Bend Chapter OHA

Charles Beckley Scholarship Introduction 2015

The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) has established a scholarship for higher education honoring the life-time member Charles Beckley, who passed away in 2004. Mr. Beckley was a dedicated OHA member and was among the first hunter education instructors in the state of Oregon. This scholarship furthers OHA’s goal of helping to educate future hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.

Bend OHA is looking forward to handing out multiple scholarships this year ranging from $250 to $1000. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of each is largely dependent on the amount of money available in the Charles Beckley Scholarship fund and the number of qualified applicants. Funds for these scholarships have been raised from the Charles Beckley raffle at the annual OHA Mule Deer Classic Banquet.

RULES:

Eligible applicants must be new or returning college students enrolled in any accredited trade school, technical school, community college or university.

The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school at which the student is enrolled and will be credited to their account.

The scholarship award is a one-time gift and must be able to be used in the year it is awarded. Any unused funds will be returned to the scholarship fund by the school to be used for future awards.

Applicants must complete the scholarship application form and include an essay explaining why you should be selected. Include any past experiences that demonstrate how your values and experiences align with the OHA mission statement. You may include other materials such as letters of recommendation, photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service, past awards, or examples of leadership. Applications must be postmarked by April 25, 2015.

A recipient may apply for the scholarship again in subsequent years; however, winners will be selected from all eligible applicants each year and past success does not guarantee future success.

The applicant must be a Bend OHA chapter member or child of a member.

If awarded a scholarship, the recipient will provide the Bend Chapter of OHA with the college scholarship contact information. The chapter will contact the school and arrange for funds to be provided directly to the school.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applicants will be judged on their application, eligibility requirements, volunteer work, essay and other materials provided. Applications will be reviewed by the Bend OHA Scholarship Committee with recommendations to the Bend Chapter board of directors.

For information on becoming a member of the Bend Chapter of OHA please visit our chapter website at: www.ohabend.webs.com. A copy of the scholarship application can be downloaded there.
2015 Bend Chapter OHA Scholarship Judging Criteria

Below is the criterion by which each applicant’s information will be evaluated. Consider the following points when answering application questions or writing your essay.

- Verification of Bend OHA membership or family membership
- Major course of study: Classes directed toward fish & wildlife, wildlife biology, or wildlife habitat may rate higher
- Involvement in OHA or other habitat projects
- Extracurricular participation
- Leadership skills
- Community activities
- Awards
- Work experience
- School transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Essay: Content, structure, and grammar
- Hunting or Fishing license and last year it was validated
- Photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service
- An example of a goal you set for yourself and how you accomplished it