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## Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

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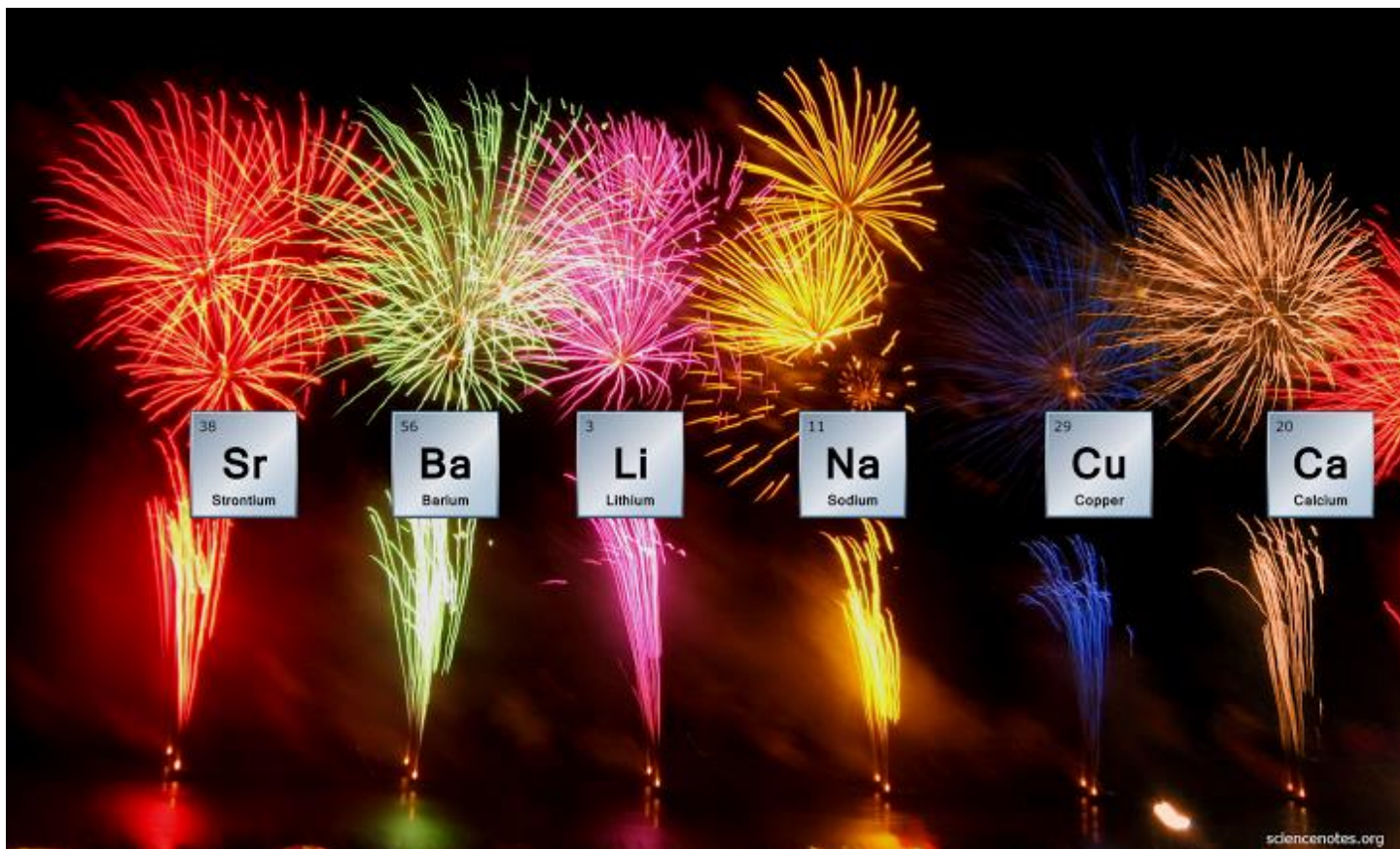
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**Colors in the Sky** – The graphic below is a reminder that while mining provides essential materials for our society, it also provides resources we use to create and inspire. The image shows some of the chemical elements used to create firework colors. Examples of minerals that supply these elements are listed below. As you enjoy the beautiful colors overhead, or watch the wonder in your kids' eyes, remember that mining provided the raw materials to instill that wonder.

RED	Strontium (Sr)	<i>celestite</i> ( $\text{SrSO}_4$ )
PINK	Lithium (Li)	<i>spodumene</i> ( $\text{LiAlSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ) or <i>lepidolite</i> (even worse...)
ORANGE	Calcium (Ca)	<i>limestone</i> ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )
YELLOW	Sodium (Na)	<i>halite</i> ( $\text{NaCl}$ , same as table salt)
GREEN	Barium (Ba)	<i>barite</i> ( $\text{BaSO}_4$ )
BLUE	Copper (Cu)	metallic <i>copper</i> deposits and various sulfides and oxides
PURPLE	Sr + Cu	
WHITE	Magnesium (Mg)	<i>brucite</i> [ $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ ], <i>magnesite</i> , ( $\text{MgCO}_3$ ), <i>dolomite</i> [ $\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ ]
	Aluminum (Al)	<i>bauxite</i> ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

Have a safe and fun Fourth of July!

**Erick Staley**  
**OIAA Board**



## **STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER WHEN WORKING IN QUARRIES**

Seasonal hazards that arise during the summer months should be accounted for and it is important to ensure that workers are protected and trained correctly in order to minimize health risks, especially in open environments such as quarries

### **Direct Sunlight and Temperature Control**

Too much exposure to sunlight can be harmful and cause damage to skin, leading to sunburn and blistering. Therefore, it is important to ensure that workers take precautions to prevent this by wearing sun cream and personal protective equipment that minimizes exposure, particularly if working at height.

In addition, the hot summer months can result in a worker experiencing heat exhaustion or heat stress. To prevent this, consider implementing some of the following tips:

- Schedule the most physical work to cooler times of the day
- Encourage workers to stay hydrated at all times
- More frequent rest breaks with access to shaded areas and cool drinking water
- Remove personal protective equipment during breaks to lower body temperature
- Educate workers on signs and prevention methods of heat exhaustion

Glare can also become an issue when working and operating machinery on sunny days, reducing visibility and increasing risk, so precautions should be taken to reduce the effects. This is of particular relevance to those working in limestone quarries, as the pale rock faces increase glare; therefore, sunglasses and/or goggles should always be worn to protect eyes and minimize the implications of glare.

## **2. Ground Conditions**

With the change in weather comes a change in ground conditions too. To maximize safety in the summer carry out regular checks and reviews of site conditions, as the geology and stability of a quarry face can be affected by a change in weather and ground conditions. Dried out ground may result in the need to update protective barriers and systems on site.

Furthermore, the warm dry months can lead to an increase in dust creation and disturbance so safety procedures to control this should be followed. It can also be preferable to drill, particularly when using hand drills, in wetter conditions to reduce the amount of dust produced.

The risk to employees' health can be significantly reduced during the summer months by providing the correct training to ensure that workers are equipped with all the appropriate skills and knowledge.



**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**



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](http://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](mailto:memberreply@oraggregate.com)

**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.***

***Scholarship Application is attached.***



## ***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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 20, 2025***