

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Advisory Board Recruitment

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Board is currently accepting applications from Tribal members for a three-year appointment beginning June 2008 through May 2011. Applications must be received before May 31, 2008.

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Advisory Board is composed of seven members currently, including: Jessie Davis, Siletz Tribal Council representative; Cheryl Lane, Kathryn Dick and Kurt Arden, Siletz Tribal members; Karen Gerttula and Mike Holden, non-Tribal members agreed upon by the governor and Tribal chairman and approved by the Tribal Council; and Jim White, non-Tribal member selected by the Tribal chairman and approved by the Tribal Council, from a list submitted by the governor. The board is composed of unpaid volunteers who receive travel reimbursement only for attendance at meetings and distributions. Other public relations events are also eligible for reimbursement.

The Advisory Board meets quarterly (January, April, July and October) to review approximately 80 applications received from charitable organizations or local governments within the Siletz Tribe's service area and Native American entities or activities located anywhere in the United States for the following purposes: education, health, public safety, gambling addiction, prevention, drug and alcohol treatment, housing, the arts, the environment and natural resource preservation, cultural activities, historic preservation, and other charitable purposes. Tribal programs are not eligible to receive contributions pursuant to the Distribution of Net Revenues Ordinances and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State of Oregon and the Siletz Tribe.

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Advisory Board Member Application

Name: _____ Roll No: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/ZIP: _____
 Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____
 E-mail: _____

Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2008, to be considered for appointment at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in June. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley Ellis at 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or via e-mail at kelleyr@ctsi.nsn.us.

Notice of Siletz Constitutional Election

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Siletz Agency, will be conducting an election to amend the Constitution of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon. **This will be a federally conducted election, not a Tribal election.** A voters registration packet will be sent out to all Tribal members of voting age, who will have to register to vote in this federal election. If you do not register specially for this election, you will not be eligible to vote. A voters registration form will be included in the voters registration packet. **This notice is to inform you of the federal election, the dates set for conducting the election and the importance of registering specially for this election.** The following dates have been established for conducting the election:

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| March 17, 2008 | Voters registration packet and registration forms sent to all tribal members of voting age. |
| April 11, 2008 | Registration forms must be postmarked or received by the BIA Siletz Agency on or before this date. Registration therefore closes at 4 p.m. on this date. If you do not register specially for this election, you will not be eligible. |
| April 15, 2008 | The official list of registered voters will be posted in alphabetical order on this date at various locations for review. |
| April 16, 2008 | Ballots sent to all eligible registered voters. These ballots must be returned to the BIA in the postage-paid return envelopes provided. |
| May 5, 2008 | End of dispute period for names of official registered voters list. |
| May 16, 2008 | Election Day. Ballots must be received by the BIA Siletz Agency Office no later than noon on this day. |

If you have any questions, please call the BIA Siletz Agency at 541-444-2597.



SSP Client Ramona Luledjian Receives Pendleton Blanket

The Self-Sufficiency Program recognized the time and efforts of SSP participant Ramona Luledjian in getting her General Equivalency Diploma. Pictured from left to right are SSP Director Becky Williams, GED Instructor Patricia DiGiulio, GED graduate Ramona Luledjian, and Tribal Services Specialist Leilani Cordova.

477 Self-Sufficiency Clients Receive GEDs, Move into Work Force

by Margo Hudson

The Siletz 477 Self-Sufficiency Program here in Siletz has been experiencing some transitional growth. We are happy to welcome LeiLani Cordova as the new Tribal services specialist to our Siletz team. She is an asset because of her friendly personality and previous experience with the Tribe.

Tribal clients are required to do 26 hours of self-sufficiency activities a week to overcome their barriers and move toward becoming self-sufficient. We are happy to report that the majority of our clients are removing barriers to employment on a monthly basis.

The past two months have been especially positive for clients who are working toward self-sufficiency. More than half a dozen clients went into the work force. Several clients successfully completed alcohol and drug treatment plans.

The program is very proud of the GED classroom in Siletz. Two SSP clients received their GEDs last semester and each quarter other students are taking and passing the tests that lead toward getting their diplomas.

A party was held in the classroom in March to recognize student efforts. The program honored one of the graduates with a Tribal blanket and a gift certificate for all of her hard work and effort.

Monthly Workshops

The Siletz team is hosting monthly workshops for its current clients or anyone who is interested in attending. In March, Job Training and Employment Counselor Mark Pullam presented "Gorilla Tactics," a workshop on effective job hunting. It was well-attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Another workshop was held in late April on "Interviewing - How To and How Not To." If you are interested in information about future workshops, please contact Mark at 541-444-8221.

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program hosts a Job Fair at the Tribal Community Center for openings at Chinook Winds Casino, the hotel and golf course. Participants can fill out an application here in Siletz and be considered for positions available at all three properties.

It's been very successful and participants have been hired at each fair. If you are interested in attending one of these job fairs, please contact the Chinook Winds Casino Human Resources Department at 888-244-6665.

Time Limit for Program

A small unknown fact that some of our clients need to be reminded of is the time limit that families can be on the program. Federal regulation states there is a lifetime time limit of 60 months.

Once a family has reached this limit, they are no longer eligible for the program. The parent(s) and children may still have needs, but federal law prohibits further assistance from TANF funding after the 60 months.

This is especially challenging for our clients here in a rural area. At times, it might seem that the caseworkers are pushing their clients, but they do so with the clients' best interest at heart as they know the clock is ticking for them and their families.