

## Mission Statement

To establish a continuing foundation for School District 9 with a two fold purpose. Every graduating senior or GED recipient, who desires to continue education, may receive scholarship support upon approved application. Financial resources are made available to provide for any special student/human needs within the district.

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# The D-9 Foundation

## Helping Serve the Educational Needs of School District #9



## Opportunities

How can I help? Each year the D-9 Foundation renews its commitment to our students. Our major fund raising event is our Benefit Auction/Dinner/Golf Tournament. Donations are gladly accepted and participation is encouraged by all. Dedicated contributions can be made to the Foundation. We can assist in the establishment and continuity of memorial funds. You can also donate to any of the existing funds we administer.

Because the Foundation is a non-profit organization and operates under IRS section 501(C)(3), many tax advantages exist for the individual as well as businesses. Discuss these with your accountant or planned giving consultant and involve our board of directors with your wishes. We will help direct you to sources of information so that you can make intelligent choices regarding planned giving.

Some of the ways in which our donor's can elect to support the Foundation's Mission include but are not limited to the following:

- Donate by check or cash and indicate which fund you wish to support.
- Transfer stock to the D-9 Foundation rather than sell and avoid a capital gain tax imposed
- Develop a Charitable Lead Annuity Trust or Charitable Lead Unitrust so the Foundation may receive immediate income interest. Normally established through a qualified tax counsel, trust company or bank trust department.

- Donate outright gifts of property or other valuable items. You may avoid a capital gain tax, though a tax advisor should be consulted to make the determination with you.
- Donate to the D-9 Foundation in your will or trust. The establishment of a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust, or Charitable Remainder Unitrust are often a part of this process. This would reduce your taxable estate possibly saving a lot in taxes. This is especially true when dealing with an IRA or pension plan. The advice and counsel of a well qualified and sophisticated consultant in this area is a necessity.

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## Scholarship Support

Currently the D-9 Foundation administers and invests several local scholarship funds in the Oregon Community Foundation. This strategy will insure continuity and fiscal responsibility for the money destined for our local students' needs.

### D-9 Foundation Scholarships

Presently are funded by the Foundation's Annual Benefit Auction and Golf Tournament, held the weekend following Labor Day. These scholarships are available to EPHS graduates or GED recipients who will continue their education beyond high school at an accredited institution. The application process and selection of students is administered through the Eagle Center at the high school.

### D-9 Community Scholarship Fund

Funded primarily through the donations of our community members at the annual Scholarship Dessert held the first Thursday after Thanksgiving. Donations are also accepted throughout the year, many as memorials. Half of the year's donations are distributed as current scholarships, the other half is invested in the Foundation's OCF endowment. The student recipients are determined based upon their GPA and SAT scores with a ranked index of those values. This fund also underwrites the President's Student Service Scholarships.

### Sarah Mercer Memorial Scholarship

Funded through donations that are specific for this memorial. Sarah was a much loved EPHS student whose interests and pursuits were as diverse as the scholarship established as a memorial. Each year a group of students is selected through the

application process at EPHS. The criteria recognizes four students.

- 1) Agriculture/Science Student,
- 2) Vocational Student, 3) Minority Student, 4) High GPA but limited student activities

### Tim Trautman Memorial Scholarship

Funded through donations and in the past by a Memorial Golf Tournament. Tim Trautman was an active FFA member while in high school, and a very active and contributing member of our community. The scholarship recognizes those facts by distributing its annual scholarships to FFA senior members who will continue their educations post high school.

### Dean Collins Memorial Scholarship

Funded through the D-9 Foundation's Benefit Auction in 2002. Established as a memorial to one of our areas most respected and admired individuals. Dean gave unselfishly to better the community in which his family and business resided. Recipients chosen by scholarship committee through the Eagle Center at EPHS.

### Thomas Ussary Memorial Scholarship

This memorial scholarship was established as a tribute to a young man, so dedicated to his future in industrial mechanics. The family of Thomas and the Industrial Mechanics Instructor at Eagle Point High School, established the criteria based on students who want to continue their educations in Industrial Mechanics

### Fire District #3 Volunteer Association

Contributions by the volunteer's of Fire District #3 established this scholarship. The recipient is chosen by the scholarship committee at EPHS based on criteria of enrollment in Fire Science or EMT course of study.

## D-9 Foundation Scholarship Distribution 2003

- There were 48 graduates who received scholarship financial assistance through the resources of the D-9 Foundation this year.
- There were 16 recipients of the D-9 Foundation Scholarships. These are supported by the efforts of our Benefit Weekend as well as donations to this fund specific for 2003 scholarship distribution.
- There were 7 students who received financial assistance through the Dean Collins Memorial Scholarships, Thomas Ussary Memorial Scholarship and the Fire District #3 Volunteer Association Scholarship offered through the D-9 Foundation.
- The funds of the D-9 Community Scholarships, (also funds the President's Student Service Scholarships,) the Tim Trautman Memorial Scholarships, the Steele Family Bequest, as well as the Sarah Mercer Memorial Scholarships administered by the D-9 Foundation, provided assistance to 25 students.
- 38% of the recipients will attend in state public 4 year college or universities, 43% will attend community college, or technical schools, and 13% will attend private colleges. An additional 6% will attend out of state institutions.
- Student GPA's ranged from 2.4 to 4.0
- Many different majors were declared by recipients
- Amounts of assistance ranged from \$300 to \$3,000, for a total of \$27,750 through the D-9 Foundation.
- \$68,225 was distributed locally to 63 EPHS graduates and one returning adult student in 2003
- The D-9 Foundation contributed 40% of the local scholarship funds in 2003.

## Student/Human Needs

The Foundation's human needs committee has done an outstanding job of narrowing the focus on the critical dental needs of our elementary age students. A highly successful partnership between the D-9 Foundation, Windermere Trails End Real Estate, and the Oregon Institute of Technology has been formed. We are presently exploring the expansion of this project to include Jackson County Health, White City Community Health, and other local dentists, that will provide a very important partnership linkage. The Foundation's goal is to make sure that each elementary age child fifth grade and older, has had a dental exam and sealant administered.

This past year, 111 candidate 5th grade students at White City Elementary and Mountain View Elementary schools were examined. Many were referred to dentists because of the exams. An educational program of oral hygiene was also presented to the children and an educational packet given each child. Thirty seven of the students received dental sealants.

The value of the placement of sealants alone, is over \$5,100, however, because of donated time and supplies, the savings were dramatic.