

Oregon Head Start Association

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RICHARD C. ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP FOR EARLY HEAD START (EHS) PARENT

Richard C. (Dick) Alexander, business leader and entrepreneur has a deep commitment to focusing resources where they can make the greatest difference: early childhood. He was the architect of Ready for School campaign which leveraged the power of business and civic leaders to secure an additional 39 million in state funding for Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten's most vulnerable children. In 2010 his advocacy resulted in the Oregon Legislature allocating a million dollars to the Department of Education to establish a state funded EHS program. This placed Oregon as a front runner in developing a state and federally funded system for early childhood services, pre natal to age 5. In honor of Alexander, this scholarship will be awarded annually to an Early Head Start Parent enrolling or enrolled in a program of higher education.

SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient of the Richard C. Alexander Scholarship for Early Head Start Parents will receive a \$2,000 to be applied to an institution of higher learning. Winners will be asked to provide their Social Security number in order for OHSA to issue scholarship checks to their institution of higher learning.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

This application is due no later than May 4, 2011. Failure to meet any of the rules, regulations, or the criteria below will result in automatic elimination. Applications must be submitted in English.

1. The applicant must be a current Early Head Start parent.
2. Proof of acceptance in an institution of higher learning will be required. Formal documentation of enrollment is required within five months of receiving the scholarship.
3. **CATEGORIES:** The applicant must submit a separate page of typed responses, double-spaced for each category. Maximum point value for each category is indicated in parentheses. Judges will rate for specific information.
 - a. **EARLY HEAD START EXPERIENCE:** Describe in 200 words or less, your experience as an Early Head Start parent. **(20 points)**
 - b. **PERSONAL GOALS:** Describe in 300 words or less, your *goals / aspirations* for furthering your education and the role Head Start has played in your education. **(50 points)**
 - c. **REFERENCE LETTERS:** The applicant must submit *3 letters of reference*- (one page, type written, and double spaced) and signed by individuals who know the nominee in the following capacities: Parent, Personal and Community Member. Letters will be judged for specific information and rated on their overall effectiveness. **(30 points)**

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For Administrative Use Only

_____ Local Program Director: Initial before submitting to state association.

RICHARD C. ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP FOR EARLY HEAD START PARENTS APPLICATION FORM

Please be sure to complete this form in its entirety. All fields are required. Type or print neatly.

Check if you are a current Early Head Start parent.

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

Applicant's Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Name of local Head Start Program _____

Program's Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Name of Head Start Director _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

E-mail _____ Program's Web Site _____

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Applicant: Please check each box to confirm that two copies of all required materials are attached and then submit the packet of items listed below to your local Head Start program by the submission date locally established:

- Completed application form
- Category responses
 - a. Experience as an Early Head Start parent
 - b. Personal goals/aspirations
- Three letters of reference
 - a. Supervisor/Teacher
 - b. Personal
 - c. Community Member

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