

Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

September

- Create a calendar for the year, including deadlines of colleges and scholarships.
- Register for SAT, ACT or SAT subject test if necessary.
- Register for SAT at collegeboard.com
- Register for the ACT at actstudent.org
- Review career plans.
- Narrow down a list of colleges to top 3-5.
- Begin working on essays.
- Start applications for Early Action or Early Decision (college entrance).
- Visit colleges.
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship information.

October

- Check deadlines for Early Action or Early Decision (college entrance).
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship information.
- Check deadlines for CSS/Financial Aid Profile for U.S. private schools.
- Continue or start working on college applications.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches and personal references. Provide them with a résumé.
- Visit colleges.
- Take SAT tests.
- Complete essays.

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). 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

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov.
- AICF: TCU Scholarship
Deadline: Contact TCU Financial Aid Office
- American Indian Services Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- NOAA Fisheries Scholarships
Deadline: Multiple
- National Johnson O'Malley Association Scholarship
Deadline: Multiple

Other Opportunities

- Northwest Youth Corps
Deadline: Various
- National Youth Leadership Forum: STEM Program Nomination Form
Deadline: Various
- Saturday Academy - FREE Classes for Native American Students
- ON TRACK OHSU!
- Caldera Youth Program
- The Student Conservation Association
- The SMART Competition

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

Internships

- 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

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/>
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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.