

Al Forthan Scholarship Newsletter



The Al Forthan scholarship honors the legacy of Al Forthan, awards higher education scholarships to students from families impacted by addiction and poverty, and encourages students to explore how addiction impacts our community and how we can seek solutions to this complex problem.



2023 Scholarship

2023 Application Window Opening

The 2023 scholarship application window will be opening this October. If you know a student who is eligible for this scholarship, have them apply! Students can receive up to \$10,000 to go towards higher education. Click [here](#) to learn more about the scholarship application and eligibility.

2022-2023 Training Series

The 2022-2023 Al Forthan Training Series will be resuming in September. If you are in need of CEUs and want to help support the scholarship, attend a training! Email Tess Fowler at tfowler@voaor.org to be added to the training email list.

Thanks for reading!

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this quarter's Al Forthan Scholarship Newsletter! We hope you enjoy.

Award Ceremony

On May 4th, we held our 11th Annual Award Ceremony. You can watch the video below!

\$70,000 to 33 students!

Your support makes this possible.

[Watch the Video!](#)

Katherine West

2022 Al Forthan Scholarship Recipient



"Hi! My name is Katherine West! I applied to the Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship because I was heavily impacted by a family member's alcohol addiction in my early childhood and education around substance abuse is very important to me. I want to use my voice to speak out about drug and alcohol addiction as well as the impact of poverty on a person's life. This scholarship is extremely impactful on my ability to pay for college, especially due to my single parent household. I will be attending Willamette University in the fall of 2022 where I will pursue my Bachelor's degree in Political Science before going on to law school. Thank you to the Al Forthan Scholarship for believing in my dreams and making them come true!"

2022 Hike & Bike

Saturday, August 27th @ Larch Mountain

Hike or bike up to Larch Mountain in support of the Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship. The event consists of a hike and bike with barbecue at the top of Larch Mountain. To participate choose which way to the top you will take. All participants must raise or donate a minimum of \$50 by August 27th.

[Register Here](#)

CommuniCare Grant

Thank you McDaniel HS!

On May 25th, the Al Forthan Scholarship was awarded \$2,000 from The Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation's CommuniCare program. The CommuniCare program provides an environment where young adults will learn about the needs of their community and develop leadership skills through grantmaking.

A huge thank you to the CommuniCare team and the students at McDaniel HS for awarding this grant to the scholarship!

Donor Shoutout: Austin Raglione

"I first found out about the scholarship when I was mentoring a student at Jefferson High School. She came from a home severely impacted by her mother's drinking and she wrote a beautiful essay in her application for the Al Forthan Scholarship fund. She won that year, 2008, helping with her dream to go to college, and we were so excited! I am honored to be a regular contributor to the fund and know that every dollar I contribute goes directly to the students to help pay for college. Every dollar is a dollar well spent and has a lasting impact on the student as well as the community they serve."

4 Ways to Support the Scholarship

1. Make a financial donation

Donate [online](#) or send a check to Attn: Greg Stone VOA-MRC
2318 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. Portland, OR 97212



2. Attend a training

We host monthly trainings on a variety of topics taught by academics, professors, and behavioral health professionals which help fund our scholarship. Learn more [here](#).



3. Designate your Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship [here](#). Search for us by name or our non-profit number **84725**. You will still earn your normal Rewards/Fuel Points and Rebates while you shop.



4. BottleDrop Give

The Al Forthan Scholarship has partnered with BottleDrop Give! Here's how you can help.



1. Pick up BottleDrop blue bags and tags from the MRC at 2318 NE MLK Jr. Blvd Portland, OR 97212
2. Fill the bags with Oregon deposit containers. Plastic, aluminum, and glass go in the same bags.
3. Bring your filled blue BottleDrop bags to the MRC or return them at any BottleDrop location. Up to 10 bags can be returned daily. The label on the blue bags will open the secure BottleDrop door.

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