

## CTSI - Pepsi Scholarship 2000 - 2001 Application Form

To apply for the CTSI - Pepsi Scholarship, please submit the following:

1. Documentation of acceptance at an accredited vocational training or higher education institution, two-year, four-year, or graduate school.
2. A 1,000-word essay addressing the annual theme.
3. Three letters of recommendation.

Essays will be judged on content, theme development and organization, use of proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. **Essay Theme: Tell us about the most inspirational person in your life.**

**Awards:** \$1,000. Scholarship may not be awarded unless a minimum of two applications are received.

### Personal Information

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Education History

High School:  Public  Other Graduation or GED date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Higher Ed./AVT Program:  AA  AS  BA  BS  Graduate  
 Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

### Current Degree Program (2000 - 2001 Academic Year)

Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
 College/Univ.: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree abbreviation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Degree name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo:** Please submit a photo of good quality for use in newsletters and other CTSI publications, preferably one in your school or work environment.  
**Note:** Photo is optional and doesn't reflect on scholarship eligibility.

### Certification

Scholarship funds are to be used for academic purposes only.

By accepting the scholarship, I agree to advertising and promotional use of my name, picture, and biographical information.

*I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of this information to other agencies and persons as necessary to determine my eligibility, budget, and financial need.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Application must be received in our office by 4:30 p.m. on June 29, 2001.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. All correspondence will be mailed by certified mail to permanent address unless otherwise requested in writing.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-922-1399, ext. 290, or 541-444-8290 and ask for Bev. Please send application to Bev Youngman, Programs Manager, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, PO Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380.

## Family Welfare Code Q&A

Thank you for your input at the community meetings and at other times. This article provides answers to questions asked about Family Welfare Code issues.

**Q: Can I marry under tribal and state law?**

**A:** Yes, you could be married under both state and tribal law if CTSI has customary or traditional marriages. You cannot yet marry in Tribal Court because the tribe has no written law regarding marriage or divorce, so Tribal Court doesn't perform them. The state of Oregon probably would recognize a tribal marriage between tribal members. You also can marry under state law if you meet the state requirements for a state marriage license.

**Q: At what point is the child's welfare more important than keeping the family together?**

**A:** The child's welfare is more important when he or she faces the kinds of hazards described on page 5 of the Juvenile Code about a youth-in-need-of-care. This describes a child who has been abused, neglected, and/or abandoned. A focus of ICW is to **remove the risks in the home** rather than the child. ICWA, the tribe's Juvenile Code, and the agreement that provides the tribe with funding for foster care (4-E) recognize that the child's welfare depends largely on family unity. That's why these laws require the tribe to make reasonable efforts to eliminate the need to remove the child from his or her home and to make possible the child's return to the home. These efforts must be documented.

**Q: What is extended family?**

**A:** The Juvenile Code says that extended family is a tribal member at least 18 years old and who is the minor's grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, niece, nephew, first or second cousin, step-parent, godparent, or traditionally appointed custodian. The ICW operations manual defines extended family member as "a person recognized by the family as a family member and who had reached the age of 18." Federal law says that extended family is defined by tribal law or custom and if it's not, the federal government has substitute definitions based on blood. The current draft Family Welfare Code uses the ICW operations manual definition.

### Siletz Tribal Court and Code Development

**Q: Is there an appeal process when a family wasn't contacted for placing a child?**

**A:** Not really. Under the existing Juvenile Code, a child in need of placement **may** be placed with an extended family member who can protect the health and safety of the child (Part III D (1), Part IV K(a)). The child also may be placed in other foster care.

According to the existing Juvenile Code, a parent, guardian, or custodian of any child brought before the court in a Juvenile Code matter may request a new hearing if the person has new evidence that wasn't known at the time of the original hearing.

According to the tribe's existing Juvenile Code, there's no appeal of a Tribal Court decision that a child is a youth-in-need-of-care. This means that the court supervises the care of the child, whether the child remains with her or his family or is placed with relatives or in another foster home.

**Q: What is the difference between foster care and relative placement?**

**A:** Foster care is more general than relative placement. A relative may provide foster care for a child, but other people or institutions also may provide foster care. According to the existing Juvenile Code, foster care is the substitute care provided for a child who is removed from his or her home by court order or a voluntary placement agreement. A social service provides substitute family care for a child for a planned period of time when the child's own family cannot care for him or her. Foster care includes both voluntary and involuntary placements, short- or long-term, temporary or emergency placements with a family, group home,

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