

Use One Application to Apply for More Than 400 Scholarships

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) has announced the opening of its scholarship application season. The state agency administers more than 400 private scholarship programs and public grant programs to help students finance their college education.

Searching and applying for these scholarships is free, according to Vicki

Merkel, scholarship and access program director at OSAC. Students can search and apply online for all 400 scholarships using OSAC's electronic application known as the eApp, available at www.GetCollegeFunds.org.

To help students apply online, OSAC produced the 2010-11 Oregon Scholarship eApp Workbook and sent copies to

all Oregon high schools, colleges, libraries and employment offices. The workbook and a detailed scholarship catalog also are available online.

The workbook includes a worksheet that mirrors the eApp and is designed to help students prepare information before entering their data online. It helps mini-

mize errors that can lead to applications being rejected and provides an efficient way to transfer information and a list of scholarships to the online application.

Last year, 99 percent of students applied online. Students without Internet access, however, can request a paper application by contacting OSAC at 800-452-8807.

Udall Foundation Announces Internship and Scholarship Opportunities

The Morris K. Udall Native American Congressional Internship program is a fully funded 10-week summer internship in Washington, D.C., for American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate, graduate and law students.

Interns work in congressional and agency offices, where they have opportunities to research legislative

issues important to Tribal communities, network with public officials and Tribal advocacy groups and enhance their understanding of nation building and Tribal self-governance.

The foundation provides airfare, housing, per diem and a \$1,200 educational stipend. Applications must be received by Jan. 29, 2010.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship program awards \$5,000 merit-based scholarships for college sophomores and juniors seeking a career in Tribal health, Tribal public policy or the environment.

Scholars participate in a five-day orientation in Tucson, Ariz., to learn more about Tribal and environmental issues through discussions with experts, their peers and members of the Udall family.

Application must be submitted through a Udall faculty representative at the student's college or university. More information about faculty representatives can be found on the Udall website. The application deadline is March 2, 2010.

Congressman Morris K. Udall was

known for his passion and commitment to preserving the environment and advocating for the rights of American Indians. The Morris K. Udall Foundation was founded to honor his 30 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Since 1996, 86 Tribes have been represented in the Udall Scholarship and Congressional Internship programs.

We encourage you to visit our website at www.udall.gov to learn more about our programs. Interested students can contact us directly by e-mail or phone.

— Jane Curlin, senior program manager, 520-901-8565 or curlin@udall.gov; or Mia Ibarra, program manager, 520-901-8562 or Ibarra@udall.gov.

Free Master's Program at Wake Forest

Wake Forest University has an opportunity for minority students to attend its MBA program for free. The Master of Art in Management program is designed specifically for liberal arts majors only. The 10-month program is an intense study of the basic functional areas of business.

After graduation and working for approximately two years, all MA graduates are eligible to apply to Wake Forest as part

of the MA/MBA joint degree program and get the MBA in one year. The contact person is Derrick S. Boone, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing, Room 3139 Worrell Professional Center, Babcock Graduate School of Management, Wake Forest University, 1834 Wake Forest Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-8758; derrick.boone@wfu.edu; mba.wfu.edu; 336-758-4475 or 866-925-3622.

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NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2009

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The indigenous peoples of North America -- the First Americans -- have woven rich and diverse threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society.

This month, we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives in North America. They have guided our land stewardship policies, added immeasurably to our cultural heritage, and demonstrated courage in the face of adversity. From the American Revolution to combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have fought valiantly in defense of our Nation as dedicated servicemen and women. Their native languages have also played a pivotal role on the battlefield. During World Wars I and II, Native American code talkers developed unbreakable codes to communicate military messages that saved countless lives. Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars. Our debt to our First Americans is immense, as is our responsibility to ensure their fair, equal treatment and honor the commitments we made to their forbears.

The Native American community today faces huge challenges that have been ignored by our Government for too long. To help address this disparity, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates more than \$3 billion to help these communities deal with their most pressing needs. In the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, my Administration has proposed over \$17 billion for programs carried out by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, and other Federal agencies that have a critical role to play in improving the lives of Native Americans. These programs will increase educational opportunities, address the scourge of alcohol abuse and domestic violence, promote economic development, and provide access to comprehensive, accessible, and affordable health care. While funding increases do not make up for past deficiencies, they do reflect our determination to honor tribal sovereignty and ensure continued progress on reservations across America.

As we seek to build on and strengthen our nation-to-nation relationship, my Administration is committed to ensuring tribal communities have a meaningful voice in our national policy debates as we confront the challenges facing all Americans. We will continue this constructive dialogue at the White House Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington, D.C., this month. Native American voices have echoed through the mountains, valleys, and plains of our country for thousands of years, and it is now our time to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA



Intertribal Timber Council

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Scholarship Announcement For Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students

Deadline: January 29, 2010, 5:00 p.m. PST

Award: \$2,000 for college students (number of awards varies per year)
\$1,500 for graduating senior high school students

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

Required Material: The Education Selection Committee will review and rank only those applicants who completely address each area. Please be specific. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Letter of Application:** The letter must include your name, permanent mailing address, email address if available, and phone number. It should be a maximum of two pages in length, and discuss the following:
 - Interest in natural resources
 - Commitment to education, community and your culture
 - Financial need. Students who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should attach the Student Aid Report or have the report sent to the ITC office. If it has not been completed, send last year's report.
- Resume**
- Three signed letters of reference, on letterhead and dated within the last six months.
- Evidence of validated enrollment** in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation, as established by the U. S. Government. A photocopy of your enrollment card, front and back, or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) will suffice.
- Transcripts:** ALL students must include transcripts.
 - High school students must also provide documented proof of acceptance to an institution of higher education and a review of college class schedule to verify major before a check is released.
 - College students must also provide proof of their declared major.

All requested information MUST be received by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) January 29, 2010 for consideration. For more information, please visit our website www.itcnet.org. Fax (503) 282-1274 and e-mail (itc1@teleport.com) submissions are acceptable as long as we receive them by 5:00 p.m. January 29, 2010, and the original is mailed and postmarked by January 29, 2010.

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

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The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) has cooperative financial aid agreements with the University of Washington and Salish Kootenai College. Recipients of the ITC Truman Picard Scholarship are eligible to receive additional scholarships including tuition waivers, if attending one of these two colleges. For more information, visit the ITC website or contact the colleges directly.

TRUMAN D. PICARD (1946-1986)

To honor Truman D. Picard the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) established a scholarship program in his name. Truman served on the ITC Board of Directors from 1982 to 1985. While working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colville Agency (Wenatchee, Washington), in presales he attended the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University becoming one of the first people from the agency to complete the program. In 1977, Truman transferred to the Colville Tribal Forestry organization taking a position as Supervisory Forest Technician in charge of woods operations. Later he was promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Forestry Operations.

Because of his drive and determination to complete his education Truman returned to Oregon State University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management. Upon his return from college, he was appointed Director of Colville Tribal Forestry. His work for the Tribe will always be remembered by his individual efforts to bring BIA Forestry and Colville Tribal Forestry together in a joint effort to improve the level of Forest Management on the reservation -- truly a lasting legacy.

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