

Preparing for College Tips from the Education Department

Junior Year of High School

Getting ready for college starts while you are in high school. You should begin as early as possible to allow you the time to take care of all the details while keeping up with your regular schoolwork.

Ideally, you should begin searching for potential colleges during your junior year. This will give you plenty of time to prepare for the admission requirements and gather all of the appropriate materials to apply. You should have selected the colleges to which you'd like to apply by the time you begin your senior year.

First Things First

Below are the things you already should have completed by the time you set foot on campus as a senior:

- You should have a solid list of colleges to which you'd like to apply and have requested information from each.
- You already should have taken the SAT or ACT and received your score.
- You also should have researched the financial aid options available to you and gathered some potential scholarship applications.

Review SAT/ACT Scores

Juniors – Once you've taken the SAT and/or ACT and received your score(s), make sure you review them. Before sending your results to potential colleges, take a look one more time and make sure the score truly reflects your best work. If you think you could do better, arrange to take the test again.

Seniors – If you haven't taken either test, register for them as soon as possible! Practice exams are normally given in the early fall if you need to practice. Check with your school counselor about test dates at your school or schools near by.

Meet with School Counselor

Juniors and seniors – Before you submit your college applications, meet with your counselor. Hopefully, you've been setting up meetings like this periodically throughout your entire high school career. But if not, that's okay, just make an appointment.

Be sure to bring your applications and college information with you so you can discuss your plans in detail. Your counselor will help you with any questions about the forms or application process. School counselors are a great resource!

Get Letters of Recommendation

Juniors – You should be thinking ahead about who you will ask for letters of recommendation. Seniors – Hopefully, you've already discussed your need for a letter of recommendation with a favorite

teacher or two. But if not, bring up the topic as soon as possible. Be sure to provide the teacher or coach with information about you and the college so they can write a personal and compelling letter for you.

Try to select individuals who know you and your strengths. Be sure you check the requirements on your college applications to see when they require letters of recommendation to be submitted. Also, it's important to remember to ask for several copies of your letter of recommendation so you have them to submit with other scholarship applications.

Submit College Apps

In the beginning of November of your senior year, you can begin submitting college applications. Now you can put all of that planning to good use. After you fill out the applications, write essays if you need to, get letters of recommendation, have your test scores sent to the schools and get appropriate transcript information, you can send in your applications!

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is your ticket to free grant money and low-interest federal loans. If you think your parents make too much money or you won't qualify, you are likely mistaken.

Financial Aid Deadlines

The FAFSA application is key. Many other grants, scholarships and loan programs require you to have completed a FAFSA. This includes Tribal funding grant applications as well. Due dates are hard and fast, so don't miss them! Go to the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.ed.gov and get information about deadlines for the application.

The earlier you apply for loans and grants, the better. Some are first-come, first-served. Being aware of deadlines is a must! Always submit applications by the deadline and don't exclude information requested on any application. Some of the most frequent mistakes students make is missing the deadline and just leaving questions and information fields blank on applications.

Deadlines for Tribal Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training Applications

June 30 – For the 2009-2010 academic year funding

Oct. 31 – For winter term or spring semester (depending on your school) 2009 funding

Jan. 31 – For spring term 2009 funding

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David Tovey, Rueben Johnsen, Frank Simmons, Robert Kentta, Delores Pigsley and Lillie Butler visit with former Imprints owner Ann Elsasser (third from right) and employee Tammy Viles (second from right).

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pleased with their performance and customer relations."

According to Tovey, one of the key components of the purchase was the acquisition of long-time Imprints staff member Tammy Viles.

"Tammy is clearly the key to production at Imprints and we consider her vital

to the business's continuing success," said Tovey.

Tovey also explained that while the Tribe will look at expanding the business's product lines in the future, the initial focus will be on maintaining the quality of service that Imprints' customers have come to rely on.

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Center and the Siletz Gas and Mini-Mart. The Tribe also participated in the opening of Siletz Valley School in 2003.

In 2004, the Tribe purchased the Shilo Inn next to Chinook Winds in Lincoln City and added the resort hotel to the casino roster. The Tribe also opened the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004 and added the nearby golf course in 2005. The addition of the Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center completed the Chinook Winds Casino Resort experience by combining all three adjacent businesses under one Tribal umbrella.

All Tribal satellite offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene are now in Tribally owned buildings. The Eugene office moved into its current location in 2005, the Salem office moved to its current location in 2006 and the Portland office relocated to its current location in 2008.

The Tribe played a leading role in establishing the Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006. The academy serves as the local high school for area youth.

The Tribe is proud of the fact that in a few short years of doing business, it has become the largest employer in Lincoln County through the combined workforce of Tribal employees and the staff at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

Another source of tremendous pride for the Tribe is the fact that it has been able to give more than \$6.2 million to the community through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$1.25 million in cash and fund-raising efforts since its inception in 1995.

The Restoration celebration is set to begin at 10 a.m. with a welcome and invocation. The Tribe's Head Start students will perform, followed by guest speakers, presentations and Bingo.

This year's Restoration Pow-Wow arena director will be Tribal member Tony Whitehead and Nick Sixkiller is set to emcee. As usual, all drummers and dancers are welcome and Grand Entry is scheduled for 6 p.m.

CTSI Jobs

CTSI Employment Information
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CTSI is constantly looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extend sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker, or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.