Protecting the public and reducing crime by holding youth offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

Help Oregon’s most at-risk youth create better futures for themselves, their families, and their communities.

New Beginnings
College Scholarship Program

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What is New Beginnings?

New Beginnings is a scholarship program that helps youth offenders with no other resources take on-line college classes.

Not all youth are eligible for PELL or other education grants. New Beginnings bridges the gap between the desire to learn and the resources available. It helps youth go to college.

Why is New Beginnings important?

Education reduces future victimization and improves public safety. The more education a youth offender receives, the less likely that youth is to commit another crime:

- Average recidivism rate: 28%
- Associate degree: 14%
- Bachelor degree: 6%
- Master degree: 0%

Getting an education helps youth build better futures for themselves, their families, and their communities. Youth commit fewer crimes, which reduces future victimization and increases public safety.

What kinds of classes do youth take?

Youth in the care and custody of the Oregon Youth Authority have access to all the same on-line classes as students anywhere. Youth get degrees in business, accounting, art, and even law. And New Beginnings can help.

How do I contribute?

If you would like to help make a positive difference in the lives of youth offenders, you can make a tax-deductible contribution to the New Beginnings scholarship fund. The fund is managed by the Oregon Student Access Commission, which oversees more than 400 different types of scholarships. OSAC’s federal identification number is 93-6015581.

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