

## ORDER OF THE ANTELOPE FOUNDATION

### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING GUIDELINES

**PURPOSE:** The Order of the Antelope Foundation (OOTA) is dedicated to sponsoring a scholarship program that provides financial assistance to candidates who are related to an active member of OOTA. There are two categories of scholarships:

1. The OOTA Finishline Scholarship is for assisting juniors and seniors to “cross the finish line” by completing their college degrees. This is open to all academic fields of study. The OOTA Foundation is dedicated to the conservation of wildlife and the perpetuation of the multiple use concepts of natural resources. Therefore, some priority will be given to students majoring in natural resource management and conservation fields.
2. The OOTA Vocational/Trade Scholarship assists a candidate to pursue a career in a trade for vocational field. Some examples are an electrician, plumber, HVAC, refrigeration, phlebotomy, medical or dental assistant, or technology, etc.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** The total scholarship money to be awarded each calendar year is \$7500.00. There will be five (5) \$1500.00 scholarships awarded each year. If a student receives a scholarship for their junior year, they may reapply during their senior year and will receive some priority for the scholarship, but not a guarantee.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** The committee shall be made up of two members of the OOTA Board of Directors and five active members of the general membership of OOTA. There will be one alternate member designated from the general membership. Committee members from the general membership must be active members as outlined and appointed by the Board of Directors. The committee will develop guidelines for the scholarship program and advise the Foundation Board of Directors regarding the recipients of the scholarships. The committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for their approval. The committee will make a yearly report to the OOTA Board of Directors or whenever requested by the Board of Directors.

**FINAL DECISION:** The final decision, of the successful applicants to receive the scholarship, lies with the Board of Directors and their decision is final.

**MEMBER RELATIONSHIP:** Scholarship applicants must be related to an active member of OOTA. This includes, but not limited to, sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, nieces, nephew, son-in-law’s, daughters-in- law, stepson’s, stepdaughters, wives and active members. **An active member is any member who has paid the registration fee to the preceding year’s annual**

**OOTA trek or has paid the retaining membership fee for the preceding year of the scholarship award.**

**GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** The student's GPA is transferred into 0-10 points on the scoring rubric. Zero points is equal to 2.09 or below and ten points is equal to 3.9 or above.

**ESSAYS:** Candidates for either scholarship need to answer two of the three provided essay questions (500 word limit per question).

**ACTIVITIES:** Candidates for either scholarship must also provide a list of activities, community service, employment, or other significant obligations separate from your essay.

**APPLICATION SCORING AND TIPS:** Each student is given Application Scoring Tips for pointers, word limits for essays, and a rubric scoring guide to assist in preparing their essays and activities.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** The applications will be on the OOTA website beginning on April 1st and will be due on June 1st.

**REVIEW AND AWARDS:** From June 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> the applications will be accepted and distributed to the committee members for scoring. The applications that are received by the scoring committee will be assigned a number and the names of the applicants will be removed. The committee members have from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> to score the applications and return their scoring summaries. The scores will be tallied with the results being sent to the Keeper of the Foundation. He will then present the findings to the Board of Directors at the OOTA July meeting. The announcement will be made at the annual trek in July.

Award recipients will be officially notified by the Keeper of the Foundation via telephone as well as email by August 1<sup>st</sup>. All other applicants will receive an email notification by August 1<sup>st</sup> as well.

**DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:** The Keeper of the Foundation will issue checks in the amount of \$1500.00 payable to each of the successful students. Along with the check, the Keeper of the Foundation will send instructions that, upon request, the students are to provide the Foundation a record of what the scholarship funds were used for.

**CONTINGENCIES:** In the event that the scholarship is awarded and the student is unable to use it due to unforeseen circumstances, the student shall inform the Keeper of the Foundation in writing and return the unused funds to the Keeper of the Foundation at P.O. Box 1071 Lakeview, Oregon 97630.