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Jerry Davidson founding member, board member and officer 2008 thru 2025.

In October 2008, I attended a packed meeting in Eugene, Oregon and OIAA was born. MSHA over the preceding three years had been ramping up citations until small crushing companies and quarry owners were backed against the wall and had to “take action”.

By the middle of 2009 we had the attention of Western District MSHA and Washington D.C. In July of 2009 OIAA had a meeting with Neal Merrifield, MSHA Administrator and Art Ellis, head of Western District MSHA Administrator. In the following year Art Ellis was replaced by Wyatt Andrews.

I give credit to several people who were able to help establish OIAA....

- Genoa Ingram of Court Street consulting for getting all our paperwork done so quickly , getting us organized and up and running.
- James Sharpe, a columnist who kept a close eye on MSHA and reported his findings publicly.
- Adele Abrams, a lawyer dealing with MSHA and giving MSHA classes to OIAA members.
- Kim Redding, who had worked as an inspector for MSHA, went out on his own and became an honorary OIAA member.

As we all know it is difficult to get change in most government agencies. OIAA has made substantial headway with MSHA over the years. I believe we need to continue this association to safeguard our rights as producers and/or owners of quarries

I was fortunate to be on the board of OIAA for 17 years and wish it much success in the future.

Jerry Davidson

Thank you Jerry for you service to the board and your valuable input for the past 17 years.



Mark your calendars the dates have been set for the 2026 Annual Part 46 refresher training.

Albany, Oregon March 9, 2026

Roseburg, Oregon March 10, 2026



Note the August deadline is fast approaching

Our 2025 Scholarship Application period is now open. The guidelines and application are attached at the bottom of this newsletter. It will also be posted on the website. Please pass this information along to your family and employees

Attention!!

We welcome and encourage all of our members to become more involved with our association. You are welcome to attend our meetings anytime. Please contact any of our board members for information on how you can become more involved, ways we can improve our association and information regarding our upcoming meetings.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ORAGGREGATE.COM

We are always looking for information to print in the newsletter. If you have a specific article, safety information , or any other information you think will be helpful and of interest to our members, please submit them to memberreply@oraggregate.com

With two of our founding member directors retiring from our board, we are currently looking to add to our Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining us please contact any of the board of directors or come to the next meeting to discuss the possibility.

Current Board of Directors

Erwin Hackett – Chairman
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***The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025 10AM
at the office of KPD – Springfield, Oregon
All members are welcome to attend.***



THE OREGON INDEPENDENT AGGREGATE ASSOCIATION 2025 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 - 2025

(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: August 15, 2025