

Nominate an Outstanding Student for Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Eligibility Criteria

Students are eligible to be considered for a Gates Millennium Scholars scholarship if they:

- Are American Indian/Alaska Native, African American, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American
- Are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States
- Have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED
- Will enter a U.S. accredited college or university as full-time, degree-seeking freshmen in the fall

- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extra-curricular, or other activities, and
- Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (eligibility for Federal Pell Grant can only be determined through the submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education)

One nomination, one recommendation, one student, many opportunities – Nominate or recommend a star student today:

- Nominator: High school principals, guidance counselors or teachers may

serve as nominators. In addition, any professional educator, for example, an educator at a scholarship assistance organization, education assistance agency or educational outreach programs also can serve as nominator. The person who agrees to serve as a nominator must be familiar with the student's academic background.

- Recommender: Individual familiar with community service and leadership activities. A supervisor at work, a community group leader, or any other adult familiar with student's non-academic activities could serve as your recommender. If nominator is also familiar with the student's

non-academic activities, he or she may serve as both nominator and recommender.

For more information on the Gates Millennium Scholars scholarship, visit: www.gmsp.org.

Deadline: Jan. 11, 2010

Or contact:

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Pow-Wow Offers Cultural Awareness for Oak Creek Youth

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Most of the girls at the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility in Albany had been preparing for Saturday's Native American Powwow for more than three weeks.

Using patterns supplied by Bonnie Peterson of the Siletz tribe, the girls created ceremonial shawls that they were able to unveil during the traditional dances and games that took place in the Oak Creek courtyard.

One Oak Creek teen displayed a patterned shawl that included multi-colored

squares on the reverse side because it reminded her of her family.

"I come from an alternative family and I matched the colors to the colors in the house," she said.

The colorful shawls aren't completely finished but they were far enough along to wear during the various dances and ceremonies presented at the Pow Wow.

The event came to Oak Creek to provide residents an opportunity to learn about the Native American culture.

"It's part of the goal of the Oregon Youth Authority," said Alice True, executive support specialist at Oak Creek. "We draw from the communities to help make the presentations. The Native American community has been very supportive."

Powwows are held at other correctional facilities throughout the state during the year and traditionally bring 40 to 50 participants from tribes in Oregon and all over the Northwest.

Along with the Siletz, tribes from Warm Springs and Klamath were among those represented Saturday. Helping coordinate the program was Jack Lawson, Native American coordinator for the OYA.

"It's a way for the girls to maintain a connection to the community," he said. "Everyone has worked hard to make this event a success. The tribes deserve a lot of credit."

Some of the girls at the facility were able to include their families in the program.

"Being able to invite my family was important," said a 15-year-old resident. "I've been excited about this since I heard about it."

Food Biz Boot Camp Offered at LBCC

The Small Business Development Center at Linn-Benton Community College and the Linn-Benton MicroBusiness Program will offer Food Biz Boot Camp, a 40-hour workshop beginning Jan. 29-30, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. each day, and continuing Feb. 26-27 and March 26-27, 2010, hosted by and located at the OSU Food Science Department at Weigand Hall.

The boot camp is co-sponsored by Willamette Neighborhood Housing, together with Corvallis-Benton Chamber Coalition Sustainable Business Cluster Team, Corvallis Chapter of The Natural Step Network, Oregon State Food Science and Ten Rivers Food Web.

Speakers from local food product companies as well as from Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College culinary arts and business development programs will be featured.

The intent is to create a community of food service business owners who can support one another through the challenge of establishing local food businesses, enriched by mentors from existing food businesses in western Oregon.

To register, go to <http://foodbiz.corvallisdep.com>. The fee is \$275. For more information, contact John Sechrest at sechrest@corvallisdep.com or brucehe@peak.org.

All 75 of the girls at the facility, which is at capacity according to True, were at the powwow, many participating in the dances and games. A traditional Native American meal that included salmon, buffalo tacos and fry bread was prepared by Cook Supervisor Jason Atkinson. He readied 80 pounds of salmon and 60 pounds of buffalo meat, all donated by the tribes.

Tribes also donated beads, feathers and fringe material for the shawls.

"It's been a good time for the girls," said Oak Creek's director, Lory Humbert. "We haven't had the Native American services here for awhile. We're just now re-establishing them."

Humbert credited the girls for their efforts in learning the dance steps and making their shawls.

"They put a lot of effort in it. And they had to improvise on the shawls because of the limitations on what instruments they can use," said Humbert. "The sewing was done by community volunteers and some of them were just getting finished at 2 this morning."

For some of the Oak Creek residents, it was a reminder of home. One girl originally from Oklahoma will turn 18 next week and remembered dancing and going to Pow Wows since she was 3.

"This is kind of a birthday celebration for me. I love the dancing," she said.

Another 18-year-old was happy just to watch.

"I like the drummers and I love to dance but I can't participate because I used alcohol and that's not allowed for dancers," she said. "It makes me miss home."

Volunteers Needed

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Retired Educators, Artists, Musicians, Crafters and Elders are welcomed to volunteer at the SEA K-6th Grade Afterschool Program sponsored by CTSI Education Development at the Siletz Valley School, Siletz Oregon.

Monday through Friday, 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm.
Snacks provided

Please give an hour or more of your time and talent mentoring the next generation.

Contact Elizabeth Kosydar, SEA Program Coordinator at the Siletz Valley School (541) 444-2246 or Fax (541) 444-2368 for more information.

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