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## *Oregon Independent Aggregate Association*

# *Newsletter*

**September 2021**

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### **Chairman's Message**

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the US House could pass a national infrastructure bill that received bipartisan support from the Senate in August. It has been a long-standing objective under several administrations to address aging systems and manage limited road capacity, outdated utilities, and critical connections like bridges – needs that transcend political rancor. We get from our national circulatory system what we put into it. Like many, I worry about how effectively the funds will be used and hope there will be protections from abuse. But the needs are still there.

Many mining, engineering, and trade associations strongly support the infrastructure bill. Admittedly, these industries have a vested interest in infrastructure programs being funded, but mining and construction people are closer to the problems and thus understand the needs. The CEO for the Associated General Contractors of America, Stephen Sandherr, issued a statement against House Republicans who have been organizing opposition to the bill to thwart Democrats other legislative objectives: <https://www.pitandquarry.com/agc-decries-gop-whipping-against-infrastructure-bill/>. While those “other objectives” raise some eyebrows, from the mining perspective, the infrastructure bill is a necessary step and will hopefully offer some stability and security.

Hope your kids are back to school and doing the best they can. They need all the love and support we can give. Take care and be safe.

***Erick Staley***  
***Chairman***

***Please if you are not interested in volunteering as a Board Member or to become an officer then give us your thoughts on how we should proceed as an association.***

## **THE FUTURE OF OIAA STANDS IN YOUR HANDS**

A few of our board members have left over recent years, and several of our long-standing officers must step down this December. The future of OIAA heading into 2022 is uncertain. To continue with our association, we are desperately seeking members to not only fill the board member positions but step up to build a new team of officers as well.

Active board participation really does not take much time. We meet a few times a year for approximately 2 hours. We are able to do our meetings in-person, via zoom or conference calls. Our in-person meetings are held in close proximity to our board members' locations, making it as convenient as possible to attend.

Please help us in 2022 to fill these positions and keep our association going strong. Those of you that participate in our annual training know how important it is to continue with our association. Others have received help with challenging compliance issues and difficult citations, help provided by OIAA board and associate members over the past 13 years.

We all got together on that rainy October 2008 day in Eugene for a reason. Don't forget what that was – with each administration comes change and the potential to again need each other to defend our industry and our livelihood. If you are interested in becoming a board member or officer, please email our secretary at [memberreply@oraggregate.com](mailto:memberreply@oraggregate.com) or contact any of our current board members or officers.

Thank you for being a part of our association. Please consider helping OIAA continue into the future with just a few hours of your time.

Kellie Ramar  
OIAA Secretary

## **Safepro**

Our June class in Savannah Ga was a great success. Many questions about MSHA's current inspection activity and what to look for in the near future came up. Change is coming now, not later understanding the laws and regulations that govern the mining industry are vital to managing your compliance and safety programs. It has never been more urgent for safety and production managers to fully comply with the 1977 act and 30 CFR. Protect your business and people with the Safepro Law Institute. It will give your people the tools for their tool box to protect your company.

We at Safepro are looking at the Law institute in mid-October 2021 in Savannah Ga to update the mining industry on current events along with our normal Law classes. If you are interested,

please let me know in the next couple of weeks so I can make the reservations and get class setup. Phone 828-385-2930 email [dbeam@safeproinc.com](mailto:dbeam@safeproinc.com)

PS: Check out our website [safeproinc.com](http://safeproinc.com) for online training. We offer New Miner and Annual Refresher Part 46. Companies with 50 or less employees can purchase all classes for the year for 1,100.00 and companies with over 50 can get all classes for 1500.00 for the year. These classes satisfy all training needs or can be used to add to already existing classes you may have.

Yours in Safe Production

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**Deadline extended to October 15, 2021**

**OIAA is once again offering a scholarship. The guidelines and application form are attached at the bottom of this newsletter. Congratulations to all our 2021 graduates.**

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**Our next meeting will be October 6<sup>th</sup> 9 AM. It will be done via teleconference if you would like to join in please contact Erick Staley.**

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**Stay Safe, Stay Healthy**



## ***THE OREGON INDEPENDENT AGGREGATE ASSOCIATION 2021 Scholarship Application***

Oregon Independent Aggregate Association (OIAA) is proud to offer a \$2,500.00 scholarship to any deserving student pursuing a career related to the construction, aggregate and forestry industry. Areas of study are to include construction, construction management, engineering, geology, architecture, land use planning, forestry, heavy equipment repair and welding.

### **Who May Apply?**

The OIAA Scholarship is open to all current members, employees of current members and their families studying in the required fields as indicated above.

The academic institution may be a university, community college, private college or a trade school with recognized related courses of study. Scholarships will be applied toward full or part-time tuition and or educational material costs within one calendar year.

Your Personal Statement is the most important part of your application! When you prepare your Personal Statement, it's very helpful to tell the OIAA scholarship selection committee about your career goals in the required industries, personal goals, reasons for applying for this particular scholarship, and personal financial circumstances that pertain to your financial need. Your statement should be a minimum of one page and not more than two pages.

### **The OIAA Selection and Award Process**

Applications will be directed to the scholarship selection committee. Scholarship recipient will be notified in writing by the OIAA and the recipient's name will be listed on the OIAA website. Those who do not receive scholarships will also be notified by mail.

Unless otherwise noted, the scholarship shall be in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 as a onetime award.

All recipients will be required to write a short letter of thanks to the OIAA and present it in person at a designated Board Meeting. By attending such meeting you indicate your acceptance of the award and the terms of the scholarship.

Scholarships shall be awarded in compliance with applicable Oregon laws and OIAA policies related to non-discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, disability, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status.



# Scholarship Application (2021)

*(Office Use Only)* Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. ACADEMIC INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current University, College or Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Extracurricular and or Community Information:**

List honors, awards, prizes or recognition you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List school and or group activities (sports, clubs, committees, offices) that you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

List and describe your hobbies and interests: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. **WORK EXPERIENCE (INCLUDE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IF NEEDED)**

What work experience have you had? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in work with a construction, aggregate projects or forestry company? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ PART-TIME \_\_\_\_\_ SUMMER \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. **Remember to attach the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ A transcript of grades through the last grading period prior to the date of application.

\_\_\_\_\_ A letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer or other relevant acquaintance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your Personal Statement as required in the Scholarship Guidelines.

*I certify that the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return you application to the attention of the application committee

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***Application Deadline: October 15, 2021***

Applicant will be selected for the school term starting September 2021