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## *Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter*

**September 2022**

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### **Chairman's Message**

When it comes to mine safety – there is now an app for that. MSHA has released a Miner Safety & Health app available for free for both iOS and Android mobile devices. The app is focused on providing health and safety topics to miners for various materials, activities, and equipment, as well as statements about miners' rights. The app also provides a utility for miners to report accidents and hazards. By selecting the appropriate menu item, the user is routed directly to MSHA to report an accident or hazard (phone call) or for general inquiries or concerns (phone call or email, user's choice).

While this is a potentially useful training tool, the new head of MSHA, Assistant Secretary Chris Williamson, pointed out "...the Mine Act is clear that mine operators have the primary responsibility to maintain safe and healthy working conditions and provide regular and thorough training to miners." The announcement of the app from the Department of Labor can be accessed here: <https://blog.dol.gov/2022/08/31/new-msha-app-delivers-critical-information-directly-to-miners>.

I suggest it would also be useful for MSHA to include the regulations that govern their regulatory authority in the app (i.e., 30 CFR, Chapter I). Many miners carry around their "little green book" for reference when concerns are raised about mine site requirements, training, etc. This could allow miners and MSHA inspectors to review the regulations in real time when there is a dispute during an inspection. There are apps out there that provide the full 30 CFR, but for a price.

Take care and be safe,

**Erick Staley**  
**Chairman**



MINE FATALITY – On August 4, 2022, a mine manager died while performing maintenance on a bulldozer. While kneeling on the bulldozer’s track, the victim accidentally engaged the lever that put the bulldozer in reverse. The bulldozer track moved the victim to the rear of the bulldozer where he was run over.



**Best Practices:**

**Operators should train minders on safe maintenance procedures:**

- Turn off the engine
- Block equipment against motion
- Operators should make sure miners are in a safe location in relation to machine parts that can move.

Is there someone in your company that you would like to receive this newsletter? Please send information to [memberreply@oregonaggregate.com](mailto:memberreply@oregonaggregate.com)

# OIAA Scholarship deadline has been extended to November 15<sup>th</sup>

*( See attached application, please pass on to your employees)*

## **Newsletter and Training Notification email address updates**

These past few years have brought many changes to some of our member companies. If you have had a change in personnel or added new personnel that you wish to receive this newsletter and information regarding our annual training please contact our secretary Kellie Ramar @ [memberreply@oraggregate.com](mailto:memberreply@oraggregate.com)

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Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. This will be an in person meeting and will take place at the offices of KPD Insurance in Springfield, Oregon. This meeting is open to all members.

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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 (2022)



(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: \_\_\_\_\_

I. 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? \_\_\_\_\_

II. 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### III. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. 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: November 15, 2022***