

Sisters Banner Project 2025

Parent and Student FAQ

What is the Sisters Banner Project?

The Sisters Banner Project is an annual initiative that celebrates graduating high school seniors in Sisters Country. A custom banner is produced for each local graduate, featuring their yearbook photo or a comparable image (see example at right; an alternate design is available for non-SHS students). In late spring, the banners will be hung from lamp posts in downtown Sisters. For both local residents and the thousands of travelers who pass through Sisters each day, one thing will be clear – Sisters is proud of its young scholars!

After their downtown exhibition, the banners will be taken to Sisters High School (for SSD students only) for further display in the commons for the final weeks of the school year. At graduation, each senior will receive their banner as a keepsake from the community.



The Banner Project was initially launched in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, as a way to acknowledge and honor graduating students when in-person festivities weren't feasible. It proved so popular that we have opted to make the Banner Project an annual tradition.

Who organizes the Banner Project?

The Banner Project is an initiative of [Citizens4Community](#) (C4C), a nonprofit organization with a mission to foster a connected community in Sisters Country by encouraging civility, collaboration, and civic engagement. However, the Project is a truly collaborative effort that is only possible thanks to the support of community partners and volunteers, including:

- Steph Berg, Amber Sitz, and Carlene Turpen (2025 parent volunteers)
- Bethany Gunnarson, SHS Art Teacher
- Susie Seaney, SHS Yearbook Advisor
- Katie Arends, SHS Principal and Athletics Secretary
- City of Sisters Public Works Department
- Explore Sisters
- Community members and businesses who donate to support the project

Who gets to participate?

The Banner Project is open to all students who:

1. Live within the boundaries of the Sisters School District or Camp Sherman (even if they do not attend Sisters High School), and

2. Will be graduating from high school in 2025.

Does it cost money to participate?

No. All costs are covered by C4C and generous donations from local residents and businesses.

How does a graduating senior participate?

- Students who attend Sisters High School will automatically be included. Their senior photo submitted for the high school yearbook will be used for their banner.
- Students who do NOT attend Sisters High School should email Kellen Klein, C4C Executive Director, to request inclusion – director@citizens4community.com.

What if an SHS student doesn't want to participate?

Please email Susie Seaney, SHS Yearbook Advisor, no later than February 16, 2025 – susie.seaney@ssd6.org.

What if an SHS student wants to submit an alternate photo?

Please email Susie Seaney, SHS Yearbook Advisor, no later than February 1, 2025 – susie.seaney@ssd6.org.

What if a student did not submit a yearbook photo or cannot afford professional portraits?

We want all students to have the opportunity to participate. SHS Yearbook Advisor Susie Seaney has arranged to take high-quality portraits of any students in need of a photo. SHS students should email her by February 1, 2025 to coordinate a photo shoot – susie.seaney@ssd6.org. Non-SHS students should email Kellen Klein to request assistance – director@citizens4community.com.

Where will the banners be hung?

The banners will be hung back-to-back from lamp posts along Cascade, Main, and Hood Avenues in downtown Sisters. The City of Sisters has 78 lamp posts on these streets suitable for banners; with just over 100 graduating seniors at SHS, there will be plenty of room for every student to be showcased.

How will each student's banner location be decided?

Banner location is entirely random – C4C will use a randomization engine to avoid bias and ensure an equitable process. We understand some lamp posts might be more appealing than others, but we do not feel it would be fair to accommodate requests for specific locations.

How will I know where my/my child's banner is located?

After hanging the banners downtown, we will distribute a list with the locations of each student's banner. We will also add a location list to this document; come back here if you are not otherwise alerted.

How can I support the Banner Project?

We are asking for the community's financial support to bring this project to life. C4C has launched a fundraising campaign with a goal to raise \$4,000 to cover project costs. You can make a tax-deductible donation at citizens4community.com/banners, or mail a check to P.O. Box 2193, Sisters, OR 97759.

Who should I contact with questions?

Please email Kellen Klein, C4C Executive Director – director@citizens4community.com.