

NOTICES

AIANEA Scholarships Available

This scholarship opportunity is available through the American Indian Alaska Native Employees Association (AIANEA). Two scholarships will be awarded to American Indian/Alaska Native students pursuing a degree in the natural resources field, who are or will attend an accredited college or university.

Application deadline is April 1, 2006. Selected individuals will be notified by May 1, 2006.

The scholarship application and information can be accessed on the AIANEA Web site – www.aianea.com.



Oklahoma Health Program Now Accepting Applications

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is now accepting applications for its 2006 Headlands Indian Health Careers Program, to be held June 4 – July 29, 2006, on the OU Norman campus.

American Indian high school seniors and first-year college students who are interested in pursuing a career in the health professions are encouraged to apply for this intense eight-week enrichment program offering mini-block courses in calculus, chemistry, physics, and biology. These courses are designed to increase students' knowledge and prepare them for the required college-level math and science coursework in pre-health programs.

Travel, lodging, and meal expenses will be provided for each student accepted into the program.

Oregon 529 College Savings Network Helps Families Save

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon residents have the opportunity to give the gift of a college education. By opening or investing in a 529 college savings plan, gift-givers can help a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or even a family friend build savings toward the cost of higher education.

529s are one present that will not go out of style, break, or burn through batteries, but will help save and prepare for the ever-growing cost of college tuition.

The Oregon 529 College Savings Network, which manages three 529 plans for the state, is dedicated to helping families discover a simpler, smarter way to manage the growing cost of college expenses. Oregonians can contribute to plans managed by MFS Investment Management and OppenheimerFunds through their financial advisors or buy directly from the state through the Oregon College Savings Plan.

"Oregon's 529 program is specifically designed to accommodate the needs of our residents, and we want to ensure that families are aware of the diverse mix of options and channels to purchase these plans," said Michael Parker, executive director of the Oregon 529 College Savings Network.

All three plans in the network provide a number of investment choices with significant state and federal tax advantages and more flexibility than most other college savings programs.

Oregon taxpayers can receive up to a \$2,000 state tax deduction on contributions each year, and all earnings and withdrawals are federal and Oregon state tax-free when used for higher education expenses, including tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

For more information, please visit www.oregon529network.com or call your financial advisor.

"The battle for Indian children will be won in the classroom, not on the streets or on horses. The students of today are our warriors of tomorrow."

Wilma P. Mankiller, Cherokee

"The world is constantly changing. One of the strengths of Indian people has been our adaptability. In today's world, education is what we need to survive. We need doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists.

"We can become these things and still live in a cultural way. We need to live in two worlds, the educated world and the Indian cultural world.

"Education will help protect our land, our people's health, and provide knowledge for our people. We must teach reading, writing, and arithmetic. Also, we must teach the language, the culture, the ceremony, and the tradition of our people."

Interested in Natural Resources? This Scholarship is for You

**Intertribal Timber Council Scholarship Announcement
for Native American/Alaska Native Natural Resources Students**

Deadline: March 31, 2006

Award: \$1,800 for college students (number of awards varies per year); \$1,200 for graduating senior high school students

Purpose: The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing higher education in natural resources.

Required Material:

- Letter of application demonstrating (1) an interest in natural resources, (2) a commitment to education, community/culture, (3) academic merit, and (4) financial need. The Education Committee reviews and ranks each applicant. All four points should be addressed in the letter, which can be up to two pages in length.
- Résumé
- Three letters of reference
- Validated enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or Native Alaska corporation, as established by the U.S. government

- **High school seniors:** Please provide documented proof of application to an institution of higher education to study in the area of natural resources, along with your most recent grades.
- **College students:** If you are currently enrolled in a higher education program, please provide documented proof of study in the area of natural resources, along with your most recent grades.

All information requested must be received by the close of business March 31, 2006 (5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time) to be considered. This information can also be found at our Web site – www.itcnet.org.

Inquiries and applications should be directed to the Intertribal Timber Council office:

Intertribal Timber Council
Attn: Education Committee
1112 NE 21st Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2114
503-282-4296

Health Career Opportunity Program

Se-ah-dom Edmo, coordinator of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), would like to invite students to be part of the 2006 Health Professions Testing Program.

This program is an intense seven-week course that targets college students from disadvantaged backgrounds interested in physician, physician assistant, and pharmacy careers.

Students accepted into the program will:

- Meet with admissions officers, faculty, and students from the OHSU Medical School, Physician Assistant Program, and OSU College of Pharmacy
- Participate in a free MCAT or GRE prep course through an accredited agency
- Hone their verbal and written communication skills

- Receive room and board at Portland State University (mandatory for all participants)
- Receive a stipend
- Scholarships are available to assist with travel for students who live more than 50 miles away.
- **Application deadline is: March 1, 2006** (additional spots filled as they are available).

Edmo has reserved January and February to visit priority schools to meet with students about the testing program and HCOP. She also will consult via telephone and e-mail at edmos@ohsu.edu.

Please visit www.ohsu.edu/som/dean/oma/hcop.shtml for more information. If you have any questions please contact our office directly at 503-494-1681.

Find Grant Opportunities

That's right – a single Web site to find and apply for all federal grants. Everything you need is now online – right at your fingertips – at www.grants.gov.

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