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**NEWS**

**Urge Your Representative to Co-Sponsor Mentoring Bill**

On June 7, 2007, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education passed a funding bill that includes the **\$100 million for mentoring** as requested. There are still a number of steps remaining before the funding level is finalized -- the House appropriations committee and the full House of Representatives must still pass the bill, plus the Senate version of the bill has not yet been released. But, MENTOR is cautiously optimistic at this point that the Department of Education's Mentoring Programs will continue.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Please consider sending a letter to your Representative to ask him or her to co-sponsor H.R. 2611 (which has not passed either house). To do so, visit

<http://capwiz.com/mentor/issues/alert/?alertid=9873121> . Simply follow the form and type in your address to send our prepared letter to your Representative. Please feel free to personalize with information about your mentoring program or interest in mentoring.

MENTOR will be working with members of the House Committee on Education and Labor to ensure that the bill's provisions are included in the NCLB reauthorization. They are also currently working with Senate supporters to introduce similar legislation in the Senate.

Full information on the Mentoring America's Children Act of 2007, including a summary of the key provisions, is available at [http://www.mentoring.org/take\\_action/other/no\\_child\\_left\\_behind.php](http://www.mentoring.org/take_action/other/no_child_left_behind.php) . Direct questions to: [advocate@mentoring.org](mailto:advocate@mentoring.org).

## **Mentoring Conference Scholarship Deadline July 16**

Attend this year's Mentoring conference September 18 & 19. Early-bird registration (\$150) ends July 31. Lodging is available at the conference facility (Holiday Inn, 1441 NE 2nd Avenue) with a conference rate through "LEARNS Institute." For more details and registration go to: [www.regonline.com/learns-or](http://www.regonline.com/learns-or).

Oregon Mentors is offering scholarships toward the conference cost. Please see the attached application which can be completed electronically, but must be mailed to Oregon Mentors with the requested materials. Priority will be given to Certified Programs and programs based outside the four-county, Portland-metro area.

## **Mentoring Award Nominations Deadline EXTENDED to August 3rd**

Do you have a mentor/mentee pair that sounds out above the rest?  
Is your mentoring program exceptional and innovative with the service it provides to the community?

Our Nominations Committee is extending the deadline for nominations to August 3<sup>rd</sup> to complete the nomination form at: [Mentoring nominations](#) . Please return your completed form to [celeste@oregonmentors.org](mailto:celeste@oregonmentors.org). Winners chosen by our nomination committee will be honored at the Statewide Annual Award and Recognition Luncheon on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Oregon Mentors Launches New Look**

Oregon Mentors is launching a refined brand to strengthen our public identify as an advocate and connector for statewide expansion of mentoring, and to clarify our role as a support organization to direct service programs.

We'll continue working to increase Oregonians' awareness about the power of mentoring. We will increase the numbers of qualified mentors working for Oregon's youth by encouraging relationships between mentoring programs and appropriate community and business resources, and engaging the media to tell the stories of success and challenges.

The logo, on new letterhead, will roll out next week.

In the late fall/early winter we will launch a redesigned Web site that will be regional and relevant with an electronic membership application, event registration, rebuilt search features, searchable statewide calendar of your trainings, events and activities, archived E-newsletters and extended resources.

History of Oregon Mentors Logo

2001



2001-07



2007



## RESOURCES

Scholarships for three college-bound, high school seniors who “Beat the Odds” Stand for Children is pleased to announce the availability of college scholarship applications for Oregon public school students who:

- Have succeeded academically despite hardships such as poverty, disability, homelessness or personal tragedy
- Plan to graduate in June 2008 and enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college

This fall, Stand for Children will award three \$2,500 renewable scholarships to college-bound Oregon public high school seniors who have “Beat the Odds” by succeeding in school despite daunting obstacles. Application materials and instructions are available now at [www.standleadershipcenter.org](http://www.standleadershipcenter.org). The deadline to apply is September 10, 2007.

## FUNDING

*Oregon and Pacific NW -- Autzen Foundation* – Proposal deadline – Aug. 15. Broad purpose; emphasis on youth, education, arts, and nature. Send letter of proposal and project budget, 501c3 to: Robin Stewart, PO Box 3709 Portland, OR 97208. (503) 226-6051. E-mail: [autzen@europa.com](mailto:autzen@europa.com)

*Oregon – Braemar Charitable Trust* – Application deadline – Aug. 15 (Portland Metro region, North Coast including: Clatsop, Lincoln, Tillamook, Polk & Yamhill Counties) Maximum grant size \$8,000. General charitable funds. Visit [www.trustmanagementservices.net](http://www.trustmanagementservices.net) for application information. Contact: Dick Lanthrum, (541) 563-7279. Trust Management Svc; PO Box 1990, Waldport, OR 97394.

*11 NW Oregon counties -- Spirit Mountain Community Fund* – Online letter of inquiry deadline – Aug. 15. Go to: [www.thecommunityfund.com](http://www.thecommunityfund.com) for details. Contact: Shelley Hanson, (503) 879-1400, [communityfund@grandronde.org](mailto:communityfund@grandronde.org).

*Rogue Valley* – **Carpenter Foundation** – Deadline: September 1  
Grants are made in four areas: human services, education, the arts, and selected public interest areas. Contact: Polly Williams, (541) 772-5732, [www.carpenter-foundation.org](http://www.carpenter-foundation.org), [pwilliams@carpenter-foundation.org](mailto:pwilliams@carpenter-foundation.org). 711 E. Main St, #10, Medford, OR 97504.

*Pacific NW* – **Dwyer Charitable Trust** – Deadline: September 1  
Provides grants to organizations with Christian causes, education, and care of the elderly. Grants are reviewed quarterly in March, June, September, and December. Contact: Claire Doherty, (503) 292-9686. 822 NW Murray Boulevard, # 216, Portland OR 97229.

*Jackson County* -- **May, Anna Family Foundation** – Deadline: September 1.  
Support Southern Oregon non profits whose programs enhance the well-being of vulnerable people, emphasizing children, women, elders and minorities. Contact: Amy Belkin, (541) 770-7135, [www.annamay.org](http://www.annamay.org). 1314-B Center Drive, Box 264, Medford, OR 97501.

*Oregon* – **Templeton, Herbert A. Foundation** – Deadline: September 15  
Grants made in the areas of education, social concern, performing arts and humanities. Contact: Ruth Richmond (503) 223-0036, 1717 SW Park Ave. Portland, OR 97201.