

Bilingual & Diverse Teacher Scholars Program

In collaboration with Oregon school districts and community colleges, Western Oregon University is seeking smart, energetic **students who are bilingual (Spanish), ethnically diverse, and/or heritage speakers of a language other than English** eager to join the next generation of Oregon teachers through the Bilingual and Diverse Teacher Scholars Program!

The Bilingual and Diverse Teacher Scholars Program aligns resources and opportunities for students to attend Western Oregon University and provides **a scholarship up to \$3,000 per year**, renewable annually. Students in the program receive academic support, individualized advising and professional development opportunities. Upon completion, students may receive preferred hiring in their school districts.



The Bilingual and Diverse Teacher Scholars program provides generous tuition assistance. Recipients must maintain a **strong GPA and progress toward graduation** to remain eligible for participation.

*El Programa de Maestros Becarios Bilingües y Diversos ofrece becas de ayuda financiera. Becarios **deben mantener un buen promedio académico (GPA por sus siglas en inglés) y cumplir todos los requisitos de graduación a fin de permanecer en el programa.***

BILINGUAL TEACHER SCHOLARS:

DIVERSE TEACHER SCHOLARS:

You are eligible if you are...

- **Bilingual in Spanish and English**

- Admitted to Western Oregon University as an incoming undergraduate student: a high school student on track to graduate from an Oregon high school; or a transfer student from an Oregon community college planning to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Education.

or

- Admitted to Western Oregon University as an incoming graduate student: entering either the Master of Arts in Teaching (Secondary Education), or the M.S. in Education (Special Education K-12), or the M.S. in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education program.

You are eligible if you are...

- **Ethnically diverse or a heritage speaker of a language other than English**



For Questions, Please Contact:

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Carlos Martinez Rangel • Salem-Keizer School District



"The BTS program helped me form a community at WOU, because my fellow BTS scholars and I help each other in both academic and extracurricular activities."

"El programa BTS me ayudó a formar una comunidad en WOU ya que mis compañeros que son parte del programa BTS y yo nos ayudamos en lo académico y en lo extracurricular"

Lourdes Salazar • Hillsboro School District

"Being part of the BTS program has given me great opportunities to achieve my professional dreams."

"Ser parte del programa BTS me ha brindado grandes oportunidades para alcanzar mis sueños profesionales."



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Incoming Undergraduate Students:

Apply to Western Oregon University online at: wou.edu/admission (click the "Apply Now" button).

A separate scholarship application is not required. We will consider information provided in your admissions application.

Bilingual/Diverse Teacher awards will be considered on a rolling basis. In other words, there is no specific deadline for your application. However, we encourage you to apply as early as possible in order to maximize your chances of receiving the award.

Incoming Graduate Students:

Please contact Olivia Flores, Education Advisor, for information about the deadlines for your specific graduate program:

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