

Important information for the college-bound Tribal senior

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!

Scholarships

Steven R. Nelson Native Educator Scholarship

Deadline: Dec. 31, 2015

The Steven R. Nelson Native Educator Scholarship Program seeks to increase the number of Alaska Native, American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students who pursue graduate degrees that will qualify them for careers in education

policy, leadership, technical assistance or research in the Northwest region.

This program honors a retired leader whose 40-year career was dedicated to working with Tribes, communities, schools and districts to improve Native and rural students' academic and life success.

Applications can be submitted via educationnorthwest.recruiterbox.com/job/s/661c28a6838e475cb807a743bb72d613.

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 stu-

dents 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.



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Scholarship Announcement For Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students

Deadline: January 11, 2016, 5:00 p.m. PST

Award: \$2,500 for college students (number of awards varies per year)
\$2,000 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.

1. **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:
 - a. Interest in natural resources.
 - b. Commitment to education, community and your culture.
 - c. Financial need. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and 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.
2. **Resume**
3. **Three signed letters of reference**, on letterhead and dated within the last six months.
4. **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.
5. **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. PST) **January 11, 2016**, for consideration. For more information, please visit our website www.itcnet.org, Fax (503) 282-1274 and e-mail (itc@teleport.com) submissions are acceptable as long as we receive them by 5:00 p.m. January 11, 2016, and the original is mailed and postmarked by January 11, 2016.

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

ATTN: EDUCATION COMMITTEE
INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL
1112 N. E. 21st Avenue, Suite 4
Portland, Oregon 97232-2114
(503) 282-4296

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) has cooperative financial aid agreements with the University of Washington, Oregon State University, Salish Kootenai College, Northern Arizona University and Yale University. Recipients of the ITC Truman Picard Scholarship are eligible to receive additional scholarships including tuition waivers, if attending one of these 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 (Nespelem, Washington), in presales he attended the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University becoming one of the first people from the agency to complete this 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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- Experience life on a campus – dorms, food and facilities!
- Select 10 suitable colleges to apply to
- Write memorable essays and create a resume
- Complete winning applications using the Common Application
- Create a preliminary FAFSA
- Receive test taking strategies and resources for the ACT & SAT
- Navigate the financial aid and scholarship jungle
- Attend a College Fair and multiple info sessions with over 40 colleges!

College Horizons 2016:

- Amherst College (Amherst, MA); June 18-24, 2016
- Lawrence University (Appleton, WI); July 9-15, 2016

A Summer College Admissions Workshop for American Indian, Alaska Native, & Native Hawaiian High School Students.

Application Deadline: TBD, February 2016

Apply: Sign up to receive an application from our website as soon as it's available; applications will be available on our website by October 15, 2015.

Deadline: Completed applications must be **Early February (TBD), 2016**. Late applications will be accepted only on a space available basis.

Eligibility: Applicants must be American Indian (enrolled), Alaska Native (proof of status) or Native Hawaiian (proof of heritage); maintain a 3.00 GPA (in academic courses) and be in 10th or 11th grade in high school.

Application Components: The application consists of the Student Application & Essay, Teacher & Counselor Recommendations and official transcripts.

Cost of Program: Cost of program is \$450. Program cost includes tuition, room, meals, program materials, and ground transportation to/from the airport to campus. Airfare from student's home to program site is not included but scholarships and financial aid are available for tuition/travel.

Scholarships: Each year 50% of admitted students are awarded tuition and/or travel assistance to attend our programs based on financial need.

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