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Perseverance Awards - The Axel F. Hoch Legacy Scholarship

The **Axel F. Hoch Legacy Scholarship** program honors the life and values of Axel F. Hoch by supporting Bend-La Pine students who have overcome significant hardship and challenges, and demonstrated the perseverance to graduate from high school. This scholarship recognizes not only resilience, but also the strength, character, and promise each recipient carries into their next chapter of life - to attend college, university or a trade school in Oregon.

Basic Information (Applicant)

Name

Birthdate

Address

Phone

Email

Best way to contact me is (please circle)

phone

email

mail

High School

Date of graduation (expected)

Gender identity

Racial group or Ethnicity

Guardian Contact Information (if applicable)

Name(s)

Relationship to you

Address

Phone

Email

Additional Contacts

Essays

Please answer each of the following five essay questions on separate pages. Be thoughtful, authentic, and specific in your responses. Total word limits are listed for each question. Do not use ChatGPT or AI, but we do recommend that you get an adult to help review your application.

1. Resilience and Readiness (500 word limit)

Describe the major challenges you've faced on your path to graduation, how you overcame them, what you learned about yourself, and how these experiences prepare you for college, training, or a career.

2. Pride and Accomplishment (500 word limit)

Share an accomplishment you're truly proud of — from school, athletics, family, community service, or elsewhere — and explain what motivates you and why it matters.

3. What Makes You Stand Out (250 word limit)

What makes you unique compared to your peers? Consider your personality, interests, experiences, or values — anything that shows who you are and what makes you, you.

4. Future Plans and Dreams (500 word limit)

What are your future plans and dreams? What are your thoughts about college or a career? How have you prepared yourself to take the next steps?

5. Impact of the Scholarship (500 word limit)

Given that it is renewable and represents a significant financial commitment, how would the Axel F. Hoch Legacy Scholarship make a difference in your life?

Additional Information needed

In addition to your essays, we want you to include several other pieces of information.

- ☐ One letter of recommendation from a school representative (this can be a teacher, counselor, principal, FAN Advocate, coach, etc.)
- ☐ One letter of recommendation from a person in the community who knows you well (this can be a friend, co-worker, supervisor, member of church or club, etc.)
- ☐ Transcript - It is important for us to understand your ability to succeed in a rigorous academic setting like college, university or a trade school so we want you to submit a copy of your transcript. (If you don't know how to do this, please see your counselor).
- ☐ FAFSA/ORSAA - It is important for us to understand your financial situation and your family's ability to contribute to your continuing education so we want you to submit a copy of your FAFSA Report/Student Aid Index or ORSAA. (If you don't know how to do this, please see your counselor).

Certification

- I certify the accuracy of my application and all accompanying documents and, if requested, agree to provide proof of this information.
- I certify that the essays represent my own work and I did not use ChatGPT or AI.

Signature

Date

Please submit this application to the Education Foundation by February 16, 2026. Send the application and all required attachments (essays, letters of recommendation, transcript and FAFSA/ORSAA Report) to info@blpedfoundation.org