must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Aid) form. The form can be completed online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.
- All recipients must successfully complete at least 16 hours of RIT coursework during the school year in which the Osher Reentry Scholarship is received
- All recipients will be asked to submit a current photograph. All materials submitted for the application process may be used for reporting or marketing purposes
- All recipients of the Osher Reentry Scholarship will be asked to write a follow-up essay the end of the academic year sharing the benefits of receiving their awards.

\*CMS applicants who have not fully completed the matriculation process are eligible to apply for this award. However, recipients will need to be matriculated before awards are made.