

# OHA Bend Chapter

## 2026 Beckley Family Scholarship

OHA awards scholarships to applicants based on the criteria identified herein, while pursuing areas of study and careers that support OHA's mission of "Protecting Oregon's wildlife, habitat and hunting heritage."

### **Who is eligible for an OHA scholarship?**

Eligible applicants must be new or returning college students enrolled in any accredited trade school, technical school, college or university. Applicants in a field of study which aligns with OHA's mission will be given greater consideration for receiving a scholarship. Fields of study may include, but are not limited to: fish & wildlife, wildlife biology, forestry, environmental policy & planning, environmental law, public lands management, wildlife law enforcement, and natural resources.

### **Who is not eligible for an OHA scholarship?**

The following individuals and their family members are **ineligible** for awards: OHA officers and directors, members of the selection committee, trustees, and substantial financial contributors.

### **What criteria are used to judge applicants?**

Applicants are judged on their application, eligibility requirements, volunteer work, essay and other materials provided. Applications will be reviewed by the OHA Scholarship Committee with recommendations to the board of directors. Below are the criteria by which each applicant's information will be evaluated. Consider the following points when answering application questions or writing your essay.

- Major course of study
- Involvement with OHA or activities aligned with OHA's mission (applicants are not limited to OHA members)
- Extracurricular participation
- Leadership skills
- Community activities
- Awards
- Work experience
- Essay: Content, structure, and grammar
- Photos of you engaged in outdoor activities or community service
- An example of a goal you set for yourself and how you accomplished it

### **How are scholarship funds dispersed?**

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.

### **What must I do to be considered for an OHA scholarship?**

Applicants must complete the scholarship application form and return as described under **Eligibility**.

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.

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

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### Must send Application & Required Documents to:

Oregon Hunters Association.

P.O. Box 6618

Bend, OR 97708

### Eligibility:

Applicant must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior planning to pursue a degree at an accredited institution of higher education as a full-time student or be currently enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student.
2. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Be a current Oregon resident.
4. Submit all scholarship application requirements to the address above postmarked by **April 15, 2026**.

### Requirements:

Please provide the following documents to ensure a complete application:

1. Completed application form
2. Official high school transcript
3. Hunting or fishing license number and last year it was validated
4. Two letters of recommendation
  - a. One personal reference: non-relative and non-school
  - b. One professional reference: non-relative, can include school official
5. In the applicant's own words, write an essay (1 to 3 pages) from one of the subjects listed below: \*
  - a. Explain how you would protect Oregon's wildlife and habitat.
  - b. Explain how you would promote and protect the hunting heritage of Oregon.
  - c. Explain the role of hunting and sportsmen in Oregon's wildlife management.

\* An AI generated essay will not be accepted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School you attend/plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Field(s) of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards received and/or leadership positions held: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra-curricular and volunteer activities in which you are involved:**

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**Are you/your family a member of the Oregon Hunters Association? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If so, briefly explain your participation:**

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**Are you an active hunter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please share your hunting experience to date:**

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**Recent hunting and/or fishing license #: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of issue: \_\_\_\_\_**