

High Desert Region Porsche Club of America

The two major Central Oregon non-profits the High Desert Region Porsche Club of America (HDRPCA) supports are the Central Oregon Community College Automotive Technology Program and the High Desert Education Service Department, an organization certified through the State of Oregon Department of Transportation. In both cases the money donated is used to assist students involved in some form of automotive education. The HDRPCA is proud to have been involved with these two programs for the past six years.

Central Oregon Community College Automotive Technology Program

For the past six years the High Desert Region Porsche Club of America has made yearly donations to the COCC Foundation designated to students enrolled in the Automotive Technology Program. These contributions have helped 20 students with a variety of educational assistance. The donations are handled by the COCC Foundation, and the selection of scholarship recipients is managed by the instructional staff of the Automotive Technology Department. The department can decide to give all of the money to one deserving student or to use the money to help several students. In the past these scholarships have been used to cover the cost of books and materials for various automotive classes, fuel to get to school, and/or applied to tuition. The simple fact that members of our community contribute to students with the "heart to help" means more than the actual dollars. Thank you for investing in our community!

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High Desert Education Service Department

Over 200 students attending one of the eleven high schools in Central Oregon and successfully completing the 30-hour Driver's Education Program offered at the high schools have received HDRPCA scholarships to attend a four-hour safety class given by the Deschutes County Risk Management. This class provides instruction on how to safely drive a car in emergency situations with particular emphasis on snowy and icy roads. In addition to an hour in a classroom the student receives actual experience by driving a car that is connected to a hydraulic frame that allows the instructor to make the car simulate an automobile going into a skid. This repeated exposure to learning how to regain control of the car prepares the student react safely in real-life situations. All money donated is used to send selected students who have excelled in the Drivers Education Program with special emphasis to help low-income students.