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

Bend OHA is looking forward to handing out several scholarships this year ranging from $250 to $1000. The number of scholarships will be dependent upon the balance in the Charles Beckley Scholarship Fund. Funds for these scholarships are raised from the Charles Beckley raffle at the Mule Deer Classic banquet and from an annual gun raffle.

Rules:
1. The scholarship will be available to new or returning college students enrolled in any accredited trade school, technical school, community college or university.

2. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school at which the student is enrolled in their name.

3. The scholarship award is for one year only and must be used during the school year immediately following its award. Any unused funds will be returned to the scholarship fund for future awards.

4. Applicants must complete the scholarship application form and include a one page essay. Submit both to the Bend Chapter of the OHA by April 25, 2012.

5. A recipient may apply for the scholarship each year; however the award will be selected from all the applicants each year.

6. The applicant must be a member or child of a member of OHA’s Bend Chapter.

7. Upon selection, the recipient will supply the Bend OHA with the college scholarship contact information.

Selection Criteria:
Applicants will be judged on their application, eligibility requirements, volunteer work, essay and resume. Applications will be reviewed and the scholarships will be selected and awarded by the Bend OHA Scholarship Committee. (For information on becoming a member of the Bend Chapter of the OHA call Mike @ 541-390-5389)
Application
For Bend OHA
Charles Beckley Scholarship
Submit to: Bend OHA, P.O. Box 6618, Bend, Oregon 97708

Please Print or Type

Name _____________________________________________ Age ____________
Address ____________________________________________
City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip Code _________
Phone ________________ Cell ___________ E-Mail ______________________
OHA Membership Number ________________ Or Parent’s OHA # __________
School at which you will attend ______________________ Contact ____________________
Address ____________________________________________ PH # ________________

Are you currently enrolled in school? __________
What is your planned field of study? ______________________

Please describe any volunteer wildlife or habitat projects in which you participated: __________
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Please attach the following:

Transcripts: Official school transcripts.

Letters of Reference: Three current letters of reference from teachers, counselors, community leaders or management personnel. (Do not include relatives)

Essay: Write a one page essay explaining why you will be a good investment if awarded this scholarship. Include any experiences and background which demonstrate your dedication to wildlife conservation. Also please include your ideas on the future of wildlife conservation, hunting, shooting and fishing.

** Note: Please feel free to attach a resume, a picture of you in an outdoor activity or additional sheets of information to your application.

Signature of Applicant ____________________________ Date ________________
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 to fish, wildlife and habitat may rate higher
- Involvement in OHA or other habitat projects.
- Extra curricular participation
- Leadership skills
- Community activities
- Awards
- Work experience
- School transcripts
- Reference letters
- Essay: content, structure, grammar
- Hunting or Fishing license and last year it was validated
- Photo’s of you, possibly engaged in outdoor activities
- An example of a goal you set for yourself and how you accomplished it