

## Seneca offers scholarship to wide pool of applicants

EUGENE — The Seneca Family of Companies has created a scholarship program to award a \$5,000 scholarship to a junior or senior high school student in Oregon.

The scholarship will be awarded to a single recipient based on an essay contest. To prepare for the essay, the applicant is required to hold three different interviews with people connected to the wood products industry, based on this question: "What are the benefits of forest management for the forest and for the community?"

Seneca's mission is for students to learn about Oregon's greatest natural resource in the process of this application.

While most scholarships aim to narrow their pool of applicants, Seneca views this as a unique opportunity to give all students, no matter their academic standing, demographic or athletic talent, the chance to earn a college scholarship with their excellence in research and creativity.

The Seneca Scholarship is for \$5,000 toward an Oregon college of their choice irrespective of GPA or any other qualification.

Seneca is offering the schol-

arship to get the future generations involved and interested in the wood product industry and to have a better understanding of sustainable forest management.

By writing the essay, "They put themselves in the position to win a scholarship. At the same time, they're being educated about something that is extremely important to the State of Oregon and to the viability of our natural resources," said co-owner Kathy Jones-McCann. "I think its huge for the kids that have always felt that they couldn't compete, grade wise, that they know they can apply for this scholarship. Even if they don't earn the scholarship, or they don't go to college, it may have given them some insight and some inspiration into the wood products industry."

The essay contest is now open at [www.senecascholarship.com](http://www.senecascholarship.com).

The deadline for all students to upload their 5- to 10-page essay applications is March 29.

Co-owner Becky Jones said, "Education is so valuable. It should be available to anyone who wants it and is willing to put in the work."

## Writers on the River offers monthly programs

Writers on the River is a free group open to both aspiring and experienced writers that offers inspiring literary events, resources, support, mentorship and education, plus a time and place to write.

A free drop-in group discussion and writing practice session takes place on the first Saturday of each month at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

The next writers gathering is this Saturday, March 4, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Bromley Room. This is not a critique group and no registration is required.

Writers of all levels and genres are welcome to the next monthly workshop designed to hone their storytelling skills.

"Memoir: From Real Life to Real Story," will take place Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance Art Center, 120 Maple St. in Old Town Florence.

Through simple steps and writing practices, participants will learn how to turn their life experiences and precious memories into entertaining and compelling stories. Workshop space is limited, so pre-registration is required.



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Writers on the River facilitator Catherine Rourke (top left) teaches creative writing workshops at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance Art Center in Historic Old Town Florence.

The cost is \$20 for FRAA members or \$25 for non-members, payable at the door.

For more information about these events, call 541-708-2120 or email class facilitator Catherine Rourke at [CJR.editor@gmail.com](mailto:CJR.editor@gmail.com).

Rourke is an award-winning writer, journalist, author, editor and literary artist with more than 30 years of staff experience at daily newspa-

pers, national magazines and major publishers.

Educated at the City University of New York, the University of Oxford/England and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, Rourke has served as a book editor and jacket cover copywriter for Amazon, Kirkus and Random House in both print and digital formats.

The former New Yorker

now resides in Florence where she teaches creative writing and is completing a memoir about her adventures as an investigative reporter.

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## Let the sunshine in by singing with Community Chorus

For the next two Mondays, Feb. 27 and March 6, anyone who likes to sing can still register to sing with the Community Chorus of Florence during its May concert, "Songs of Sunshine and Summer-time."

Weekly rehearsals take place Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Cross Road Church, 10th and Maple streets in Florence.

The concert will take place on May 6 and 7.

The chorus will sing songs with summer themes by the Beach Boys, The Beatles, Motown and other contemporary artists, as well as traditional, springtime melodies.

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