

"HIGHER EDUCATION?"

The Oregonian Publishing Company Scholarship May be Your...
WAY TO GO!!

Choosing A Path:

The reason for the fund is to counter the rising cost of education which is forcing many bright and academically high achieving students to abandon their goals of pursuing higher education.

Getting There:

The Oregonian Publishing Company Scholarship provides awards made possible by a \$2 million gift from the Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation Inc. The fund is administered by the Oregonian Community Foundation.

Individual grants are awarded on the basis of need and merit and may be as high as \$10,000 per academic year. Scholarship can be continued for up to four years as long as you maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average, make satisfactory progress, and complete 45 quarter hours of coursework a year or equivalent. The scholarships can be used at any two or four year, public or private, generally accredited post-secondary institution in the United States.

Qualifying:

To qualify you must:

1. Be a graduating senior from High School in Oregon or Clark County, Washington.
2. Have a grade point average of at least 3.0 based on sophomore through first semester of senior year.
3. Plan to enroll full time at any two or four year, public or private, generally accredited post-secondary institution in the United States.
4. Have completed 14 Carnegie units (year-long study of one subject) during high school.
5. Need financial assistance.

Special consideration is given to students:

- Who are affected by a history of cultural, social and economic inequities.
- Who have ever resided in a single parent family and/or
- Whose parents did not complete high school.

In addition, the evaluations will consider:

- Academic potential
- Achievements
- Skills
- Community Contributions

Going For It:

Complete an application available from your high school counselor after November 15 or by writing to the Oregon State Scholarship Commission, 1445 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97401. In Oregon, call toll free 1-800-452-8807. In Eugene Area, call 686-4166.

Submit the completed application along with a seventh semester high school transcript and a Financial Aid Form (FAF) by March 15 to the Oregon State Scholarship Commission (see address above).

Do Teachers Really Care?

The answer to this question is; "go ask Trevor Aaron"! Trevor is in his freshman year at Western Oregon State College. During the start of Winter Term 1990, he expressed concern regarding one of his mathematics professors. In spite of all the knowledge and Math tactics that Trevors professor tried to impart, Mr. Aaron, felt he was still lost. What did he do? Trevor went back to his high school math teacher at Willamina High School, Ms. Peters. Not only did Ms. Peters tutor Trevor on a voluntary basis, the time she spent with him helped clarify alot of the problems Mr. Aaron was facing in his math class at W.O.S.C.. Ms. Peters who also attended W.O.S.C., was aware of Trevor's professor and she understood how students might have difficulty with the class.

In answer to the question, "Do Teachers Really Care?", the obvious answer is YES. Our THANK YOU and congratulations Ms. Peters, you certainly give true meaning to the phrase "an educator is an educator forever".

This whole episode brings to mind that, so many students at all levels will suffer and struggle through problems only to find that for all the confusion and hard work, they may still not have corrected or resolved the problem. All students should realize that "YOU ARE NOT ALONE, YOU CAN GET HELP". The American Indian Science & Engineering Society, publication "WINDS OF CHANGE" campus advisor, in their Summer 1989 article stated "In almost every students college experience there is at least one panic, one episode of confusion, one (seemingly) insurmountable PROBLEM! And if you only have one, it will probably hit you in your first year, before you've had time to learn your schools system and make helpful contacts." "First, take a deep breath and try to relax a bit. There are people out there who can help you, whether your problem is personal or academic, whether it involves family, social group, housing, financial aid, classes, work or some other aspect of your college experience."

The article, which is written by Ms. Kathryn J. Brooks, further states that "there are always situations which will occur and at times it can be very difficult to ASK QUESTIONS, especially if everyone else seems to be understanding the material. ASK ANYWAY! When you're fighting embarrassment, remember these three things:

1. This is YOUR education! You are paying to be taught this material, and you have the right to have your questions answered so you can learn.
2. Its better to ask the question (and seem a little foolish) than to not ask it and later make mistakes - on tests or on the job. If you are going to let your ignorance of a topic show (and it will always show eventually), what better place is there than the classroom, where you're supposed to be learning it?
3. Everyone else may LOOK like they understand whats going on, but the odds are that there are others in the class who are just as confused as you are (or more so), and more embarrassed to ask questions. You'll be doing them a favor when you ask!

When in doubt, check to see if your college offers help, such as; tutoring, study labs, academic and social counseling. Schools like Oregon State University have an Educational Opportunities Program; the University of Oregon offers a Multicultural Affairs Program and does provide assistance. Chemeketa Community College, offers help in the way of a Tutoring Center. If all else fails you can always be creative, like Trevor and go ask for help from people you know have expertise!

Lastly, should you feel lost, you can always call the Tribal Education Office, while we can't promise you that we will have all the answers, we can always point you in the direction or identify people we know can assist you. The bottom line is you have to ASK before it's too late!

(students wishing a copy of the "GETTING HELP, YOU'RE NOT IN THIS ALONE", can write to the Education Program and a copy will be mailed to you).

SAME OLD SONG, YOU KNOW THE VERSE!

Every year, during the months of January through March, the Education Program, verbally exhorts "timeliness" in getting your FINANCIAL AID FORMS completed! Well again, we stress, if you haven't already done so, you MUST file your Financial Aid Form for the 1990 - 1991 academic year. In order for you to be considered a priority for campus based aid, you must have filed the FAF as close to March 30th, 1990. At the very latest, you can still file up to May 1st, however, you may not receive the maximum in campus based funding assistance.

During the past years, there have been instances where (continuing or returning students) never got around to filling their FAF until August of the current academic year. If you wait until August, you more than likely will not receive financial assistance, because it will have been awarded out and all funds are depleted.

DON'T WAIT, FILE IMMEDIATELY. This is the same song we repeat every academic year, if you're a continuing student, you know all the verses and lyrics to the song by now !!

JOM Campaign

We are asking all Members of the Coalition and their colleagues to heap support our Number One priority for FY 90--getting a decent level of funding for the Johnson-O'Malley program This program has been cut more than usual for Indian education programs in the 1980's.

From a base of \$29 million in 1982, JOM had been cut to only \$20 million two years ago. Then, with the Zarr decision, which added at least 13,000 Indian children to the eligibility rolls for JOM, the Congress increased the appropriation to \$23 million. The administration came back last year and asked for a reduction again, to \$20 million. The congress raised it back to \$23.6 million, where it now stands. This amounts to \$87 per student in most states.

What we are asking for is \$33 million, the level it would take to put the program back to the 1984 dollars this would be \$160 per student nationwide. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact the Coalition for a packet of information. JOM projects especially should help us with this project. The future of Indian children demands your help!

Community College Transfer Program Announced

Lewis and Clark College and Portland Community College are announcing the 1990 Community College Transfer Program. Twenty-five community college students will live on the L. & C campus from July 7 - Aug. 10, take inter-disciplinary courses, and participate in activities that will aid in transfer to a four-year college. Ethnic minority students over 25 years of age are targeted. For more information contact Dennis Massey, Associate Dean, Lewis and Clark College, 293-2759. Deadline is March 10/

