



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Where do I apply?

The application for the Next Generation Fund is online via this link, <https://form.jotform.com/SOGoodwill/next-generation-fund-application>. Depending on the type of educational program you are intending to participate in you will have different application requirements.

2. How much is the max I can receive for tuition aid?

The maximum amount that will be awarded to a successful license, certificate, or high school advancement course applicant will not be greater than \$1500.00 in a calendar year, with the total amount awarded each cycle determined by a committee.

The maximum amount that will be awarded to a degree applicant will not be greater than \$3000.00 in a calendar year, with the total amount awarded each cycle determined by the Board of Directors.

3. Do I still receive the funding if the associate I am connected to quits or is terminated after I have been accepted for the fund?

Once the scholarship is awarded it will not be rescinded if the employment status of your family member changes, however future renewals are depended on meeting the initial application criteria

4. Is this a one-time fund or can I apply every year or multiple times a year?

Once you have been awarded the scholarship you will be eligible to renew your funding for additional years by providing a report from your financial institution verifying your enrollment and academic process. You will only be allowed to renew for 5 years before you must reapply for the Next Generation Fund.

Recipients will only be eligible for one grant per year.

5. I'm working toward a license, certificate, or high school advancement course. How long can I expect funds to go through once I have been accepted?

Completed applications will be reviewed in March, June, September, and December with award notification occurring in the monthly immediately following review. Payment will be made directly to the financial institution based on individual program and specifics of the institution.

6. I'm working toward a degree. How long can I expect funds to go through once I have been accepted?

Completed applications will be reviewed in June and December. With award notification occurring in the monthly immediately following review. Payment will be made directly to the financial institution based on individual program and specifics of the institution.

7. What happens if I do not complete my degree or program? Do I need to give the money I received from the fund back?

There is no “repayment” penalty for failure to complete your program, however, by not showing “academic progress” you might not be eligible for continued funding.

8. What are the prerequisites for me to qualify for this fund?

There is only one requirement to be eligible for the Next Generation Fund: you must be a family member of a qualifying Goodwill Associate.

A family member is defined as: parent, sibling, or child, and/or grandchild; including but not limited to, step, foster, adopted and/or legal guardians, and spouse; including but not limited to domestic partners.

A Goodwill Associate is defined as an individual who is employed by Southern Oregon Goodwill.

The qualifying Goodwill Employee must have been employed with the organization for a minimum of 6 months and in good standing at the time of application.

9. My child is enrolled in honors classes and needs to pay the enrollment fee, and/or test fee, are they eligible to apply for the Next Generation Fund?

Yes, your child may be eligible for assistance up to \$1,500 annually to help cover the cost of honors classes. They will need to apply each term to receive reimbursement.

10. My child needs a certificate, or specific license to work while still in high school, can the fund be used to pay for needed documentation?

Yes, your child may be eligible for up to \$50.00 per calendar year to obtain certificates or licensure required to work while still in high school.

11. Is there a limited number of people that can receive this fund and, if so, is it first come first served?

The IRS considers the Next Generation Fund an employer sponsored scholarship program; therefore, we must follow certain rules pertaining to the administration of the funds.

It is required that we utilize the “percentage test” in awarding funding – meaning we will only be able to award a certain percentage of individuals each cycle depending on the number of applications and number of eligible applicants. The criteria that the Grant Selection Committee will use to determine awardees is as follows:

- Prior academic performance
- Letters of recommendation
- Intended course of study
- Grant selection committee’s conclusions as to the applicant’s motivation, character, ability, or potential