

Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

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 AVT applications are due June 30!
- Attend graduation – congratulations!
- Make arrangements for your final grades to be sent to colleges/universities.
- Good luck!

Internships

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention Evaluation Fellowship
Deadline: April 13, 2018
- NCAI Native Graduate Health Fellowship
Deadline: April 14, 2018
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Summer Law Clerk
Deadline: April 18, 2018
- Assoc. of American Indian Affairs Cultural Sovereignty Fellowship
Deadline: April 23, 2018
- Hatfield Fellowship
Deadline: April 30, 2018
- Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium Scholarship and Fellowship
Deadline: May 25, 2018
- U.S. Department of Energy Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship
Deadline: May 30, 2018
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates
Deadline: Multiple
- Northwest Indian College – Nez Perce Site Internship
Deadline: Open Until Filled
- NW Documentary (Portland, Ore.)
Deadline: Open until filled
- U.S. Dept. of the Interior - Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance (Portland, Ore.)
Deadline: Open until filled
- City of Vancouver, Wash. – Water Center Educator Intern
Deadline: Open until filled
- Friends of Tryon Creek - Outreach & Membership Intern (Unpaid)
Deadline: Rolling
- Claremont Native American Fellowship
Deadlines: Multiple
- Indian Land Tenure Foundation
Deadline: Multiple
- Environmental Protection Agency
Deadline: Multiple
- American Fisheries Society
Deadlines: Multiple
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates
Deadline: Multiple
- Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI)
Deadline: Multiple
- Fish & Wildlife Service
Deadline: Multiple

Other Opportunities

- Na-ha-shnee Summer Institute Free Camp (Washington State University – Spokane, June 18-29, 2018)
Deadline: April 16, 2018
- 2018 SAIGE Youth Program (Green Bay, Wis., June 11-14, 2018)
Deadline: April 30, 2018
- Sixth Annual Pathkeepers for Indigenous Knowledge Native Youth Leadership Camp (July 15-22, 2018)
Deadline: May 1, 2018
- The Oregonian's High School Journalism Institute
Deadline: May 18, 2018
- Helping Orient Indian Students & Teachers into STEM (Univ. of Idaho) June 10 - July 13, 2018
- Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp (Grand Ronde, Ore.) June 25-28, 2018
- Eighth Annual THRIVE Conference (Portland, Ore.) June 25-29, 2018
- Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress (Shepherdstown, W.V.) July 1-7, 2018
- National UNITY Conference for Tribal Youth (San Diego, Calif.) July 5-9, 2018
- Konaway Nika Tillicum (Southern Oregon University) July 7-14, 2018
- Northwest Youth Corps
Deadline: Various
- National Youth Leadership Forum: STEM Program Nomination Form
Deadline: Various
- Saturday Academy - FREE Classes for Native American Students

Portland State's Free Tuition Program

PSU's freshman free tuition program: Four years free – PSU covers tuition and fees for income-eligible Oregon freshmen starting in fall term (resident of Oregon, graduate from an Oregon high school, admissible to PSU as a first-year freshman for fall term, a 3.4 GPA, eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant and enrolled full time at PSU).

For more information, visit pdx.edu/four-years-free.

PSU Native Development Networking for Student Success

The NDNSS is a one-year support and mentor program for first generation, low-income, first-time students who will start at Portland State University in the fall.

The program is designed to help new students transition to PSU through academic support and community building activities. It focuses on American Indian/Alaskan Native experience and is ideal for new students who want a cultural community connection to the PSU campus

Participants engage in a two-week Connect Program & College Success Course prior to starting fall term to get a head start, connect with new students and peer mentors, and learn about PSU resources that are essential to student success.

Central themes of this course include exploring cultural identity, establishing community among incoming students and learning strategies for academic success, such as study skills, time management, money management and effective communication. The college success course is designed specifically to address challenges that diverse students sometimes encounter.

The course will provide an overview of the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully transition to college. Students will share their educational goals, personal strengths and cultural norms; identify areas in which they may need support; and become familiar with support services and other resources on campus and in the community.

Native students who have completed their first year at PSU are invited to apply to be a mentor in the program.

Trevino Brings Plenty (Cheyenne River Sioux), coordinator of Native American Student Services, will accept applications through August. For more information, contact him at 503-725-5348 or trevino@pdx.edu.

Higher ed website is one-stop shop for college grants

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The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) encourages students and families preparing for college to go to OregonStudentAid.gov to check out the more than 500 grant and scholarship opportunities.

It's a one-stop shop for information, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Oregon Promise and the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

The HECC Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) awards more than \$80 million each year in state-funded grants and privately funded scholarships to help students meet their college expenses.

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit siletzlanguage.org.

Outside Scholarships for

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

Cobell Scholarship
<http://cobellscholar.org/>
various scholarships available
*essay required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

American Indian Services
<https://www.americanindianservices.org/>
various scholarships available
*essay may be required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

American Indian College Fund
<http://www.collegefund.org/>
various scholarships available
*essay required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

Bureau of Indian Education
<http://www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/>
various scholarships available
*essay may be required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

Native American Scholarship Fund
<http://catchingthedream.org/>
various scholarships available
*essay may be required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

Information about Agent Orange

For information about possible health-related problems and VA benefits:

- Toll-free Helpline – 800-749-8387, press 3
- publichealth.va.gov/xposures/agentorange/