

Scholarship Information

Portland Teachers Program (PTP) – Scholarships for people of color committed to becoming K – 12 grade teachers. Scholarships cover two years of lower division coursework at Portland Community College, two years of upper division coursework at Portland State University and one year of graduate work at Portland State University's Graduate Teacher Education Program. For more information and an application, contact:

Deborah Cochran, Director PTP, (503) 978-5444 or Linda Gettmann, Admissions Coordinator, Portland Community College, Cascade Campus, (503) 978-5291.

Opportunities for High School Students

Oregon Governor's School (OGS) – is a yearlong program providing high school students training in "real world" issues and skills that help transform them into leaders, service providers and community problem solvers. The program begins with a three-week residential Summer Institute, June 20 – July 9, 1999, at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon. The second part, Youth Initiatives, during the school year, students have the opportunity to apply the skills gained during the summer by addressing real community needs through community service projects.

You may write or call Oregon Governor's School, c/o Willamette University, 900 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97302. Phone: (503) 373-3335. FAX: (503) 373-3220. Email: mjohnsto@willamette.edu or rhunsing@willamette.edu. Web Site: <http://www.willamette.org/ogs>. Application deadline: March 10, 1999.

Headlands Indian Health Careers Program, the University of Oklahoma – an eight-week summer program (June 4 – July 31, 1999) designed to increase the science and mathematics backgrounds of American Indian students interested in a health career and presently in their senior year of high school or freshman year of college. Applicants should have at least two years of algebra and two science courses and maintained at least a 2.50 GPA (B-/C= average) in high school. Participants receive: All expenses paid (room, board and round trip airfare) and \$500 stipend. The program is held on the main campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Print the applications from web site: www.headlands.ouhsc.edu, email your request

to Headlands@ouhsc.edu, or call (405) 271-2250. Application deadline: March 15, 1999.

"A-HEC of a Summer" Health Careers Camp – June 20-24, 1999 on the Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. It is open to 40 high school students from the Oregon Pacific AHEC region. Students stay in dormitories and enjoy meals together in the dining hall. Each day will be filled with hands-on activities designed to have student's experience a wide variety of health careers. Cost of the camp is \$225. This includes room, board and all activities. Full and partial scholarships are available. Applications are available from high school career counselors or health teachers and from the Oregon Pacific AHEC office. Application deadline: April 30, 1999.

AISES Circle of Life Essay Program Scholarship. For more information: The Circle of Life Homepage – <http://bioc09.uthscsa.edu/essay/>. Essay Deadline: April 1, 1999.

Higher Education and Adult Vocational Programs

The 1999-2000 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form may be submitted only between January 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000. Students should complete and send the form in as soon as possible.

Effective this year, students currently in the Tribe's Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training Programs are asked to send a copy of your FAFSA to Higher Education, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, PO Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380, February 28, 1999.

Students and potential students are reminded that any tribal funding is contingent on completing the Federal Student Aid form.

Completed Tribal applications have the following deadlines:

Term/Semester

Fall, 1999	June 30, 1999
Winter, 2000	October 31, 1999
Spring, 2000	January 31, 2000

For an application and further information, please contact the following:

Portland Area - Lori Johnson, (503) 238-1512
Salem Area - Ben Lawver, (503) 390-9494
Springfield Area - Nick Sixkiller, (541) 484-4234
Siletz Area and out-of-state students
Kelly Ball, 1-800-922-1399, ext. 237 or (541) 444-8237

SILETZ BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER NEWS

The following information and/or services are available from the Siletz Business Information Center (SBIC):

Business Counseling, Start-Up Business Guide Index (list of step by step "how to" guides to start many mainstream businesses), Credit Report Article (detail how to repair "bad" credit, and to remove erroneous entries on your credit record), Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN) Newsletter, ONABEN Loan Criteria, Monthly Cash Flow Projection— sample, Native American Business Registration, Minority-Woman-Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Packet (essential for Minority or Female owned businesses), Business Plan Packet (guide tells how to write a business plan), Individual Financial Statement Form, SBA & Cascades West Loan Info Pamphlets

The Siletz Business Information Center (SBIC) serves as an educational resource and a business lab. As a client, you have access to computers, fax machines and copies of reference materials. Business classes are offered several times throughout each year. The next class tentatively scheduled by the SBIC will be "You and Your Business Idea", in April, the class is a two-day (consecutive), 6-9 PM class. Clients have the opportunity to ask questions, and to review the feasibility of their business idea, to receive feedback and a list of appropriate resources that exist in their community, or State/Local Government.

I recommend the following for pursuing funding to expand or start a business:

- ü Apply for a copy of your credit report (establish credit if you have none)
- ü Apply for membership at a credit union (request loan info if you are a member)

In closing, I would like to mention that the SBIC is in the midst of a budget shortfall, and hours of operation have been decreased. Operation is presently on an appointment and telephone message basis, you call in, I check messages and get back to you. I can schedule appointments for computer training and business counseling as needed. The SBIC will be requesting funding to continue operation of the program, clients will be notified when funding is received, and normal program hours are implemented. Please call Lisa Brown, SBIC Manager, at 1-800-922-1399, ext 255, or email: lisab@ctsi.nsn.us