

Apply for agricultural scholarships

The Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) has two scholarships available for Oregon high school graduates attending a junior college or a four-year college or university in Oregon, with plans to pursue a career in the agriculture industry.

The Oregon Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship is open to new and continuing full-time students, who are pursuing an agriculture-related major. Two scholarship winners will receive \$1,500 and there will be a number of \$1,000 and \$750 award recipients, depending on available funds. (Typically, eight to 10 students are honored each year.) It is possible to reapply for the scholarship annually.

The Willamette Valley Ag Association Scholarship is available to full-time students who are college-level juniors or higher, and are pursuing an agri-

culture-related major. A number of \$1,000 scholarships will be given, depending on available funds.

A current application must be used when applying for the Academic Year 07-08. The deadline is April 1.

Both applications are available online at <http://www.oregonfb.org> (under the "Programs" menu - "Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation" - "Farm Bureau Memorial Scholarship"), or by contacting Betty Brose at (503) 399-1701, ext. 327, or e-mail betty@oregonfb.org.

Pictured at right, left to right, are Princess Mackenzie Carr, Princess Shalaina Joiner, and Queen Ashley Ekstrom of the Columbia County Rodeo Court. Photo courtesy of Creekside Studios.

Ekstrom, of Rainier, named rodeo Queen



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The coronations of 2007 Junior Miss Rodeo Oregon, Stephanie Esterly and 2007 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court Queen Ashley Ekstrom, Princess Shalaina Joiner and Princess Mackenzie Carr were held Saturday, January 13, at Columbia Co. Fairgrounds Pavilion in St. Helens. Here are the 2007 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Court bios;


2007 Princess Mackenzie Carr is the daughter of Alan and Barb Carr of Vernonia. She

is a Junior at Vernonia High School, where she maintains a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the varsity volleyball and high school equestrian teams. She is also a member of National Honor Society and Who's Who Among High School Students. Mackenzie competes with the Athena Volleyball Club and is active in 4-H, competing at the local and state level. Her rodeo partner is Charlie, a 16 year-old Quarter/Thoroughbred.

2007 Princess Shalaina Joiner is the daughter of Troy

Joiner of Clatskanie and KaCee Joiner of Rainier. Shalaina is a 2006 graduate of Mark Morris High School, where she was a member of the volleyball and softball teams, the Link mentor program, and was a writer for the school newspaper. She was also active in the 4-H horse program, competing at the state level in horse bowl and ground training. Her rodeo partner is Missy, an eight-year-old quarter horse mare. Shalaina currently attends Lower Columbia College.

2007 Queen Ashley Ekstrom is the daughter of Brent and Michelle Ekstrom of Rainier. She is a Senior at St. Helens High School, where she is involved in FBLA, OHSET, and OSSOM. She is active in the Ford Family Foundation for Community Building and the Columbia County Half Time Drill. She was the 2006 St. Helens Festivals Queen and 2006 Columbia County Princess. She has been Swine and Horse 4-H member for nine years and is a 4-H Ambassador, Camp Counselor, and Livestock Mentor. Ashley plans to enlist in the NROTC program with a major in Nursing and a minor in Public Relations. Ashley's equine partners are her sorrel gelding "Zip" and Paint Gelding named "Mr. T."




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