

Bend Chapter OHA

Charles L Beckley Scholarship

The Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association, in partnership with Bill Beckley, has established this scholarship for higher education honoring the life-time member Charles L 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 assists young men and women in reaching their educational goals.

Charles Beckley, who graduated from Oregon State University, was instrumental in bringing FFA (Future Farmers of America) to Central Oregon as Bend High School's first vo-ag instructor and FFA advisor in 1952. He was chairman and founder of "Red Hat Days" in the late 1950's as a precursor to hunter safety. He became one of the first hunter safety instructors in the state when he began teaching hunter safety to his ag students in the early 1960's. In 1962, he became the first high school teacher in the state of Oregon to teach wildlife and forestry fulltime. He created his own curriculum which he later expanded to include hydrology, ecology, and conservation. Among his many affiliations, he was most proud of his lifetime memberships in the Oregon Hunters Association and National Rifle Association. We honor his memory with this scholarship.