

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

## Other Opportunities

- Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute – Generation Indigenous Network Youth Ambassador
- National Youth Leadership Forum STEM Program Nomination Form  
Deadline: Various

## Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov.
- NAJA-Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship  
Deadline: April 30, 2019
- ONAC Student Academic Achievement Awards  
Deadline: July 30, 2019
- University of Idaho College of Natural Resources McCall Outdoor Science School Scholarships  
Deadline: Rolling
- American Indian College Fund: TCU Scholarship  
Deadline: Contact TCU Financial Aid Office

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit [siletzlanguage.org](http://siletzlanguage.org).

## Merkley offers intern scholarships to increase accessibility for Oregonians

Scholarships available to those who otherwise could not afford the educational opportunity

WASHINGTON – Oregon's U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley announced earlier this year a new scholarship program to enable Oregonians who could otherwise not afford to participate in a congressional internship to gain experience in his Washington, D.C., and Portland offices.

In addition to the existing Otto and Verdell Rutherford Congressional Intern Scholarship, which is offered to individuals dedicated to addressing inequality, Merkley's We the People Congressional Intern Scholarship will be open to all individuals seeking financial support, extending the opportunity to far more Oregonians to receive financial support while interning on a full- or part-time basis.

"My first public service experience began when I served as an intern for Oregon Sen. Mark O. Hatfield," Merkley said. "I was only 19 at the time and I would never have believed that 33 years later I would return to the Senate to represent Oregon in the seat once held by Sen. Hatfield. As the first in my family to attend college, I have experienced firsthand the lifelong influence a Senate internship can provide.

"My family didn't always have a lot of extra money when I was growing up, so I know that financial considerations can be

important to making sure students from all walks of life can access this educational opportunity," Merkley continued. "That's why we've created these scholarships. They will increase the accessibility of intern positions in my offices – offering more students and recent graduates the same unique, life-changing opportunities that my internship afforded me."

Scholarships are available for full-time or part-time internships in Washington, D.C., or a part-time internship in Portland. Scholarship positions last 10-14 weeks during fall, winter, spring and summer terms.

Recipients of a We the People Congressional Intern Scholarship will be a part of the traditional intern cohort and receive the same internship experience as non-scholarship interns. In Merkley's offices, interns are integrated as part of the team and staff invests in facilitating interns' professional development.

More information on internships with Merkley's office can be found at [merkley.senate.gov/services/students/internships](http://merkley.senate.gov/services/students/internships). You can reach the D.C. intern coordinator at 202-224-3753 and the state intern coordinator at 503-326-3386.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the internship process or your application submission, please email the Washington, D.C., office at [DC\\_intern@merkley.senate.gov](mailto:DC_intern@merkley.senate.gov) or the state office at [PDX\\_intern@merkley.senate.gov](mailto:PDX_intern@merkley.senate.gov).

## Internships

- Whiting Creative Nonfiction Grants  
Deadline: April 22, 2019
- NBC News Summer Fellows Program  
Deadline: Ongoing
- HP 3D Printing Engineering Intern  
Deadline: Open until filled
- Pearson Packaging Systems Engineering Internship  
Deadline: Open until filled
- Wisdom of the Elders Agricultural Incubator Internship  
Deadline: Various
- NW Native American Research Centers for Health Research Support Fellowship  
Deadline: Rolling
- Northwestern University's Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Undergraduate Fellowships  
Deadline: Rolling
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Post-Doctoral Research Fellow  
Deadline: Multiple
- Saturday Academy Internships  
Deadline: Multiple
- EPA Environmental Research and Business Support Program  
Deadline: Multiple
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates  
Deadline: Multiple
- Claremont Native American Fellowship  
Deadlines: Multiple
- Indian Land Tenure Foundation  
Deadline: Multiple
- Environmental Protection Agency  
Deadline: Multiple
- American Fisheries Society  
Deadlines: Multiple
- Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI)  
Deadline: Multiple

Tribal employment information is available at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

### 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 [OregonStudent-Aid.gov](http://OregonStudent-Aid.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.