

Scholarships

NAJA Scholarship Deadline: Nov. 18

The Native American Journalists Association is committed to increasing the representation of Native journalists in mainstream media. NAJA supports and empowers members through annual scholarship opportunities for high school, college and graduate students. Each year, NAJA offers scholarships ranging from \$500-\$2,000 to American Indian students pursuing journalism.

Scholarship recipients will be notified before Dec. 1 of their status.

Links are required and designating a specific place where they may be accessed by the scholarship committee, such as a Dropbox or a Google Docs folder, is highly recommended.

For questions about scholarships or other student programs, contact NAJA Education Committee Chair Victoria LaPoe at victoria.lapoe@wku.edu.

Steven R. Nelson Native Educator Scholarship Program Deadline: Dec. 31

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.

The scholarship is named in honor of a retired leader at Education Northwest whose 40-year career was dedicated to working with Tribes, communities, schools and districts to improve Native and rural students' academic and life success.

The program provides up to three years of annually renewable scholarships to help students pursue a master's degree. Recipients will be notified of conditional awards by March 31 for study beginning in the following fall term.

For further information contact Nelson Scholarship Administrator, c/o HR Director, Education Northwest, 101 SW Main St., Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204; NelsonScholarship@educationnorthwest.org.

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

The University of Oregon continues to offer in-state tuition benefits to enrolled Siletz Tribal members 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.

For more information about UO, visit uoregon.edu.

Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

November

- Take SAT tests.
- Set up scholarship search profiles on websites.
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship info.
- 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 application, essays and activities chart (for OSAC) as early bird deadline is in February.

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!

2017 Tribal Council Application

Application for names to be placed on the 2017 ballot for candidates in the Siletz Tribal Council election

Name: _____ Roll# _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

I understand I must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and 18 years of age or older. This application must be filed with the Election Board by **4 p.m. on Dec. 21, 2016**. I also understand that if for any reason I decide to withdraw my application for Siletz Tribal Council, I must withdraw in writing by **Dec. 27, 2016 (2 p.m.)**. Otherwise, my name will appear in the voter's pamphlet and on the ballot.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail your application to CTSI Election Board, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Voter's Pamphlet and Statement

If you would like your candidate's statement and photo to appear in the Voter's Pamphlet, please submit your statement and recent 3x5 photograph of yourself along with your application. Deadline for statements and photos is **Dec. 21, 2016, at 4 p.m.**

Candidate statements must be no longer than 750 words and must not be derogatory or contain personal attacks on any one individual. Statements and photos will appear in the voter's pamphlet. Photos will be included on the ballot. Mail your statement and photo to CTSI Election Board, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

The candidate is responsible to ensure receipt of application and statement by the deadline. Letters will be sent to all candidates after review and certification by the Election Board.

Candidates can call 800-922-1399, ext. 1256, or 541-444-8256; or email elections@ctsi.nsn.us to confirm receipt of application and candidate's statement.

Election Deadlines

Dec. 21, 2016 (4 p.m.)	Deadline to file and submit a photo and/or candidate's statement for inclusion in the Tribal Voter's Pamphlet
Dec. 27, 2016 (2 p.m.)	Deadline to withdraw candidacy
Dec. 27, 2016 (2 p.m.)	Certified Candidates List will be posted
Week of Dec. 28-30, 2016	Absentee ballots mailed out and Voter's Pamphlet Candidates Fair – Chinook Winds Casino Resort
Jan. TBA, 2017	Deadline to request a mail-in ballot
Jan. 27, 2017	In-person Voting – Tribal Elections, Tribal Community Center, Siletz
Feb. 4, 2017, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	In-person Voting – Tribal Elections, Tribal Community Center, Siletz
Feb. 4, 2017 (4 p.m.)	Deadline for returning absentee ballots