

Important information for the college-bound Tribal senior

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 the 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!

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.

Other Opportunities

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Ethnic American Literatures and Cultural Productions

Deadline: Nov. 30, 2015

The University of Oregon's English Department, in collaboration with the Ethnic Studies Department, invites applications for a 2016-18 postdoctoral research fellowship in ethnic American literatures and cultural productions.

Applicants should have a demonstrated pedagogical and scholarly investment in the study of race and ethnicity and should hold a Ph.D. in English, folklore, media studies, American studies, ethnic studies or a related field by June 1, 2016.

Direct questions to David J. Vázquez, associate professor and head of English, at vazquez@uoregon.edu.

Native American Political Leadership Program

**Summer 2016 Semester
Priority Deadline – Feb. 15, 2016
Final Deadline – March 1, 2016**

The Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) is a full scholarship for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students who want to take part in Semester in Washington Politics.

It is open to undergraduate and graduate students, including those who have completed their undergraduate degree but have not yet enrolled in a graduate program.

NAPLP is made possible by a generous grant from the AT&T Foundation.

NAPLP scholarships are awarded to students based on academic ability, leadership potential and an interest in politics. Students from all Tribes and from every part of the U.S. are welcome to apply.

There is no application fee for those applying for the NAPLP scholarship.

Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, Inc. – Young Native Writers Essay Contest

Deadline: April 15, 2016

Students are asked to write about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) to communicate a particular message or value or serve a specific purpose.

Essays should be 1,200 words or less. Awards include a \$2,500 college scholarship and participation in Washington, D.C., Scholars' Week.

Information for Tribal veterans

Vet rep asks Tribal veterans to call in: All Siletz Tribal veterans are asked to call Tony Molina, Honor Guard director and Tribal veterans representative, to verify their DD214s and enrollment numbers so he can process their names to be placed on the Veterans Memorial on Government Hill.

Siletz veterans office open daily: Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those currently serving. See below for contact information.

From our veterans representative, Tony Molina: All of our veterans and families can call me 24/7 at home at 541-444-2828 or on my cell at 541-272-2818. This will help since I'm only in the office part-time. My office number is 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330. I thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation.

UO offers in-state tuition benefits to Siletz Tribal students regardless of state of residency

The University of Oregon continues to offer in-state tuition benefits to enrolled members of the Siletz Tribe regardless of their current state of residency.

The Residency by Aboriginal Right Program was first offered in 2001 to 44 Tribes that have aboriginal territories within the state of Oregon that pre-date 1850. Out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition, a \$20,000 savings each academic year.

"All high school graduates should go to college. It's not a choice. It's a requirement. Our ancestors sacrificed and survived so that we would have the choices we have today," said Jason Younker, UO assistant vice president, advisor to the president for government-to-government relations and a member of the Coquille Indian Tribe. "We should honor their sacrifices."

UO offers bachelor's and graduate degrees through 272 academic programs. As a member of the Association of American Universities, it is one of only 36 public universities committed to scientific exploration and interdisciplinary research.

One hundred sixty-two American Indians from across the nation are enrolled at UO, including 27 from Oregon Tribes.

The Many Nations Longhouse opened in 2005 and is home for the Native American Student Association, the Native American Law Students Association and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

The UO Mother's Day Pow-Wow is one of the largest Tribal celebrations in Oregon.

For more information about UO, visit uoregon.edu.