KEN LYDAY MEMORIAL STAFF SCHOLARSHIP

Kenneth Lyday was a long-time Head Start teacher and member of the Oregon, Region X, and National Head Start Association boards. He began teaching at Mt Hood Community College Head Start in 1992 and continued there until his passing in 2016. Ken’s passion for Head Start was apparent to everyone who met him.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

The recipients of the Ken Lyday Memorial Staff Scholarships will receive a $2,000 award to be applied to an institution of higher learning. Winners will be asked to provide proof of enrollment in order for OHSA to issue scholarship checks.

**SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

Your program has established its own timeline for reviewing applications. Your program will submit this application to the OHSA Scholarship Committee no later than 2:00 pm on the first day of Annual May Spring conference. Failure to meet any of the rules, regulations, or criteria below will result in automatic elimination. **Applications must be submitted in English.** Applications with photos will be disqualified.

1. The applicant must be a Head Start staff member.
2. Proof of acceptance, or enrollment, from an institution of higher learning, is required and must be attached to this application. Formal documentation of enrollment is required within five months of receiving the scholarship.
3. CATEGORIES: The applicant must submit a separate typed page of responses for each category. The maximum point value for each category is indicated in parentheses. Judges will rate for specific information.
4. HEAD START EXPERIENCE: *Discuss your years in Head Start* in one typed page or less: What year did you start? What positions have you held? (Policy Council, staff, volunteer positions, etc.) (20 points)
5. GOALS/ASPIRATIONS: Describe in one typed page or less, your *goals/aspirations* for furthering your education and the role Head Start has played in your education. (50 points)

REFERENCE LETTERS: The applicant must submit exactly three letters of reference, one for each type of relationship. Letters should be typewritten by an individual who knows the applicant in the following capacity: (1) Teacher/Supervisor, (2) Personal, or (3) Community Member. Letters must be written by three different people. Please indicate what relationship capacity the letter is meeting (Teacher/Supervisor, Personal or Community Member) by clearly indicating so in the top right corner of each reference letter. If the letter is being submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly indicate the relationship capacity on the envelope. Letters will be judged for specific information and rated on their overall effectiveness. (30 points)