

Tillamook Forest HERITAGE TRUST

James E. Brown Forest Education Grant | 2012

Deadline for Submittals: 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Former State Forester James E. “Jim” Brown has been a strong advocate for the role of education and interpretation in helping the public—particularly school children—understand and appreciate the wonder and importance of Oregon’s forests. Jim’s commitment to forest education was a critical factor in establishment of the Tillamook Forest Center. His vision was that a life-long connection with forests often begins in childhood and is facilitated by talented teachers equipped with passion, knowledge and a strong set of teaching tools.

To celebrate and acknowledge Jim’s leadership on forest education, and to further the work of forest educators, the non-profit Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust has created a grant of up to \$2,500 to help teachers, interpreters, community groups or others involved in education projects and activities relating to the Tillamook State Forest.

Objective

The objective of this grant is to develop educational resources or experiences that:

1. Create an understanding of the legacy of the Tillamook State Forest: its unique natural and cultural qualities that stem from the pattern of human interaction over time, major fires and reforestation;
2. Inspire curiosity and appreciation for the Tillamook State Forest, and for the interaction of plant and animal communities and natural processes that characterize the forest today;
3. Open a window for students of all ages into natural resource management strategies, questions, opportunities and challenges in the Tillamook State Forest;
4. Assist teachers with developing tools and resources that can provide a direct impact for students in learning about the Tillamook State Forest’s past, present and future;
5. Encourage projects that involve partnerships between schools, communities, local businesses and organizations, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and other natural resource agencies or heritage partners.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Teachers, schools, school districts, ESDs, extension agents, or other local governments that will be developing programs and activities primarily related to learning about the Tillamook State Forest; non-profit organizations (certified by the IRS as 501(c)(3) tax deductible charitable organizations) which provide interpretation or education services or resources related to learning about the Tillamook State Forest.

Process and Timing

1. Grant application forms are due to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust by Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. ***Electronic submissions only***. Send them to cseely@odf.state.or.us.
2. The Board of Trustees and a review committee will review all grant proposals. A final determination on grant awards will be made by mid-January 2012.
3. The Trust will feature the selected project(s) during Arbor Week 2012 (April 1-7).

Selection Criteria

Criteria 1: Subject Matter

Projects:

- A. Are directly related to the Tillamook State Forest;
- B. Cover topics relating to both natural and cultural history;
- C. Involve discussion and learning about forest management strategies;
- D. May be transferable to other organizations or venues.

Criteria 2: Delivery Methods

- A. Projects maximize hands-on learning in a forested setting;
- B. Delivery methods are innovative, resourceful and creative;
- C. Delivery methods are age-appropriate and cost-effective.

Criteria 3: Qualifications of Organization

- A. Organization has sufficient depth, experience and capability to implement project;
- B. Proposal involves partners in other organizations or in the community;
- C. Funding or in-kind support is being sought or has been committed from other sources.

For More Information

Contact Clark Seely, Executive Director, Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, at (503) 945-7318 or by e-mail at cseely@odf.state.or.us.

The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to public understanding and appreciation of the Tillamook State Forest's unique natural and cultural heritage. Our four key purposes include:

1. *Create an endowment for the Tillamook Forest Center and conduct ongoing fundraising operations that contribute to the endowment.*
2. *Seek out partnerships of funds and support for specific projects or resources that support the mission of the Tillamook Forest Center.*
3. *Develop new tools, events or resources that support the mission of the Tillamook Forest Center and / or that contribute to a deeper understanding of Tillamook Forest heritage.*
4. *Administer the James E. Brown Forest Education Scholarship to encourage and support the development and implementation of teaching resources or activities focused on the Tillamook State Forest.*

The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust is an Oregon Cultural Trust affiliated organization.