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Cottage Grove Community Foundation provides 45 scholarships to area students

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation provided 43 scholarships and two renewable scholarships to students from Cottage Grove High School, Kennedy Alternative High School, Creswell High School and North Douglas High School for a total \$37,350. Since its inception, the foundation has given out almost \$190,000 to deserving students to help them pay for their education.

“Each year we receive funds to disburse for scholarships from eleven endowment funds. And this year we also had funds from over 15 donors and many of the faculty of the South Lane School District who have monthly payroll deductions for scholarships for the South Lane School District students,” said Kathryn Porter, co-chair of the scholarship committee. She said they received 70 applications and had funds to distribute to only 50% of those applicants. “We have a goal to provide scholarship funds to all the students graduating from schools in South Lane School District that want to pursue higher education including vocational schools, community colleges, and universities. Cottage Grove residents have been very generous in the past in their contribution of funds including the establishment of endowments and we must get the word out that more of our students are continuing their education and need the extra help that these scholarships provide.” Anyone wishing to make donations should contact the foundation office at 942-0014. All contributions are tax deductible.

This year’s scholarships were funded by the following endowment funds: Cottage Grove Community Foundation Permanent Fund, South Lane Education Fund, Sumer Solesbee Nursing Scholarship Fund, Woodard Family Scholarship for LCC held by the LCC Foundation, Elizabeth Stewart Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jim Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund, Krista Parent Scholarship Fund, Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Doris Abbott Fund, Roger and Eileen Russell Fund, Sumer Solesbee Memorial Scholarship Fund, Margaret Mae Anibal Endowment Fund, LCC Anonymous Vocational Scholarship Fund held by the Oregon Community Foundation, Portmann Family Fund, Mildred Smith Scholarship Fund. Donors include Scott and Sherry Saunders, Dr. Tom Creager and Betty Wright.

The scholarships ranged from \$300 to \$1,500.

The Cottage Grove High School and Kennedy Alternative High School recipients are:

Cottage Grove Community Foundation Permanent Fund Scholarships:

Danielle Linder to attend Oregon State University and study to become a Veterinarian
Daina Tague to attend the University of Oregon and ultimately become an attorney

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation Donor Scholarship:

Greta Taie to attend Oregon State University and become a teacher

Saunders Family Scholarships:

Carol Long to attend Lane Community College and study Marine Biology

Dr. Tom Creager Scholarship:

Daniel Zajic to attend Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and ultimately become a medical biologist

South Lane Education Fund Scholarships:

Reed Levings undecided on schools, but will ultimately become a Dentist.

Mauricio Lopez to attend the University of Oregon and become an Architect

Daniel Zajic to attend Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and ultimately become a medical biologist

Woodard Family Scholarship for LCC:

Rachael Dahlen to attend Lane Community College and work in the medical field

Sumer Solesbee Nursing Scholarships:

Meghan Mullins to attend Eastern Oregon University and become a Registered Nurse/Midwife

Gorretti Pham to attend Oregon State University and ultimately become a nurse

These students previously awarded Sumer Solesbee Nursing Scholarships were selected to receive renewable scholarships:

Christopher Bryant who attends Lane Community College, CGHS class of 2009

Aimee Smith who attends University of Portland, CGHS class of 2009

Jim Wright Memorial Scholarship:

Mark Boyd to attend Oregon State University and major in Engineering

Dustin DeGeorge to attend Oregon State University and study Nuclear Engineering

Leif Korth to attend Humboldt State University in Arcata, California and study Marine Fisheries Biology

Kaitlyn Mentzer to attend the University of Oregon and study business

Miranda Rust to attend Lane Community College or Western Oregon University and ultimately become a Neonatologist

Elizabeth Stewart Memorial Scholarship:

Theresa Quick to attend Lane Community College and become an accountant

Krista Parent Scholarship:

Rebekah McClean to attend Linn-Benton Community College and become a Junior High School Language Arts Teacher

Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Abbott Memorial Scholarship:

Dani Nowak to attend Pacific University and become a physical therapist

Cottage Grove Community Foundation LCC Anonymous vocational scholarship:

Justine Bojarsky to attend Lane Community College and study apparel design

Amanda Canales to attend Lane Community College and ultimately become an Orthodontic Assistant

Tara Lambert to attend Lane Community College and become a Graphic Designer or an English/Spanish Translator

Margaret Mae Anibal Memorial Scholarships:

Melanie Ferguson to attend Oregon State University and become an Obstetrician
Leith Korth to attend Humboldt State and study marine fisheries biology
Rebekah McClean to attend Linn-Benton Community College and become an English Teacher
Aislinn Mirsch who is undecided about the school but will to study marine biology
Gorretti Pham to attend Oregon State University and become a nurse
Greta Taie to attend Oregon State University and become a teacher
Kyla Walley to attend Northwest Christian University and become a teacher
Daniel Zajic to attend Whitman College and become a medical biologist

Portmann Family Scholarships:

Kaitlyn Mentzer to attend the University of Oregon and study business
Miranda Rust to attend Lane Community College or Western Oregon University and ultimately become a Neonatologist
Daniel Zajic to attend Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and become a medical biologist

Mildred Smith Memorial Scholarship:

Patricia Guterrez who is undecided about the school, but wants to become a physical therapist

Cottage Grove Rotary Scholarship (those funded by their endowment)

Mauricio Lopez to attend the University of Oregon and become an Architect
Reed Levings undecided on schools, but will ultimately become a Dentist
Leif Korth to attend Humboldt State and study marine fisheries biology

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Kyla Walley to attend Northwestern Christian University and become a teacher

The Creswell Recipients are:

Jim Wright Memorial Scholarships:

Aaron Berg to attend Western Oregon University and study Psychiatry

Woodard Family Scholarship for LCC

Briana Wipplinger to attend Lane Community College and become a teacher

The North Douglas High School recipient is:

Roger and Eileen Russell Scholarship:

Tyson Tinnes to attend Northwest Christian University and become an elementary school teacher

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation was established in 1991 as a public non-profit organization to help improve the quality of life for the residents of the City of Cottage Grove and surrounding communities. It is a resource for citizens, private companies and other foundations to make charitable gifts and bequests that will provide financial support to educational, medical, cultural, social and civic organizations serving the community.

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