It's time to prepare for the 2016-17 college year and that means applying for scholar-

ships. Lane Community College encourages students from all walks of life to participate in

this process. In addition to scholarships offered to high school seniors getting ready for college, LCC offers scholarships for those

enrolling in specific programs or students facing particular challenges in their pursuit of a better life for themselves and their families.

Education scholarships not just for high school seniors

Last year, LCC Florence provided nearly \$48,000 in scholarships to western Lane County residents, ranging from \$500 to \$6,000 each.

Even small scholarships can return big benefits. As many

students bypass applying for the small-dollar awards, fewer applicants translate to better odds for success. And listing your scholarship on a transfer application to a four-year college or on your resume for that new job can send you straight to the front of the line.

Whether you are interested in refocusing your life in pursuit of a new career or want to continue your current educational path, apply for scholarships through Community College now.

Stop by LCC Florence, 3149 Oak St. to pick up a scholarship information packet or visit www.lanecc.edu/foundation for more information.

Application deadline is March 3.

Community invited to next PTA meeting

Florence Community PTA invites everyone to attend the next monthly PTA meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 4 p.m., at the Siuslaw Elementary School library.

The guest speaker will be Lynn Anderson, presenting information on the Native Education program. Child care and snacks are provided free at every meeting and one attendee will win the door

The PTA is made up of parents, teachers and community members working together to improve the education, health, safety and well-being of local children and youth.

The mission of Florence Community PTA is to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make

decisions affecting children; to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of the nation.

Florence Community PTA serves all public schools in the Siuslaw School District and invites everyone to become a member and support local students. Unlike many PTA organizations, Florence welcomes all interested persons, including aunts and uncles, teachers and staff, grandparents, volunteers, community members, business owners, parents and guardians.

Annual membership is \$11

For more information, email florencecommunitypta @yahoo.com or visit www. FlorencePTA.org.







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