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Workers' Memorial Scholarship deadline is March 1

The Department of Consumer and Business Services, Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) is offering assistance to Oregon students through the Workers' Memorial Scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year.

The Workers' Memorial Scholarship is open to any high school graduate, graduating high school senior, GED recipient, current college undergraduate or graduate student who is a dependent or spouse of an Oregon worker that has been fatally injured, or permanently disabled, while on the job. Scholarship funds are available for use at colleges within the United States.

The deadline for submitting an application for the 2004-2005 school year is March 1, 2004.

Application forms are included in the 2004-2005 Scholarship Application packet available from the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) on their Web site, www.osac.state.or.us, or by mail to OSAC, 1500 Valley River Drive Suite 100, Eugene 97401-2146. Your local high school guidance counselor or Oregon college financial aid departments should also have forms available. On-line applications are also accepted at the OSAC electronic application Web site, www.GetCollegeFunds.org. Applicants must be Oregon residents receiving fatality benefits, a dependent or spouse of a fatally injured worker, or be the dependent or spouse of an Oregon worker who has incurred a permanent total disability and whose claim for workers' compensation benefits has been accepted.

For more information concerning the Workers Memorial Scholarship program, contact Kathy Mossbrucker with Oregon OSHA, (503) 947-7992 or Alan Baas with the Oregon Student Assistance Commission at 1-800-452-8807.

Oregon OSHA presents annual scholarships to assist in the post-secondary education of spouses or children of permanently disabled or fatally injured workers. The Workers' Memorial Scholarship was established by the 1991 Legislature at the request of the Oregon AFL-CIO with support from Associated Oregon Industries.

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