

Siletz News Letters Policy

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Please type or write legibly. Letters longer than 450 words may be edited for length as approved by Tribal Council Resolution #96-142.

Please note: The general manager of the Siletz Tribe is the editor-in-chief of *Siletz News*.

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To the editor:

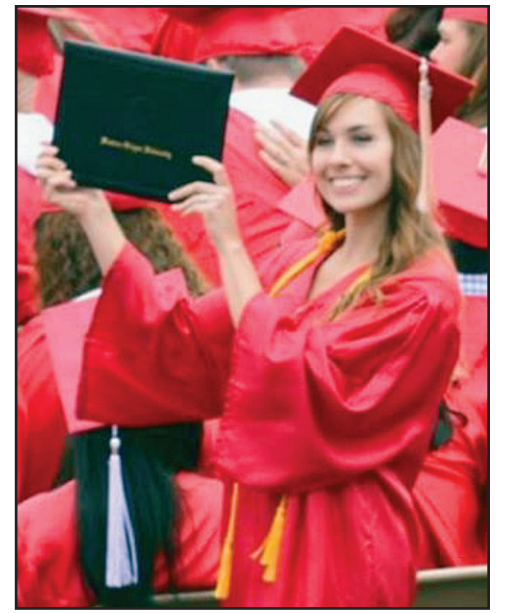
I want to give a special thank you to the Education Program, Education Committee and Tribal Council for giving me the opportunity to attend college at Linn-Benton Community College and Western Oregon University.

With the generous funding of my Tribe, I was able to obtain an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree and a Bachelor of Science in community health education with a minor in biology without incurring any student loan debt. Not only am I grateful for obtaining my degrees, but starting out my career without any student loan debt gives me even more opportunities.

Sincerely,

Meagan Urbach

Grateful Tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians



Courtesy photo

Meagan Urbach

Tribe gives back through charitable fund grants to help local communities

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund distributed \$344,006.45 to 24 organizations on Aug. 5 as it continued its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups.

The Siletz Tribe has made contributions through employment, monetary donations and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon. The seven-member charitable fund advisory board has distributed more than \$10.3 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$12.8 million through the charitable fund and other Tribal resources.

Chinook Winds has donated more than \$2.8 million in cash and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

The next deadline to submit applications is Dec. 13, 2016. Eligibility is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities located in the Tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)
- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the U.S.

Applications and requirements can be obtained at ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund; by calling 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or by mailing Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Applications can be submitted via e-mail at stccf@live.com.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Recipients of grants distributed by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution fund on Aug. 5

Aug. 5, 2016 – Distribution of \$344,006.45

Education – \$286,475

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation – printing and materials for statewide agricultural literacy project; Corvallis, OR; \$2,625

Siletz Valley Schools – operations and academic programs; Siletz, OR; \$282,000

Sweet Home Public Library – picture books for young children; Sweet Home, OR; \$900

Toledo Elementary School – robotic kits and team registration to launch Lego Robotics team; Toledo, OR; \$950

Health – \$17,700

American Cancer Society – luminaria, T-shirts, medals, pins/sashes, DJ/sound system, food and beverage for Relay for Life events in Lincoln County; South Beach, OR; \$2,500

Florence Food Share – food; Florence, OR; \$2,000

Lebanon Gleaners – food; Lebanon, OR; \$2,000

Mapleton Food Share – food; Mapleton, OR; \$2,000

Muscular Dystrophy Association – supplies for summer camp for children with neuromuscular disease; Portland, OR; \$4,000

Soroptimist International of Albany – sponsorship of Walk for the Cause; Albany, OR; \$2,000

South Benton County Gleaners – food; Monroe, OR; \$2,000

Yachats Community Garden – construction material for raised garden beds; Yachats, OR; \$1,200

Other – \$3,100

American Legion Auxiliary – food, supplies and gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings; Newport, OR; \$2,500

Lincoln City Senior Center – food and supplies for annual Thanksgiving lunch; Lincoln City, OR; \$600

Prevention – \$10,960

McMinnville High School, Hispanic PTA – food, decorations and supplies for Day of the Dead and Halloween celebration fundraisers for 2017 Grad Night; McMinnville, OR; \$500

Nestucca Jr./Sr. High School – football helmets; Cloverdale, OR; \$1,560

Nestucca Jr./Sr. High School – refinish wrestling mat; Cloverdale, OR; \$2,000

Siletz Youth Football League – equipment and insurance; Siletz, OR; \$3,100

Taft High 7-12 – football shoulder pads and helmets; Lincoln City, OR; \$2,000

Waldport High School – football shoulder pads; Waldport, OR; \$1,800

Public Safety – \$25,771.45

Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue – Garmin GPSmap and equipment to upgrade sonar and radar array on rescue boat; Waldport, OR; \$2,771.45

Newport Fire Department – equipment for Lincoln County Technical Rope Rescue Team; Newport, OR; \$5,500

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue – rescue air cart, emergency escape harness and air hose for rescue operations; Lincoln City, OR; \$10,500

Tillamook County Search & Rescue – equipment for dive team; Milwaukie, OR; \$7,000



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