



2024

**SENIOR**

**CELEBRATION**

May 14, 2024 @ 7:00 pm  
SHS Auditorium & Commons



## **Congratulations Outlaws Class of 2024!**

"Plant your dreams  
like seeds and  
watch your future grow."

We wish you all the best in your  
future education and careers!

~ Sisters GRO Board of Directors

# Program Schedule

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**6:30 - 7:00PM:**

Donor & Student Check in

**7:00 - 7:05PM:**

Welcome from Principal Steve Stancliff

**7:05 - 7:10PM:**

Sisters GRO

Board Chair, Tim Ross

**7:10 - 7:15PM:**

Introduction of New Scholarships and  
Scholarships celebrating milestones

**7:15 - 8:10PM:**

Presentation of SHS Seniors and  
announcement of scholarship awards

**8:10 - 8:15PM:**

Photo of scholarship recipients taken on stage  
in the Auditorium

**8:15 - 9:00PM:**

Donor and recipient meetings and  
open reception in the Commons

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# History of Sisters GRO

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There has been a long history of Sisters High School graduates receiving financial assistance for educational pursuits from local individuals, companies, and organizations. Eventually, the number of scholarships offered began to outstrip the Sisters School District's ability to adequately administer the scholarship process. In 2006, a handful of community members recognized a need and began supporting Sisters High School graduates with post-secondary education and vocational training.

In 2008, this group of individuals realized the need for an independent organization with the sole purpose of managing the selection process and the collection, disbursement, and accounting of scholarship funds. On November 10, 2008, eight co-founders established Sisters GRO, acquiring the IRS non-profit status, 501 (c)(3). It was at that point that Sisters Graduate Resource Organization stepped up to offer administrative assistance to those donors desiring help with awarding scholarships. The organization became the only nonprofit in the community focused solely on the development of financial support for higher education for Sisters High School graduates.

Since the organization was established in the fall of 2008, the first official Senior Celebration and distribution of scholarships through Sisters GRO took place in the spring of 2009. This spring marks the 16th year that Sisters GRO has helped to facilitate the scholarship program for local donors and Sisters High School students.

Sisters GRO is proud of having accomplished the following:

- Disbursement of over 1,400 local scholarship awards and over \$2,000,000 in student financial aid.
- Implementation of a new online application process to increase access and efficiency of the program (2024).
- Maintaining a fair, streamlined, scholarship application review and selection process meeting IRS requirements.
- Instituting the Spread Process option for donors to fairly distribute scholarship awards to more applicants (2013).
- Developing lasting relationships with existing and new donors to help them support our graduates in pursuing higher education and training.
- Fundraising to establish a scholarship endowment fund - Sisters GRO Endowment for Dreams - developed with the Oregon Community Foundation (2011).
- Annual coordination of the Senior Celebration, where scholarship awards are presented and every senior applicant is individually recognized.



# Milestone Scholarships

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The following scholarships are celebrating their 5, 10 or 15-year Anniversary with Sisters GRO. Included is the donor name, number of student recipients of each scholarship and the total amount awarded over the years.

Join us in thanking these amazing donors for their generous and unwavering commitment to Sisters High School students!

## 5 Years (2020-2024)

### **Karen Hensley Service Scholarship**

(Weitzman Family)

5 recipients, \$25,000

### **Rietmann Family Legacy Scholarship**

(Marcia & Rand Rietmann)

4 recipients, \$12,000

### **Sisters Coffee Company Scholarship**

(Sisters Coffee Company)

19 recipients, \$7,000

## 10 Years (2015-2024)

### **P.E.O. GH Scholarship**

(P.E.O GH Chapter)

10 recipients, \$20,500

## 15 Years (2010-2024)

### **Sisters High School Visual Arts Scholarship**

(SHS Art Department)

24 recipients, \$14,000

# New Scholarships

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The following scholarships are new to the Sisters GRO community this year. Welcome, and thank you for your generosity and interest in supporting the educational endeavors of Sisters High School students!

## **Black Butte Ranch Scholarship**

Black Butte Ranch wants to support a deserving student in pursuit of their post-high school passion.

## **Habitat for Humanity - Sharlene Weed Scholarship**

In honor of Sharlene Weed's vision, passion and leadership of Sisters Habitat for Humanity, this scholarship hopes to support the future of a student who has resided in a Habitat home.

## **Ian Ferguson Memorial Scholarship**

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## **Marleen & Bruce Rognlien Scholarship**

The Rognliens wish to support a female candidate that shows academic prowess as well as grit and determination to acquire a four-year degree.

## **Sisters Arts Association Creative Arts Scholarship**

This scholarship is intended for a graduating senior who plans to attend an accredited trade, technical or vocational school, or a two-to four-year college or university who will be studying the visual arts.

## **Sisters Astronomy Club Scholarship**

Sisters Astronomy Club would like to support Sisters High School Students who plan to study the physical sciences (including astronomy or astrophysics), math or engineering in their college courses.



# 2024 GRO Scholars

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Congratulations to the 2024 GRO Scholars! Students will be called to the stage in alphabetical order as their awards are announced. They will receive formal certificates and learn of scholarship amounts from their scholarship sponsors during the reception after the presentation.

Presley Adelt	Araiya Grummer	Stella Parzybok
Cooper Alport	Kendall Guiney	Dolan Pool
Hailey Asson	Brooke Harper	Hunter Quiett
Savannah Baldwin	Ezer Harris	Tania Rebolledo
Ella Bartlett	Alan Hernandez	Ila Reid
Elizabeth Bates	Marley Holden	Bailey Robertson
Jake Beutler	Sienna Jones	Dylan Rundle
Timber Bionda	Juhree Kizziar	Katie Ryan
Brooke Blakelock	Adelyn Laird	Logan Ryba
Justin Bowe	Camille Leahey	Isabelle Schiller
Kathryn Buller	Bryant Leaver	Charlotte Seymour
Vincent Christian	Autumn Linville	Jasmin Sierra Vargas
William Christianson	Maggie Lutz	Lucy Siler
Abigail Christopher	Evan Martin	Ava Siler
Savannah Davisson	Kenya Mendoza	Gabriel Sleutel
Austin Dean	Monserrat	Theodore Stolasz
Justin deSmet	Mendoza	Lilly Sundstrom
Daisy Draper	Parker Miller	Madison Taylor
Baylor Dyer	Lorelai Moffat	Travis Templar
Athanasios Garrett	Mia Monaghan	Jayden Vogt
Antonio Gonzalez IV	Gracelyn Myhre	Gracie Vohs
Molly Greaney	Miles O'Neill	Teague Wessel
Travis Griffiths	Elijah Palanuk	Makyla Wyatt
Grace Grimes	Hazell Parker	Marisa Zavala

# 2024 Scholarship Donors

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We could not do this work without the generosity and commitments from these local individuals, businesses, and organizations that sponsor Sisters GRO scholarships:

- \$30,000+ Marleen & Bruce Rognlien  
Verle Weitzman
- \$20,000 SFF Presents/Americana Project
- \$15,500 Sisters Kiwanis Club
- \$12,500 Al & Pat Neufeldt
- \$6,000 Sisters Rotary Foundation  
Three Sisters Lions Club
  
- \$5,000 Black Butte Ranch Art Guild  
Lamoreaux Family  
Reed Family  
Shibui Spa
  
- \$4,000 Ace Hardware of Sisters  
Bedouin  
Dentists of Sisters (Dr. Trevor Frideres, Dr. Kellie Kawasaki, Dr. Zach Sunitsch, Dr. Shannon Woods)  
Sisters Rodeo Association  
The White Family/High Desert Chocolates
  
- \$3,000 Build, LLC  
Dream Cleanz  
Martha Lussenhop, Gwen Hanson & Families  
Rand & Marcia Rietmann  
Sisters Coffee Company

\$2,500	P.E.O. GH Chapter She Soars Psychiatry Jeff & Tammy Taylor Family Wendy von Kalinowski & Mark Smeltzer, Sim & Judy von Kalinowski
\$2,250	Intel Retirees of Sisters (Lewis Rothrock, Rod Hjelmsted, Tim Ross, Dee Thompson)
\$2,000	Anonymous Donor (x2) Black Butte Ranch Chip & Marti Dale Family of Ruth Golden Ingham Karen Lord & John Klement P.E.O. Chapter FS Sisters Community Church Sisters Schools Foundation Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department
\$1,750	Sisters Education Association (SEA)
\$1,500	Metabolic Maintenance Nugget Newspaper Sisters High School Art Department
\$1,000	Dale Elder Friends & Family of Ian Ferguson Friends & Family of Jeremy Moyer Hensley/Jones Family Jack & Liz Weeks Katherine Griffith Metamorphosis Spa & Salon Outlaw Booster Club Sisters Arts Association Sisters Astronomy Club Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show Wara Family
\$650	Bi-Mart
\$500	Eleanor Hammond

# 2024 Sisters GRO Scholarships

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The scholarships offered this year are listed below. Included is the name of the scholarship sponsor, and a short description of each scholarship provided by the donor.

## **Ace Hardware - Sisters Scholarship:**

*Sisters Ace Hardware*

- The owner of Ace Hardware wants to contribute to a female student who wishes to broaden her scope of knowledge and better her future.

## **Americana Project Scholarship by SFF Presents:**

*SFF Presents / Americana Project*

- Graduating seniors who have participated in Americana Project, Americana Luthier program and affiliated programs of SFF will be eligible to apply to receive a scholarship to attend the college/university, career training program or arts institution of their choice.

## **Bedouin / In Honor of Julie Gravley:**

*Bedouin*

- This scholarship is in honor of Julie Gravley who was an art teacher for many years in Sisters. The donor desires to award students whose strengths are in the visual arts or writing and who want to pursue a career lead by their passion.

## **Bi-Mart Scholarship:**

*Bi-Mart*

- Bi-Mart has been part of the Northwest for over 60 years and wishes to help graduates pursue their educational goals.

## **Bill and Jan Reed Memorial Scholarship:**

*Reed Family*

- This scholarship was established in memory of Bill and Jan Reed who died in a plane crash in 2005. The Reeds were driving forces in the Sisters schools and were involved in the community in a variety of ways. The family wishes to make this scholarship available to a wide-range of students.

## **Black Butte Ranch Art Guild Scholarship**

*Black Butte Ranch Art Guild*

- The Black Butte Ranch Art Guild would like to present one or more scholarships to Sisters High School graduates intending to enroll as a Visual Arts major in a post-high school program.

## **Black Butte Ranch Scholarship**

*Black Butte Ranch*

- Black Butte Ranch wants to support a deserving student in pursuit of their post-high school passion.

## **Claire Kanzig Memorial Cross Country Scholarship:**

*Anonymous*

- Claire Kanzig was a vibrant woman who, from a young age, left an impact on the Sisters community, and especially Sisters' schools. Though she suffered from a debilitating autoimmune disease, her positive outlook, vibrancy, determination, and grit masked it from most people. Claire joined the cross country team, and because of her magnetic personality, drew many kids in to join her in the sport. Sisters high school cross country has as long tradition of positively impacting the lives of those involved in the sport. This scholarship will be awarded to a student whose life has been impacted by being a member of the cross country team.

## **COCC Foundation Merit Scholarship:**

*COCC Foundation*

COCC offers 50 scholarships per year to in-district high school seniors who have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher on their most recent transcript and plan to attend COCC in the fall following their senior year.

## **Dentists of Sisters Scholarship:**

*Dr. Trevor Frideres, Dr. Kellie Kawasaki, Dr. Zach Sunitsch, Dr. Shannon Woods*

- These dentists in Sisters want to support a student who has an interest in studying Science and Math in college with the hope of pursuing a degree in the Dental or Medical field

## **Dream Cleanz Business/Leadership Scholarship:**

### *Dream Cleanz*

- This scholarship is focused on the character qualities inherent in healthy and thriving corporations, businesses, and/or leadership positions in the community. We are a company that puts people over profits and would love to assist young people in pursuit of that philosophy.

## **Elizabeth Danforth P.E.O. Chapter FS Scholarship:**

### *P.E.O. Chapter FS*

- P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization dedicated to helping women increase their opportunities through higher education. While they value scholastic accomplishments, strength of purpose and financial need are high priorities for the organization.

## **Frank Dale Memorial Scholarship:**

### *Chip & Marti Dale*

- This scholarship is offered in the memory of Sisters High student Frank Dale. It is intended to assist a current Sisters High School student seeking to further their formal education beyond high school. The selection process will give preference to applicants based on need with special consideration for those planning to attend a community college during their first year. Frank Dale died in a snowboarding accident in December 1999. He was 17 years old and finishing his senior year. At the time of his accident, he was taking classes at COCC and exploring opportunities for music and art schools. His passions were snowboarding, fishing, backpacking, and traveling. Frank had a gift for making people laugh, and he loved his family, friends, and teachers at SHS.

## **Habitat for Humanity - Sharlene Weed Scholarship**

- In honor of Sharlene Weed's vision, passion and leadership of Sisters Habitat for Humanity, this scholarship hopes to support the future of a student who has resided in a Habitat home.

## **Hensley Family Memorial Scholarship:**

### *Hensley/Jones Family*

- Wayne and Irene Hensley worked tirelessly to raise their family on their small Oregon farm. Neither had the privilege of acquiring high education, but they understood its importance and provided their three children with such. After retiring, Wayne proudly obtained his Associates Degree in Theology from Concordia University at the age of 67. Wayne and Irene lived their later years in the Tumalo area and were supporters of Sisters High School, often attending football and basketball games. Their family would like to honor Wayne and Irene through the support of higher education for SHS graduates.

## **High Desert Chocolates Athletic Scholarship:**

### *High Desert Chocolates*

- This scholarship supports a well-rounded student that balances academics and athletics and excels at a high level in both.

## **Humanity in Action - Racial Equity Scholarship:**

### *Build, LLC*

- As a firm that provides architecture and urban planning services, BUILD LLC has an opportunity to shape our physical environment and influence communities throughout the Northwest. We strive to make places that are accessible for all, and to do so in a socially- and racially-just manner. The focus of this scholarship is to support entrepreneurial students who focus on impactful change in their communities. As we continue to navigate the most powerful social movement our country has experienced in many years, this scholarship recognizes the important work so many have undertaken in support of equity and inclusion.

## **Ian Ferguson Memorial Scholarship:**

### *Family & Friends of Ian Ferguson*

- This scholarship is to honor Ian Ferguson, who was a dedicated Sisters High School athlete. The donors wish to support students who display the qualities of a dedicated athlete and sportsman in their future academic endeavors.

## **Jeremy Moyer Memorial Wrestler Scholarship:**

*Family & Friends of Jeremy Moyer*

- This scholarship is to honor the memory of Jeremy Moyer, who was an outstanding Sisters High School athlete and wrestling champion. He was committed to the Sisters' community and went out of his way to give back, both as a coach and a mentor.

## **Jim Anderson Scholarship:**

*Karen Lord, John Klement & Donors to Jim Anderson Fund*

- This scholarship honors Sisters naturalist Jim Anderson for his many years working to educate and inspire our community to appreciate the natural environment surrounding us.

## **Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship:**

*Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department*

- This scholarship was created in the memory of Chaplain Jim Gentry, who served as the Chaplain to the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department.

## **Karen Hensley Service Scholarship:**

*Verle Weitzman*

- This scholarship is intended to recognize a student who has a passion for giving back to the community and helping others like the person for whom this scholarship is named.

## **KLM Scholarship:**

*Jack & Liz Weeks*

- As retired educators who value post-high school education or training, these donors had the good fortune to financially support and mentor an individual who had lacked resources for continued education. This couple feels that their efforts positively helped to change a life. Their lives were also enriched through the process compelling them to offer this annual scholarship opportunity to deserving graduates.



## **Lamoreaux Family Scholarship:**

*Lamoreaux Family*

- The Lamoreaux Family Scholarship honors a goal oriented student with a strong work ethic and solid character. Students must have a clear sense of what they want to study and what their plans are for after graduation.

## **Lauren A. Shultz-Berray Memorial Scholarship:**

*Katherine Griffith*

- Lauren was a friend who was taken from this world way too soon. It is the hope that this scholarship inspires those who receive it to be kind, selfless, and live life to fullest, which are all things Lauren did.

## **Marleen & Bruce Rognlien**

*Marleen & Bruce Rognlien*

- The Rognliens wish to support a female candidate that shows academic prowess as well as grit and determination to acquire a four-year degree. This scholarship will be for a total of \$40,000 over four years.

## **Metabolic Maintenance Health and Wellness Scholarship:**

*Metabolic Maintenance*

- This scholarship supports a graduating senior pursuing a program in health and wellness.

## **Monarch Scholarship:**

*Metamorphosis Spa*

- This scholarship supports a graduating senior pursuing a license in cosmetology.

## **Neufeldt Family Scholarship:**

*Pat and Al Neufeldt*

- The Neufeldt Family Scholarship is intended to help hardworking students who are the first generation in their family to reach their education and occupational goals. Applicants can have siblings who are attending or have completed post-graduate education.

## **Nugget Newspaper - Student of the Year Scholarship:**

### *The Nugget Newspaper*

- The Nugget Scholarship is partially funded through the advertising dollars of local merchants in support of the Student of the Month. To qualify, seniors must have been recognized as a Student of the Month, selected based on leadership and integrity, respect, extra-curricular activities and community involvement, as well as academic performance.

## **Outlaw Booster Club Spirit Scholarship:**

### *Outlaw Booster Club*

- The Outlaw Booster Club Spirit Scholarship is designed to applaud those college-bound seniors who have made, and are continuing to make, a positive influence in the Sisters School District among their fellow students and in the Sisters community. The OBC Spirit Scholarship is designed to inspire others to determine how they may contribute to the betterment of their school and the Sisters community by getting involved.

## **Outlaw STEM Scholarship:**

### *Intel Retirees of Sisters*

- This Outlaw STEM scholarship will be provided to Sisters High School students who are interested in finding a career path that includes science, technology, engineering, or math. The most important aspect of this scholarship is the applicant's demonstrated passion and involvement in their community and school through academics, athletics, employment, and/or extracurricular activities.

## **P.E.O. GH Scholarship:**

### *P.E.O. Chapter GH*

- The purpose of this scholarship is to help women increase their opportunities through higher education. P.E.O. is a philanthropic and educational organization that values high scholastic accomplishments.

## **Rietmann Family Legacy Scholarship:**

*Marcia and Rand Rietmann*

- The family wishes to provide financial help to a deserving Sisters High School student so that they will be able to reach their educational dreams. This is an opportunity to pay forward the blessings our family has received related to education. They are looking for students who have demonstrated leadership while participating in extracurricular activities and being involved in the community. This scholarship is targeted to students who want to study Performing Arts, Earth Sciences, and Forestry/Natural Resources.

## **Roth Home Scholarship:**

*Roth Home*

- Established in 1988, Ponderosa Heating & Cooling, now Roth Home, proudly serves the local community for their home service needs. They have been offering a scholarship for a qualified Sisters High School senior since 2014. The Roth Home Scholarship is available to an SHS senior who is interested in pursuing the trades in plumbing, electrical, HVAC, or drain services. Roth Home is offering this scholarship because they value the trades and recognize the need for qualified people to join companies such as theirs.

## **Ruth Golden Ingham Scholarship:**

*Claudia Ingham, Lee Ingham, and Linda Ingham Rummel*

- This scholarship honors Ruth Golden Ingham who was a member of the Central Oregon arts community from 1982 to 2015 and supported many arts activities for youth. It will support a student who has completed two or more semesters of art and/or has been involved in arts in the community.

## **SEA Faculty Scholarship:**

*Sisters Education Association*

- This scholarship supports students planning to engage in continuing education whose parents/guardians are certified employees of the Sisters School District.

## **She Soars Psychiatry Stop the Stigma Scholarship:**

### *She Soars Psychiatry*

- We have all been touched on a personal level by mental illness. Whether directly experienced or witnessed, the challenges of our pervasive mental health crisis can be overwhelming and devastating. We can do better. She Soars Psychiatry, LLC believes that a community's mental health ought to be a collective effort shared by healthcare, academic institutions, workplaces, places of worship, athletics, community organizations, and among families. Stamping out stigma demands that we make more of an effort to normalize mental health challenges. Providing pathways to more accessible and affordable mental health services are critical in addition to allowing for safe spaces to share difficult experiences. The purpose of these scholarships is to recognize graduating high school seniors who share the vision of reducing stigma and improving mental health outcomes for future generations.

## **Shibui/MacKintosh Scholarship:**

### *Shibui Spa*

- The Shibui Spa is providing scholarships to Sisters High School students who are interested in finding a career path that may or may not include a four-year degree. The most important aspect of this scholarship is the applicant's demonstrated passion and involvement in their community and school through academics, athletics, leadership, employment, and/or extracurricular activities.

## **Shirley J. von Kalinowski Memorial Scholarship:**

### *Wendy von Kalinowski, Sim and Judy von Kalinowski*

- Shirley von Kalinowski grew up during the Great Depression. She witnessed firsthand how the lack of financial support altered her and her sister's opportunities to attend college. After Shirley's own children were grown, she successfully returned to college and completed her education. More than 70 years later and while Shirley's last grandchild was a SHS student, she decided she wanted to help Sisters High School graduates fulfill their own post-high school education goals. Shirley believed that one of greatest challenges in continuing one's education after high school is not being accepted into an educational institution, but being able to pay for it. This scholarship aims to help fund those that are determined to pursue a high level of education yet without outside funding it may not be possible. The goal is to support ambitious students who have a critical financial need in order to pursue a college education.

## **SHS Accounting & Business Scholarship:**

### *Anonymous Donors*

- The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students who plan to major in Business (with a preference given to the study of Accounting) at a four-year college or university.

## **SHS Leadership by Example Scholarship:**

### *Donations to Sisters GRO General Fund*

- The best leaders lead by example. Our SHS award recognizes students who lead by example in their extracurricular activities at school and the Sisters community. They demonstrate their leadership by working hard, being kind to others and making everyone around them better.

## **Sisters Arts Association Creative Arts Scholarship**

### *Sisters Arts Association*

- This scholarship is intended for a graduating senior who plans to attend an accredited trade, technical or vocational school, or a two-to four-year college or university who will be studying the visual arts. Applicable fields of study include traditional fine arts, painting, drawing, sculpture, illustration, graphic arts, art education, interior design, architecture, or fashion design.

## **Sisters Astronomy Club Scholarship**

### *Sisters Astronomy Club*

- Sisters Astronomy Club, a committee of Sisters Park and Recreation District, would like to support Sisters High School Students who plan to study the physical sciences (including astronomy or astrophysics), math or engineering in their college courses.

## **Sisters Coffee Company Scholarship:**

### *Sisters Coffee Company*

- This scholarship is meant for students with entrepreneurial aspirations who want to design, launch and run a new venture.

## **Sisters Community Church Scholarship:**

### *Sisters Community Church*

- This scholarship is being offered by the Men's Ministry of the Sisters Community Church for the purpose of encouraging Christian graduates of SHS to attend a faith-based college or university of their choice where the curriculum is based on the premise of the Bible as truth and taught by professors who believe in God as their personal savior.

## **Sisters Environmental/Sustainability Careers Scholarship:**

### *Gwen Hanson, Joe Bachtold, Martha Lussenhop, May Fan, Kris Calvin*

- The goal of this scholarship is to encourage and support students interested in careers that advocate for or study our natural environment and human interactions within it. Careers or fields of study supported by this scholarship include environmental science, environmental engineering, environmental public policy, ecology, climate science, sustainability studies, sustainable agriculture, vocational training in clean energy technologies, stewardship of public lands, and natural resource management.

## **Sisters GRO Endowment for Dreams:**

### *Donations to Sisters GRO Endowment*

- Through fundraising efforts of Sisters GRO over the past several years and the generous donations of community members, Sisters GRO is proud to continue this endowed scholarship opportunity.

## **Sisters GRO Pegasus Scholarship:**

### *Donations to Sisters GRO General Fund*

- The Pegasus Scholarship is an eclectic award to students who have either evolved from various adverse situations, who have demonstrated honorable character traits or who have exhibited resiliency. Pegasus, the winged horse of Greek mythology, symbolizes power, speed, flight, and imagination. Sisters GRO would like to recognize these students for their tenacity and gritty attitudes. This scholarship is a simple gift to say we see your efforts and we believe in you. We hope this will help you take flight in your future learning.

### **Sisters High School Visual Arts Scholarship:**

*Sisters High School Art Department*

- The Sisters High School Art Department would like to present one or two scholarships to graduating SHS seniors.

### **Sisters Kiwanis Club and Glenn Keeran Scholarships:**

*Sisters Kiwanis Club*

- The Kiwanis Club of Sisters offers this scholarship to students who have exhibited involvement and interest in community service activities.

### **Sisters Meat and Smokehouse Scholarship:**

*Sisters Meat and Smokehouse*

- This scholarship has been established by the local business Sisters Meat and Smokehouse to provide educational funds and opportunities for students wanting to focus on agriculture and farming while attending an institution in Oregon.

### **Sisters Rodeo Association Scholarship:**

*Sisters Rodeo Association*

- The Sisters Rodeo Association provides scholarships to students who have exhibited: (i) an interest in and commitment to Sisters community organizations or School organizations through their volunteer participation, (ii) have shown a good work ethic in their school and community, and (iii) have demonstrated an attitude and aptitude to be successful in post-high school educational pursuits. The following interests are favorable activities and interests for scholarship selection: involvement with Sisters Rodeo, high school equestrian or rodeo activities or interests in agriculture or ranching activities.

### **Sisters Rotary Foundation Academic & Career and Technical Education Scholarships:**

*Sisters Rotary Foundation*

- The students selected will have demonstrated in daily life the Rotary Four-Way Test, which is: Of everything we think, say, or do: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## **Sisters Schools Foundation Scholarship:**

### *Sisters Schools Foundation*

- The Sisters Schools Foundation provides funding to enhance, enrich, and supplement academic excellence throughout the Sisters School District.

## **SOQS Arts and Design Enrichment Scholarship:**

### *Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show*

- This scholarship recognizes and honors Sisters High School graduating seniors who desire to pursue college enrichment classes in the area of art and/or design. These classes may lead to a degree in art, design, or business, but this is not required.

## **SRB Building Education Fund**

### *Jennifer & Joe Rambo*

- The construction industry is losing its workforce to retirement every day. An electrician, plumber, architect, cabinetmaker, or tile layer are just a few examples of the variety of well-paying jobs available. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funds for a student seeking a career in the building trades, building industry, or building sciences.

## **Stewart & Verle Weitzman Scholarship:**

### *Verle Weitzman*

- This is a generous multi-year scholarship that is awarded to two SHS graduating seniors demonstrating motivation, commitment, and involvement in themselves and their community.

## **Taylor Family Scholarship**

### *Jeff & Tammy Taylor Family*

- The Taylor Family would like to create a scholarship to assist under-served students with a particular interest in vocational and/or technical continuing education.

## **The White Family Pay it Forward Scholarship:**

### *White Family*

- This scholarship honors the Schei Family whose love and support had a life changing impact on a White family member. The purpose of this scholarship is to support a student to believe in themselves, dream big, and show generosity going forward in their life.



### **Three Sisters Lions Club Scholarship:**

*Three Sisters Lions Club*

- The goal of this scholarship is to offer financial support for those students hoping to receive training/education in areas that serve others or in the trades.

### **Todd Sampson Memorial Aviation Scholarship**

*Dale Elder*

- This scholarship was started to honor Todd Sampson with hope of keeping his dream alive while helping other aviation-career-oriented individuals pursue their passion – aviators becoming professional pilots.

### **Veterans Appreciation Scholarship**

*Eleanor Hammond*

- This scholarship was created to encourage students to appreciate the contributions and sacrifices that veterans have given to our country. It has been supported by various donors over the years who share a value for honoring our veterans.

### **Wara Family Scholarship:**

*Diane and William Wara*

- The Wara Family Scholarship is offered in honor of Mildred Wickizer who advanced women in leadership positions during the 1940s and 50s when it was not fashionable. She received the first early childhood education degree awarded by the University of Minnesota and was the first person in her family to go to college. She practiced what she had learned throughout her life and went on to become the merchandising manager for a chain of 40 women's clothing stores in the mid-west and a recognized leader in her field. She was a wonderful mother and a good friend. This scholarship is dedicated to advancing the education of young women who are interested in education as a career.

# Roundhouse Enrichment Experience Scholarships

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In addition to the post-secondary scholarship program, Sisters GRO facilitates Roundhouse Enrichment Experience Scholarships in partnership with the Roundhouse Foundation. Roundhouse scholarships are for middle and high school students in the Sisters School District. The purpose of the program is to increase engagement in and access to opportunities outside of the district that will advance student education and career exploration.

The following seniors applied for and were awarded Roundhouse Enrichment Experience Scholarships during their time as a student:

**Timber Bionda**  
**Brooke Blakelock**  
**Molly Greaney**  
**Grace Grimes**  
**Kendall Guiney**  
**Marley Holden**  
**Blake Parker**  
**Bailey Robertson**  
**Katie Ryan**  
**Ted Stolasz**  
**Lilly Sundstrom**

# General Fund Donations

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We are grateful to the following individuals for their contributions to the Sisters GRO General Fund and Endowment between September 2023 and May 2024:

Aspen Lakes HOA  
Patricia Cusick  
Karen & Tim Hensley  
Sarah McDougall  
Susan Parker & Brian Farrow  
Ann & Fay Thompson  
Robert & Mary Anne Woodell

Donations to the General Fund support student scholarships, administration and operations of the organization, resources for Senior Celebration, and sustainability of the scholarship program for future students.

# In-Kind Donations

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Thank you to the following organizations who provided in-kind donations for today's event:

Ray's Foodmart  
Sisters High School  
Sisters Coffee Company

# Sisters GRO Board of Directors

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**Tim Ross** - Chair  
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## Founding Board of Directors

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Without the time and energy of these individuals 16 years ago, Sisters GRO would not be what it is today. Because of them, the organization has been able to reduce local student debt by over \$2,000,000 since our founding in 2008.

Thank you 2008-2009 Sisters GRO Board of Directors!

Karen Hensley  
Ann Thompson  
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# Sisters GRO Scholarship Review Committee Volunteers

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Most scholarships through Sisters GRO coordinate their own committees to review applications and make final selections. However, some scholarship sponsors are busy and need a little extra help. In that case, Sisters GRO coordinates committees of volunteers to review and score applications based on the criteria and rubric specific to each scholarship. This year Sisters GRO committees reviewed applications for 15 scholarships. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with this process:

Sally Blust  
Heather Bulloch  
Kay Grady  
Brian Harris  
Karen Hensley  
Barb Hjelmstad  
Joe Hosang  
Connie Jones  
Wendy von Kalinowski  
Karen Lord  
Molly Mayes  
Jeanette Pilak  
Kristy Rawls  
Lewis Rothrock  
Ann Thompson

It was a pleasure to celebrate the  
Class of 2024  
with you this evening!

Photos of the event will be shared on the  
Sisters GRO website at:  
[www.SistersGRO.org/Senior-Celebration](http://www.SistersGRO.org/Senior-Celebration).

If you take and post photos yourself,  
please use #SistersGRO  
to share with the Sisters GRO community.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of the  
Sisters High School graduating seniors.

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