

48 SEIU Scholarships Awarded to Members, Families

The Civil War is still four months away, but you can call SEIU Local 503 Beaver country, at least for this year. Of 48 awards to members and their relatives this year through the union's college scholarship program, nine went to help finance the education of students enrolled at Oregon State. The University of Oregon and George Fox University each have four SEIU 503 scholarship recipients. A total of \$30,000 was distributed to 48 scholarship recipients.

Financial aid awards of \$500 per school year are offered to students entering an accredited institution of learning in the United States. Awards of \$750 per school year go to students who are currently enrolled. Dependents must be undergraduates and must be under the age of 25 at the time of their nomination. Scholarships are open to SEIU members and their spouses, qualifying domestic partners, sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters. Recipients are chosen by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, which makes the awards on a competitive basis. This year, there were 179 applications with 129 applicants deemed eligible. Applications for 2010 awards should be available online starting in mid-December.

Local 503 also awards two memorial scholarships of \$750 each honoring two departed activists, organizer Jessie Bostelle and member Toni Lowery. Carol Opeikens of Portland, an employee at DHS who attends Walden University, is this year's Bostelle scholar. Adam LaFrance of Bend, who attends Central Oregon CC, is the Lowery winner. He was entered by Todd LaFrance, an ODOT worker.

\$500 scholarship

Recipient, Home Town, College	Qualifying Member, Unit
Faith Avery, Brooks, Willamette	Michael Avery, DHS
Jai Broome, Fall Creek, Northwestern	Terry Jones, City of Springfield
Alexandra Brown, Portland, No. Arizona	Charlotte Brown, Justice
David Dixon, Gresham, Univ of Oregon	David Lee Dixon, ODOT
Alexander Edison, Salem, Bowdoin	Christian Edison, Education
Andrew Holdun, Salem, Univ of Oregon	James A Holdun, BOLI
Samuel Huff, Salem, Oregon State	Gary Huff, Parks & Recreation
Elizabeth Jackson, Beaverton, Oregon State	Robert Jackson, ODOT
John Kean, Dallas, George Fox	Robert Kean, Marion County
Matthew Keller, Roseburg, Oregon State	Julie Keller, DHS
Zachary Kitamura, Ashland, Pacific Univ	Carol Kitamura, Jackson County
Nicholas Lease, Summerville, O.I.T.	Scott Lease, ODOT
Steven Livingston-Lines, Medford, Oregon State	Katina Lines, Jackson County
Andrew Ma, Gladstone, Oregon State	Jenny Ma, PERS
Abby Mann, Medford, George Fox	Alexander Mann, Revenue
Jonathan Marcu, Medford, George Fox	Robert Marcu, Forestry
Amanda McDowell, Lebanon, Oregon State	Ruth McDowell, Avamere Nursing
Hannah Nelson, Junction City, Univ of Oregon	Diane Nelson, Linn County
Steffane Oles, Pendleton, Eastern Oregon	David Oles, DHS
Holly Schnee, Salem, Oregon State	Brenda Schnee, DAS
Kelcie Spaulding, Portland, Concordia Univ	Aimee Spaulding, Portland Schools
Lisa Thompson, Corvallis, Oregon State	Lynn Thompson, OSU
Amber Whisenhunt, Roseburg, Colorado State	Lilly Whisenhunt, DHS
Thomas Wood II, Ashland, Oregon State	Thomas Wood, SOU

\$750 grant-in-aid

Recipient, Home Town, College	Qualifying Member, Unit
Valerie Anne, Springfield, Lane CC	self, Homecare
Robert Castile, Springfield, Grand Canyon Univ	self, City of Springfield
Crystal Deschaine, Milton-Freewater, Blue Mtn CC	self, Homecare
Isaac Elting McGuire, Portland, Portland CC	Alyssa Elting McGuire, DHS
Melissa Fike, Tualatin, Portland CC	self, DHS
Marsha Hutcheson, Eagle Point, SOU	self, Jackson County
Colin Jabin, Salem, Univ of Oregon	Darrell Jabin, PERS
Alyssa Johnson, Florence, Pacific Univ	Lori Coffendaffer, Parks
Elizabeth Kean, Dallas, George Fox	Robert Kean, Marion County
Azalea Lewis, Eugene, Lewis & Clark	Terrena Lewis, DHS
Flor Morales, Salem, Chemeketa CC	self, Revenue
Trisha Parshall, Beaverton, Linfield	self, Homecare
Catherine Pickett, Portland, Univ of Portland	Steve Reinemer, City of Beaverton
Jessica Pruitt, Salem, Corban	Craig Pruitt, Education
Craig Pruitt II - Salem, Corban	Craig Pruitt, Education
Pamela Roessler, Ashland, SOU	self, SOU
Jenny Seward, Roseburg, Willamette	John Seward, Forestry
Maria Trujillo, Monmouth, Chemeketa CC	self, DHS
Victoria Walton, Beaverton, Portland State	self, Justice
Cristina Wilson, Astoria, Pacific Univ	Suzanna Vermuel-Wilson, DHS
Timisha Wilson, Portland, Portland State	self - DHS
Adrienne Wise - Eugene, Reed	Marjorie Wise - UofO

Beaverton Contract Protects Services

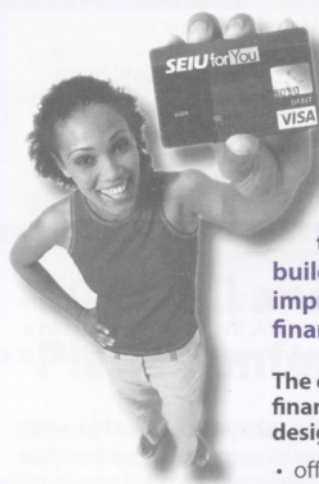
City of Beaverton workers have overwhelmingly ratified a new three-year contract.

"We know that in these difficult economic times, everyone has to come together and find solutions that are best for their communities," said Lawrence Arnbrister, a city building inspector and president of the Beaverton local. "In Beaverton, we agreed to forgo a raise this year to ensure the important services we provide continue."

The city's budget has been approved for this fiscal year and maintains the staff necessary to continue current levels of municipal services. Savings from vacancies have allowed the city to shift resources to focus on making government greener, more efficient and more responsive to city residents.

"With an unprecedented increase in library usage, it's incredibly important to have the staff to meet the needs of our patrons," said Tony LeMay, a circulation aide and union steward. "We are willing to share the sacrifice necessitated by the current economy, although it's clear many of our workers will feel the pinch."

City managers are also forgoing a raise this year in a show of solidarity and cooperation that reflects the new positive relationship between City Hall and workers following years of tension prior to the election of Denny Doyle as mayor.



New SEIU Program Offering Member-Friendly Bank Cards

SEIU is offering the chance to apply for a debit and/or credit card to help members build savings and improve their overall financial health.

The cards are part of a new financial services program designed to:

- offer products diverse enough to meet all member needs,
- provide member-friendly and straightforward products with no or low fees,
- focus on savings,
- educate members in money management,
- make sure fees are NOT based on a member's level of outstanding debt, and
- continue to offer the Union Plus Discount Program.

Through PartnersFirst and Community Financial Resources, SEIU is offering a consumer-friendly, SEIU custom Prepaid Visa Debit Card for anyone who wants to control spending and does not want to incur debt.

This card is considered suitable for people who:

- want financial convenience, access and security,
- don't qualify for a bank account,
- may have problems with managing a bank account,
- may not qualify for a credit card,
- want fast access to their money through direct deposit, and/or
- want to be able to send money to family or friends.

For those who qualify, there is an SEIU custom VISA credit card option with no annual fees, no nuisance fees (late, over credit limit, cash advance) and no mandatory arbitration. Participants will receive 1% cash back on all retail purchases and points that can be redeemed for cash, travel, merchandise or gift cards.

To apply or get more information on these SEIU for You VISA cards, go to www.seiu503.org / For Members / About your benefits or call 1.800.337.6520 and ask for the SEIU for You VISA Prepaid Card.