



Helping Dreams Come True

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Zena Greenawald aspires to help protect the natural environment that has been a refuge for her as a youth. The outdoors and nature has been a respite and escape for her during her struggles with her family's drug addiction. As a Native American student, she has a dream to "serve, advocate, and encourage those who feel like they are trapped."

Zena knows what it is like to feel trapped. She and her five siblings were placed in foster care at a young age.

Zena wants to do better!

She wants to help protect the natural world that provided comfort for her and knows that education is the key to create the opportunity.

With the help of a \$1,500 scholarship from the Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund, Zena enrolled in Oregon State University. It's hard to balance school, and work but she is on track to achieve a science education to prepare her for a career in conservation. On top of her busy class schedule she is learning the Siletz language on her own; Nuu-wee-ya' waa-'aa-ghitlh-sri naa-cha-ghitlh-ni (Our language is a way to make us strong). She will become the first person in her family to graduate from college.



Your support of the Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund made this all possible.

For the past 25 years, the Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund has helped students of color in the Salem-Keizer area achieve their dreams to go to college or trade school. We award scholarships to students who have demonstrated both the resilience to overcome significant obstacles in their lives and the drive to succeed.

Will you donate today to help a student like Zena?

Every dollar you give will go to a scholarship for a deserving student. Help us make more dreams come true. Donate today.

The Board Thanks you.

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There may be no other scholarship like this anywhere: Scholarships for students of color or ethnic origin based upon potential, more than just grades.

History:

For 25 years, the Thompson – Patch Scholarship Board has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors based upon their demonstrated potential for success in higher education or technical school, while having overcome significant obstacles in their lives. These are students who literally have "turned their lives around."

Our Record:

To date we have awarded over 200 scholarships for nearly \$160,000.

Our Expenses:

We have an all-volunteer board, and no paid staff, so almost all of our donations go directly into our scholarships.

To Qualify:

An applicant must be a student of color or ethnic origin attending school in the Salem-Keizer 24J School District geographical area, including the Chemawa Indian School.

Scholarship Use:

The scholarships can be used for study at any college, public or private, junior college, community college, as well as any certified technical training program. The money is paid directly to the school to be used by the student for academic expenses only.

Help Us Make More Dreams Come True:

Please help us help these deserving students to make their dreams come true. We need your help to keep their dreams alive. The more that you give, the more scholarships we can fund.

Donations should be sent to our Treasurer, Mike Swaim, made out to the "Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund," and mailed or delivered to: 270 Cottage St NE, Salem, OR 97301. You will receive a receipt for your donation, as it is tax deductible.

If you have any questions, you are invited to call Mike Swaim at (503) 363-0063.

Thank You For Your Help In Making More Dreams Come True!

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