

Continuing Education

Tribal Members

If you are going to apply for Higher Education or Adult Vocational Training for school year 85-86, you should submit your Financial Aid Form (FAF) by February 1, 1985.

It is a Federal Requirement that all other funds be exhausted before BIA/Tribal Contract Funds are used for educational assistance. The more Tribal Members that apply and receive other financial aid means the more students we can enroll in schools.

High School Seniors should contact their school counselors for assistance. Students not in high school should contact the nearest community college or university Financial Aid Office for assistance.

Contact our Salem Area office and ask for Bob Tom or Sherri Donaldson (4821 River Road N., Salem, OR 97303. Phone 393-3903) for applications or other assistance regarding your educational plans.

Higher Education

This year we have twenty students enrolled for Fall Term at the following schools:

Oregon Institute of Technology (1)
Lane Community College (1)
University of Oregon (2)
Fort Steilacoom Community College (1)
Oregon State University (4)
Linn-Benton Community College (1)
Chemeketa Community College (2)
Western Oregon State College (1)
Portland Community College (3)
Portland State University (3)
Southwestern Oregon Community College (1)

Adult Vocational Training

We had five students enrolled Fall Term at the following schools:

Chemeketa Community College (3)
Portland Community College (1)
International Air Academy (1)

The Adult Vocational Training Funds for FY 85 have been obligated to currently enrolled students. The FY 85 Budget was reduced by 48%. We'll have more money in FY 86. Remember to file your FAF in January '85.

STUDENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

APPLICATION FORM

The Financial Aid Form (FAF) distributed by the College Scholarship Service (CSS) is the need analysis form used by all colleges and universities in Oregon. Each year, a supply of FAF's is automatically sent to all accredited high schools and postsecondary institutions in Oregon. A student may apply for most forms of state, institutional, and federal aid by completing a FAF and submitting it to CSS. (The Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) and Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) programs require separate applications.)

To be considered for most major financial aid programs, a student must designate on the FAF that CSS should send copies of the form to: (1) the Oregon State Scholarship Commission; (2) all postsecondary institutions the student may attend; and (3) the U.S. Department of Education (federal Pell Grant program).

FAF's distributed in Oregon have the name and code number (0410) of the State Scholarship Commission pre-printed in Section G. Students who are Oregon residents, and who plan to enroll full-time at eligible postsecondary institutions in Oregon, will be considered for State of Oregon grant programs administered by the Commission. The following students should cross out the name and the code number of the Commissions: (1) graduate students; (2) students who plan to attend proprietary schools; and (3) students who are certain that they will not attend an institution in Oregon, unless those students will apply for privately funded scholarships which the Commission administers (see Appendix G).

The student must list at least one postsecondary institution in Section G on the FAF. The Commission considers a student for assistance only at the institution(s) listed on the FAF. In addition, the school(s) will consider the student for assistance, depending on that student's financial aid eligibility and the availability of "campus-based" funds at the institution. (Campus-based programs include the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), and College Work-Study (CWS) programs.)

The FAF also serves as an application form for the Pell Grant program. To assure Pell Grant consideration, a student must check "yes" in response to the question, "Do

you give CSS permission to send information from this FAF to the U.S. Department of Education?" CSS will then release the information on the FAF to the Pell Grant processor.

Students should read the instructions which accompany the FAF very carefully, and complete both Side I and Side II of the FAF. Dollar items should not be left blank; instead, applicants must enter a zero where appropriate. Incomplete answers or unanswered questions will result in a request for additional information, which will delay the processing of a FAF.

Students should make a copy of the completed FAF before submitting the original to CSS. Applicants will have to pay a fee to have CSS process the FAF. The amount of the fee will depend on the number of institutions or agencies which will receive a copy of the FAF.

APPLICATION DATES

The FAF should be available to schools approximately November 15. However, students should be advised to **DATE AND FILE THE FAF AFTER JANUARY 1**, since no processing for the Pell Grant may occur before that date. Students who file or date their FAF's earlier than January 1 will be required to re-file, if they wish to be considered for financial assistance by the Pell Grant program and by many institutions.

Because of limited funds, most institutions in Oregon have listed a "preferred financial aid application date." A student should send his or her completed FAF to CSS four to six weeks before the institution's "preferred financial aid application date," to allow sufficient time for processing. In general, it is important to apply as soon as possible after January 1.

To be considered for the Commission's Need Grant and Cash Award programs, students should submit their FAF's to the CSS by April 1. Students applying after April 1 will be placed on a prioritized alternate list, to be awarded as funds are available.

SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS

Special Condition Form.

This form is used when a family's financial situation has recently changed for the worse because of: (1) death; (2) separation or divorce, or (3) loss of a job or benefits. IF A STUDENT FILES A SPECIAL CONDITION FORM WITH THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM, A COPY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION. Usually, these forms are distributed to schools after January.

The following are excerpts from the code of Federal Regulation for the Employment Assistance program components — Direct Employment and Adult Vocational Training.

Direct Employment

Scope of the Employment Assistance Program.

The purpose of the Employment Assistance Program is to assist Indian people who have a job skill to obtain and retain permanent employment. Within that framework, the program provides services to eligible Indians, as provided in 26.5, including vocational counseling and employment services on reservations and at other home areas, in communities near reservations and in off-reservation areas. Support services are also included, as provided in 26.6.

"Indian" means any person of Indian or Alaska native descent who is an enrolled member of any of those tribes listed or eligible to be listed in the Federal Register pursuant to 25 CFR 83.6 as recognized by and receiving services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs or a descendant of one-fourth degree or more Indian blood of an enrolled member, and any person not a member of one of the listed or eligible to be listed tribes who possesses at least one-half degree of Indian blood which is not derived from a tribe whose relationship is terminated by an Act of Congress.

"Indian Tribe" means any Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community including any Alaska Native Village which is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as having special rights and responsibilities and is recognized as eligible for the services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

"Near reservation" means those areas or communities adjacent or contiguous to reservations which are designated by the Assistant Secretary upon recommendation of the local Bureau superintendent, which recommendation shall be based upon agreement with the tribal governing body of those reservations, or locales appropriate for the extension of financial and/or social

services, on the basis of such general criteria as:

(1) Number of Indian people native to the reservation residing in the area.

(1) Geographical proximity of the area to the reservation, and

(3) Administrative feasibility of providing an adequate level of services to the area. The Assistant Secretary shall designate each area and publish the designations in the Federal Register.

Selection of Applicants

(a) Applicants must be adult Indians residing on or near Indian reservations and demonstrate a need for employment services.

(b) An applicant must be unemployed or underemployed in order to receive employment services.

(c) Selection of applicants shall be made without regard to sex or marital status.

(d) Only those applicants who declare a desire and intent to accept and retain full time permanent employment at the employment location chosen shall be selected, with the exception of those individuals participating in the temporary summer placement program as provided in 26.6 (b) (1).

(e) Repeat employment services involving expenditure of grant funds are to be determined on an individual basis, considering ability, prior performance, need and motivation. No client shall automatically be entitled to funded repeat services. No more than two (2) funded repeat services for a client shall be allowed. Exceptions may be made if additional funded services would create extreme hardship on the client. Applications are to be submitted with proper justification for repeat service to the Area Director for approval or disapproval.

(c) Permanent employment shall normally be defined as employment which is generally anticipated to be of one year or more in duration.

Employment in the construction or other trades where moving from one job to another is generally required of persons engaged in such occupations shall be considered as permanent employment.

(d) In those cases where applicants apply and are selected for employment services in off-reservation urban locations, a variety of services may be provided, based upon individual clients needs and requests for assistance. These may include advice in rental of housing, shopping, money management, community adjustment, counseling, applying for and seeking employment and emergency financial assistance for up to six months from the date of entry into this program. Continuing non-financial assistance, as needed, shall remain indefinitely available.

(e) Assistance as needed may be provided to enable clients who move for employment to an off-reservation urban or non-urban area to accept a specific job offer. In such cases, however, transportation or financial assistance may be provided only after confirmation has been obtained from the employer, giving details of employment, including the following:

- (1) Job title
- (2) Beginning wage
- (3) Date to start work
- (4) First payday,
- (5) First payday, and
- (6) A statement that the job is anticipated to be of a permanent nature.

(d) Financial assistance shall not be used to supplement the income of a person already employed.

ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING (AVT)

Scope of the vocational training program

The purpose of the vocational training program is to assist Indian people to acquire the job skills necessary for full time satisfactory employment. Within that framework, the program provides testing, vocational counseling or guidance to assist program participants to make career choices relating personal assets to training option and availability of jobs in the labor market. The program provides for full time institutional training in any vocational or trade school as provided in 27.7.

Apprenticeship and on-the-job training are also provided. Institutional apprenticeship, or on-the-job training courses shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months in length, with the exception that Registered Nurses training may be for periods not to exceed thirty-six (36) months. Individual program recipients may not receive more than