

Important information and deadlines for the college-bound Tribal senior

September

- Create a calendar for the year, including deadlines of colleges and scholarships.
- Register for SAT, ACT or SAT subject test if necessary.
- Register for the SAT at collegeboard.com.
- Register for the ACT at actstudent.org.
- Review career plans.
- Narrow down a list of colleges to top 3-5.
- Begin working on essays.
- Start applications for Early Action or Early Decision (college entrance).
- Visit colleges.
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship information.

October

- Check deadlines for Early Action or Early Decision (college entrance).
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship information.
- Check deadlines for CSS/Financial Aid Profile for U.S. private schools.
- Continue or start working on college applications.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches and personal

references, and provide them with a résumé.

- Visit colleges.
- Take SAT tests.
- Complete essays.

November

- Take SAT tests.
- Set up scholarship search profiles on websites.
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship information.
- Proofread and have someone else proofread all documents completed up to this point (scholarship essays, résumé, etc.).

December

- If you haven't already done so, take this last SAT test for seniors.
- Get FAFSA forms, available for federal and state financial aid.
- Apply for FAFSA pin number – student/parents must apply separately.
- Mail or submit all revised, complete college applications before the holiday break.
- Start scholarship essays.
- Start OSAC (Oregon Student Assistance Commission).

January

- FAFSA forms can be submitted Jan. 1. Do not delay – do this ASAP!
- Complete scholarships that are due.
- Check for Student Aid Report (SAR) on the FAFSA website several days after filing out the FAFSA).
- Request mid-year transcripts be sent to colleges to which you have applied.
- Request transcripts needed for OSAC scholarship application.
- Send thank you notes to people who have helped you.
- Students who plan to apply for Tribal assistance for college must apply for FAFSA no later than Jan. 31 at fafsa.ed.gov.

February

- First semester grades and mid-year reports are sent to some colleges.
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship information.
- Complete scholarships.
- Check with colleges applied to for verification they have received all necessary documents. Continue to monitor status of submitted applications.
- Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- Wrap up any scholarship applications, essays and activities chart (for OSAC). Early bird deadline is in February for OSAC.

March

- Check for three Tribal scholarships at ctsi.nsn.us.
- Complete scholarships.
- Start working on Tribal higher education or adult vocational training grant

application. This can be found on the Tribe's website and is due June 30.

- Review the Student Aid Report (SAR).
- You should start receiving admission responses.

April

- Send thank you notes to people who have helped you.
- Make final decision about which college or university you will attend.
- If you decide to decline enrollment to a college or university to which you have been accepted, send notice indicating this to the college's admissions office.

May

- This is the deadline for final decisions for universities.
- Send letter of intent to registrar.
- Line up a summer job.
- Attend your Senior Awards Night.
- Review any award letters and be sure you understand the terms and conditions that accompany each type of aid.
- If necessary, arrange for housing and a meal plan (at school).
- Send thank you notes to any person/committee from which you received a scholarship.

June

- Tribal higher education and adult vocational training applications are due June 30!
- Attend graduation – congratulations!
- Make arrangements for your final grades to be sent to colleges and universities.
- Good luck!



Over a hundred years ago Black Elk had a vision of the time when Indian People would heal from the devastating effects of European migration. In his vision the Sacred Hoop which had been broken, would be mended in seven generations.

The children born into this decade will be the seventh generation.

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**"When the Children Grow Old ...
We Want Them to Know We Fought for Them"**

There are many ways to fight to protect our children ~ one of those ways is by being a foster parent.

The Siletz Tribal Indian Child Welfare Department is accepting and recruiting foster homes on behalf of our Tribal children.

For more information, call Christy Hurt, foster care certifier, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1338, or 541-444-8338.

SAVE THE DATE

7th Annual Native Caring... A Conference to Learn, Connect & Share

Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Other Oregon partnering Tribes include:

Coquille Indian Tribe ~ Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs ~ Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ~ Klamath Tribes ~ Burns Paiute Tribe
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians



March 28-29, 2012
Pendleton, Oregon, at
Wildhorse Resort and Casino

Come and join other caregivers of Native Elders and relative caregivers of children from Northwest Indian communities in this two-day event. You will have the opportunity to attend valuable workshops that will enhance your caregiving skills and provide you with a break from your daily responsibilities.

If you are a caregiver for a Siletz Tribal Elder and want to participate, please call Rachel Endres at 541-444-8261 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1261. We only have limited funds so it will be first-come, first-served.