

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

## Arthur S. Bensell Memorial Scholarship 2002-2003

Arthur S. Bensell was an educator, civic leader, Tribal Council member, and tribal chairman. He spent many years in service to his community and tribe as mayor of the city of Siletz and as a tribal leader.

Art attended Ohio State University and graduated from Heidelberg College in 1934. During his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he served as a teacher, principal, and reservation principal in Minnesota, Alaska, and North Dakota.

Upon returning to Siletz, Art became involved in tribal business affairs, served many years on the tribe's Education Committee, and always strove for better educational opportunities for tribal members.

In loving memory of Arthur, a memorial fund was established through the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon. It is used to honor and award tribal members majoring in education. The \$1,000 scholarship is administered by the tribal Education Committee and strengthened by various fund-raising activities throughout the year.

To apply for the Arthur S. Bensell Memorial 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) 1,000-word essay addressing the annual theme: **Describe the gift of education and the benefits that follow.**
- 3) Three letters of recommendation

Essays will be judged on content, organization, and theme development, and use of proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

### Personal Information

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal roll #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education History

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

### Present Degree Program (2001-2002 Academic Year)

Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 does not 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 understand that:

*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:** Applications must be received in our office by 4:30 p.m. on June 28, 2002. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Scholarship may not be awarded unless a minimum of two applications are received. All correspondence will be mailed by certified mail to permanent mailing address unless otherwise requested in writing.

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

**Scholarships are awarded at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, the second weekend in August.**

## Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

The Mouse watches as Grandmother enters the taverns of the city in search of her children. The blare of the jukebox, the noisy laughter is too loud; they cannot hear her calling them home. Silently she leaves, only to return tomorrow.

The Mouse watches as Grandmother enters the lodges of her children. They are too engrossed in watching the roadrunner or a rerun of a 1940 John Wayne movie to pay attention to her. Puzzled by the box, she moves on.

The Bear watches the Grandmother knocking on the doors of the penitentiary, seeking to visit her children. But the just wardens will not let her enter without a court order. She sighs, shrugs, and sits down to wait.

The Bear watches as she silently tiptoes into the jails of America looking for her children, but the blood flowing in eyes closed shut by nightsticks, fists, and feet of the pony soldiers, now called police officers, has blinded them and they cannot see her. With a deep frown on her brow, she quietly disappears.

The Buffalo watches the Grandmother search the reservations for the leaders of her people, the Tribal Council, but the fear of wearing braids and smoking the sacred pipe causes them to ignore and shun her for the sake of greed and materialistic gain. Shaking her head in pity, she cries with grief.

The Buffalo watches as the Grandmother slowly climbs the steps of the BIA building in Washington, D.C., the guardians of her children. But they are in closed session discussing acts of termination, too busy to sit and talk to her. Angrily, she listens in stunned silence.

The Eagle watches as the Grandmother visits the sweat lodges and sun dances of her children. For the first time in 500 years, a smile begins to appear on her withered but beautiful face. Tears of joy and happiness trickle down her cheeks, making her smiling face even more radiant.

She is at home with her children and can rest at last. The Eagle flies away to tell Grandmother that a Nation is getting strong once again.

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