

## Western Region Council on Forest Engineering (WR COFE)

### Jerry Sedlak Memorial Scholarship

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WR COFE is a regional chapter (western United States and British Columbia) of the COUNCIL ON FOREST ENGINEERING (COFE). COFE is an international professional organization formed to foster the development of forest engineering in industry, government, and education in order to promote the best methods of managing and operating forests, both private and public. COFE serves the forestry profession by disseminating technical information about forest engineering. Further information about COFE can be found at <http://www.cofe.org/>

#### Jerome 'Jerry' Sedlak

October 1952 – September 2003

Jerry Sedlak was a 1978 OSU Forest Engineering Masters Alum; served on the Forest Engineering Advisory Board; and assisted regularly with guest lectures, field trips, research efforts, and job opportunities for FE students. He was President of Emerald Valley Thinning; a member of the Associated Oregon Loggers, the Society of American Foresters, and actively involved in the Springfield, Oregon community. Jerry is remembered as an innovative and tenacious logger and forest engineer who coupled his professional engineering background with a deep respect for forestry.

#### Eligibility Criteria

The Western Region of the Council on Forest Engineering (WR COFE) sponsors **three** \$1,500 scholarships for OSU College of Forestry undergraduate students currently enrolled in either FE, FOM or FE/CE. Scholarships will be awarded at the January WR COFE annual meeting (Winter Term) for the student's educational costs including tuition, fees and books. Additional eligibility criteria are:

- Sophomore, Junior or Senior class standing
- Full Time enrollment
- Minimum accumulated GPA: 2.75

#### Requirements

- The WR COFE scholarship application
- Unofficial college transcripts
- One letter of recommendation
- Resume
- An original brief essay (see below for details)

Written materials will be reviewed by members of the WR COFE Advisory Board (private forest industry, logging, and OSU Forest Engineering). Candidates will be selected on the basis of the material provided. All applications are confidential. The decision of the WR COFE Advisory Board is final.

**Application deadline and time line**

Deadline: December 1, 2023

Scholarship recipients will be contacted prior to the January WR COFE seminar in Lebanon, Oregon, and **they are requested to be present for this recognition.**

Submit application material to:

[John.sessions@oregonstate.edu](mailto:John.sessions@oregonstate.edu) or  
[Kevin.lyons@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Kevin.lyons@oregonstate.edu)

For questions, contact:

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## WR COFE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name			
Address			
Email		Phone	
Age		Student ID:	
Academic Major		Accumulated GPA	
# credits completed		Class standing	
Expected graduation date			
Describe your educational and career goals			
List your activities or hobbies			

List honor and awards	
List work experience and dates	

Attach an **original essay** about *“What challenges do you see in the field of forest engineering/forest operations management and what are your views on meeting the challenges”*, not to exceed 2 pages.

Also attach a copy of your **unofficial college transcripts, resume, and 1 letter of recommendation.**

I certify that all the statements in this application are correct and to the best of my knowledge

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**All documents must be received by December 1, 2023**