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McNary seniors win scholarships



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McNary seniors Jesus Aguilar and Destiny Miteg won't have to worry about how they're going to pay for college.

Aguilar was awarded the Ford Family Foundation Scholarship, which pays for up to 90 percent of a student's college costs.

Ford scholars who complete their bachelor's degree with at least a 3.6 GPA are also eligible to apply for up to two years of graduate-level funding.

Miteg is the first McNary student to receive an Act Six Scholarship, Oregon's only full-tuition, need-based, community leadership award.

The Ford Family Foundation selected 105 students from Oregon and 15 from Siskiyou, Calif. out of 5,885 applicants.

Eligibility criteria includes financial need, merit qualifications as well as work in the community.

Aguilar, who plans to major in electrical engineering at Oregon State University, has volunteered with the National Honor Society at McNary.

He also organized a group of friends to work on the Big Toy at Keizer Rapids Park.

"I really wanted to help the community out because there's not a lot of parks on



McNary seniors Jesus Aguilar and Destiny Miteg received the highly competitive Ford Family Foundation and Act Six Scholarships.

the west side of Keizer," Aguilar said.

"They're all on the other side so I thought it was a really good idea. I feel like there's people less fortunate than I and I would just like to re-

ally help them out. I've always wanted to make my environment better because it's made me better."

Aguilar has also chosen working in the community over the perfect GPA.

Aguilar began his senior year with a 4.0 but will graduate with a 3.9 after taking

five AP classes in one semester along with holding down a part time job.

"I felt like definitely giving back to my community was way more important than a 4.0," Aguilar said. "It's something you want to achieve obviously but if it's going to get in the way of helping others, it's kind of selfish."

Miteg, who transferred to McNary her senior year from David Douglas High School in Portland, had to complete three different phases to receive one of just 17 Act Six Scholarships in Oregon.

The first was an online application with four 500-word essays about leadership, community and how she would fit into the two schools eligible for the scholarship—Warner Pacific College and George Fox University.

The second round was supposed to be group interviews and activities in Portland but that phase was canceled due to a snow and ice storm.

In round three, 20 semifinalists from the original 220 were chosen to go to the college of their choice to spend the night and then participate in group activities, dinner and formal interviews.

"The adults were all listening to your stories and it was quite an experience," said Miteg, who went to Warner Pacific.

"I was meeting with a lot of the staff, the president, teachers."

Along with the scholarship, Miteg gets seven months of training in time management and other college skills before she enrolls in Warner Pacific in August. In March, Miteg began going to Portland every Monday night for the training.

"I'm just so thankful, especially because how Act Six, it gives us our training," Miteg said.

"It's not just we give you the money and we're done with it, they really invest their time into their scholars to help them succeed," Miteg said.

Rochelle Farris, who runs the McNary college and career center, attended the Act Six scholars ceremony with Miteg.

"They (Act Six) are growing the next generation of leaders that will go into the community and give back because of what they have received," Farris said. "This scholarship is amazing and has chosen some pretty amazing kids that will do great things and Destiny is one of those. I'm excited for her."

Miteg plays the violin in the orchestra and symphony and sings in the choir at McNary.

She wants to become a nurse with a background in psychology so she can work at a hospital with the mentally ill.

The scholarships take the financial burden off Aguilar and Miteg, as well as their families.

"If I had not won the scholarship, they (parents) would want to do everything they could to fund my tuition because they really want me to go to college but I don't want them to pull out loans and keep working all their life," Aguilar said.

"With this scholarship I can graduate from college almost debt free and I can start making money and repaying my parents for all the things they've given me. It means a lot."

BLAST Camp July 11-14

The Keizer Police Department is hosting its fourth annual BLAST Camp from July 11 to July 14 for boys and girls entering grades three through six.

This camp is designed to Bring local Law enforcement And Students closer Together (BLAST).

Children attending the

camp will receive safety information, observe public safety demonstrations, and much more.

Registration for the camp is free and available at the following website on a first-come first-serve basis: keizer.org/blast-camp-2017.

In order to allow more children to participate in this

event, the KPD is seeking donations to help offset the costs.

To donate, or if there are any questions, contact Lt. Andrew Copeland at 503-856-3463 or copelanda@keizer.org or Administrative Assistant Wanda Blaylock at 503-856-3468 or blaylockw@keizer.org.

Choir, drama camp Aug. 14-18

McNary High School's morning choir camp and afternoon drama camp will be from Aug. 14 to Aug. 18.

There will be a performance on Aug. 18 and an optional second performance on Aug. 21 at the Total Eclipse Viewing Party.

The choir and drama camps will be located at Whiteaker Middle School.

Choir camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon and drama camp will be from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Students can choose to do one or both camps.

Choir and drama camps

each are \$65, which includes a T-shirt and music in the case of choir. Siblings are half price.

Joshua Rist, McNary's choir director, Claggett Creek Middle School choir director Sandra Krause, and Andy Thomas, Whiteaker's choir director will be leading choir camp.

Angy and Andy Thomas will be leading drama camp.

Registration must be completed by June 9 at the latest.

For more information, contact Andy Thomas at thomas_andy@salkeiz.k12.or.us.



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