

Regional Community College Career Technical Education Program



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The Roundhouse Foundation recognizes that in order to have a thriving rural economy, residents need access to educational opportunities that match community needs. Community Colleges are place-based and represent the most current and important needs within the region they represent. Career Technical Education (CTE) courses are available at these regional Colleges and offer an opportunity for community members to enhance their own lives and their respective community, as well as elevating their rural economy.

Many traditional and non-traditional students seek career pathways through connection in their local community colleges. With Oregon's Promise and other scholarship and grant opportunities, frequently tuition and fees associated with these programs can be greatly reduced – making them accessible to many populations. We recognize there may be additional barriers for students to access these programs despite state, federal and regional financial aid.



Roundhouse Foundation: Preliminary Budget, COCC

Program	Item	Qty	Cost per item	Total
Automotive	Small Tool Set	24	\$ 225.00	\$ 5,400.00
Vet Tech	Various - see below	18	various	\$ 800.00
Fire Science	Field Boots	18	\$ 175.00	\$ 3,150.00
Science Labs	Lab Fees	54	\$ 12.00	\$ 648.00
			TOTAL	\$ 9,998.00

Sample Roundhouse Foundation budget from COCC, Fall Term 2020

Starting in 2020, Roundhouse Foundation partnered with Central Oregon Community College to pilot a program that helped offset financial barriers -- outside of tuition and fees -- for students participating in select Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses. Following the success of this program, the Roundhouse Foundation expanded the program for the 2021-2022 school year to five additional Oregon community colleges.

In 2022-23, the Foundation plans to continue expanding this program to include the six current community college partners, as well as five additional community colleges across the state.

Eligibility: Five Oregon community colleges have been pre-selected and invited to apply based on regional representation. Based on total enrollment, colleges are eligible for a sliding scale of funds to develop and distribute scholarships to students within CTE programs that are mutually agreed upon between college staff and Roundhouse Foundation.

Student Enrollment & Scholarship Funds

Based on Full Time Student Enrollment

Under 500 FTE: \$5,000/Term
501-1500 FTE: \$7,500/Term
1501 FTE and above: \$10,000/Term

Roundhouse Foundation Mission

Roundhouse Foundation supports creative solutions to the unique challenges associated with rural culture and landscapes of the Pacific Northwest.

Roundhouse Focus Areas

- Arts & Culture
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Social Services

Frequently Asked Questions

What courses qualify for funding?

Courses eligible for funding include CTE credit-seeking courses that align with Roundhouse Foundation's mission. All course levels qualify for this funding (e.g. students do not need to be in their first year to qualify). Continuing education and certification courses do not qualify for this program at this time. If you have any questions regarding qualifying courses or CTE programs, please reach out to Roundhouse staff.

What are the funding levels?

Grant award amounts are based on the total number of students enrolled full time (FTE), including those students enrolled in non-CTE courses. Funding is awarded as an annual award to be distributed across three terms (Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer). The levels are as follows:

- Under 500 FTE: \$5,000/Term (Total annual award: \$15,000)
- 501-1500 FTE: \$7,500/Term (Total annual award: \$22,500)
- 1501 FTE and above: \$10,000/Term (Total annual award: \$30,000)

How many terms can each community college apply for?

Funding is available for a full school year, consisting of three (Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer) terms. Funding for participating community colleges is distributed as one sum upfront, to be distributed in amounts to qualifying CTE programs at the community college's discretion across the different terms.

Some terms have more requests for funding than others. Can I adjust how I distribute funding based on student need by term?

Yes, the dollar per term number serves as a guideline for how Roundhouse Foundation determines funding amount for each participating institution. While we encourage each participating community college to ensure funds are distributed equitably across their CTE programs and student body, we understand that fluctuating enrollment across terms may necessitate heavier funding in specific terms. For example, a college with Under 500 FTE can choose to distribute \$6,000 in Fall Term and \$4,000 in Spring Term, as opposed to \$5,000 each term, in order to better match student need.

What are the reporting requirements?

We ask that participating community colleges complete 2 Interim Reports and 1 Final Report. The Interim Reports must be completed following each term and prior to distribution of funds for the next term. Specific dates are flexible depending upon each community college's calendar.

The three necessary reports are as follows:

- Winter Interim Report - to be submitted following Fall Term and prior to distributing Winter Term funds
- Spring/Summer Interim Report - to be submitted following Winter Term and prior to distributing Spring/Summer Term funds
- Final Report following the Spring/Summer Term prior to June 30, 2022

How are funds distributed?

This varies by community college, as each school has unique financial operations. Generally, once a community college has received the funds, all a student needs to do is enroll in an eligible pre-approved CTE program and that student will automatically receive the funds to their student body account to cover the cost of program supplies. Alternatively, some community colleges choose to purchase program supplies in bulk to distribute to the students directly. Whichever method you choose, we want to ensure this funding does not alter a student's financial aid package.

How do I apply?

Roundhouse Foundation will distribute application instructions to eligible institutions. The application period will be open **mid-June through July 20, 2022**. Decisions will be announced in **early August** and funds to selected colleges will be distributed quickly thereafter.

Who can I contact with more questions?

Questions, concerns, or feedback regarding the Regional Community College Career & Technical Education Program should be directed to:

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