

Important information for the college-bound Tribal senior

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

Intertribal Timber Council Truman D. Picard Scholarship Deadline: Jan. 11

- \$2,500 for college students (undergraduate and graduate)
- \$2,000 for graduating high school seniors

The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to the support of American Indian students pursuing a higher education in natural resources.

Gates Millennium Scholars Deadline: Jan. 13

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 gmss.org.

DAR American Indian Scholarship Deadline: Feb. 15

This scholarship is awarded to help American Indian students of any age, any Tribe and in any state striving to get an education at the undergraduate or graduate levels. All awards are based on financial need and academic achievement.

This is a one-time \$4,000 award.

Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship Deadline: Feb. 15

This scholarship is awarded once a year to one student. The amount of scholarship is based on total return of the endowment and can vary year to year.

American Indian Education Foundation: Paul Francis Memorial Scholarship Deadline: March 1

Applicants must be American Indian or Alaska Native descent (student or one parent must be enrolled and have documentation) and attending an accredited two- or four-year college/university or technical/vocational school as a full-time student.

Scholarships are available for undergraduate studies only – online colleges are not applicable. Scholarship can only be used for tuition and books.

Verl and Dorothy Miller Native American Vocational Scholarship Deadline: March 1

The Verl and Dorothy Miller Scholarship was established in 2002 to award vocational scholarships to Native Americans residents of Oregon to pursue vocational education or training at an accredited institution in Oregon.

Eligibility requirements include American Indian heritage, attending an educational institution in Oregon either full time or part time, and seeking a scholarship for trade or vocational study. Awardees can apply and compete for this scholarship for up to four years. Graduate students are not eligible.

Howard Vollum American Indian Scholarship Deadline: March 1

Jean Vollum established the Howard Vollum Scholarship in 1992, in memory of her husband, who founded Tektronix. Scholarships are awarded to American Indian residents of Clackamas, Multnomah or Washington counties in Oregon or Clark County in Washington to pursue an undergraduate degree in science, computer science, engineering or mathematics. Prior recipients also can be eligible for scholarships for graduate work.

Scholarships are \$3,000 annual awards and recipients are eligible for up to five

years of undergraduate study and two years of graduate study as long as they remain in good academic standing and continue to seek a degree in science, computer science, engineering or mathematics.

International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons North Indian Scholarship Program Deadline: March 1

Scholarships are given for technical, vocational or college studies but not granted for studies beyond a bachelor's degree. Scholarships are \$650.

Morris K. Udall Foundation Scholarship Deadline: March 4

The Udall Foundation awards scholarships up to \$5,000 to American Indian and Alaska Native college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service and commitment to issues related to American Indian nations or to the environment.

Catching the Dream Scholarship Deadline: April 30

Throughout the United States, Native communities suffer from a lack of qualified professionals – teachers, engineers, doctors, communication specialists, business managers, social workers and technicians. Well-paying jobs exist in Indian communities, but few Indians are prepared to fill them.

Catching the Dream seeks to address this deficiency. Our high-priority areas of study are math, engineering, science, business, education and computers.

These fields of study are critical to the future of Indian people and the nation, and American Indians are underrepresented in these fields.

American Indian College Fund Scholarships Deadline: May 31, 2016

The American Indian College Fund provides scholarship support to each

Tribal college and university and administers several scholarship programs for American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate and graduates students attending Tribal colleges and state and private universities.

American Indian Services Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing

Applicants must be enrolled in a university, college, junior college or technical school either full-time or part-time. The amount of the scholarship varies.

Legal Assistant/Paralegal Scholarship

The Association for Legal Professionals (NALS) of Oregon Scholarship Fund, Inc. offers scholarships to students who will be or are attending a college with a legal assistant/paralegal program.

Student must be taking classes to achieve a legal assistant or paralegal degree.

Scholarships will be awarded at the NALS of Oregon Annual Meeting in April 2016. Visit nalsor.org/ for more information.

Remember!

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications will be due by Jan. 31, 2016.

Visit fafsa.ed.gov for more information.