

Graduate Students

In the 2015-16 academic year, 10 graduate students will be funded at \$1,000 each to help with expenses. If you are in graduate school or plan to attend this coming year:

- Fill out and send in the regular Tribal higher education application.
- Send proof of the American Indian Graduation Center application.
- Include a one-page paper on your graduate degree program and your plans after completion.

Applications are due Nov. 20, 2015. Awards will be made during winter term or another term for 2016 at the student's request.

Send applications to Education Department, CTSI, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

If you have questions, please call 541-444-8290 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1290.

Scholarships

Gates Millennium Scholars Deadline: Jan. 13, 2016

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding American Indian/Alaska Native, African American, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest.

Gates Millennium Scholars are provided with personal and professional development through leadership programs, along with academic support throughout their college career.

Applications can be found at gmsp.org.

Other Opportunities

U.S. Senate Youth Program Deadline: Oct. 23, 2015

The Oregon Department of Education invites all high school juniors and seniors to apply for the 2015-2016 U.S. Senate Youth Program.

Two student leaders from Oregon will spend a week in Washington, D.C., to experience their national government in action. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, Cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense, and directors of other federal agencies, as well as participate in a meeting with a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

All transportation, hotel and meal expenses will be provided by the Hearst Foundations. Each delegate also will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science.

For more information, please visit ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=1496.

Important information 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 that 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 application, 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!



Recreational Swim • Aug. 4, 2015 • Lincoln City Community Center

Tribal members enjoy an afternoon of swimming, sliding and playing in the Lincoln City pool.