

Education Division

Achievement and Recognition Awards

The Achievement and Recognition Awards were established to identify and recognize tribal members who are enrolled in grades one through twelve. The primary focus of the program is to honor students for academic and leadership accomplishments.

Academic recognition may be granted for a variety of school honors, including Honor Roll, Honorable Mention, Most Academically Improved, Perfect Attendance, and Most Improved Attendance. It may also recognize exceptional performance in any academic field, such as science, mathematics, or speech, or membership in honors organizations such as National Honor Society or DECA.

Many facets of leadership are recognized. These include school and community services such as peer counseling or tutoring, Title V and JOM participation, student government, work with the elderly or handicapped, or with organizations such as Special Olympics. They may also include involvement with tribal or Native American projects.

Through these awards, the Tribe wishes to acknowledge our youth who make special efforts to excel in school and who are a positive influence in their communities. Our intent is to foster students' self-esteem, and encourage continued academic achievement and personal involvement.

Achievement and Recognition Awards are open to all tribal members, regardless of place of residence. They are based solely on merit, not on income or financial need. Students may receive only one award each school year, but they may be nominated for repeated awards in other years. Awards are made annually, at the end of each school year. Applications are due in the Tribal Education Office no later than May 1. Each application must be complete, and the required documentation must be attached. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee from the Tribal Education Office. Applicants may be invited to come in for a personal interview.

Application packets must include:

- Completed tribal application form.
- Documentation of enrollment as a tribal member (copy of tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood).
- Letter from school principal or registrar confirming both enrollment and regular attendance.
- Three letters of recommendation. These should be from teachers, counselor, principal, group leader, parent or other person who can summarize the student's activities and reason for the award nomination.
- A written statement from the student, outlining personal history, and educational goals and career plans, if known.
- A photograph for publication in the tribal paper.
- If appropriate, the application may include samples of the student's academic work, copies of certificates of achievement or completion of training, or other materials that would help the selection committee.

1995-96

Tribal Education Program Students

Mychal Leno—Human Services, Chemeketa Community College
 Michael Michelle—Auto Technician, Portland Community College
 Sharmon Neria—Human Services, Chemeketa Community College
 Tamie Spitzer—Law Enforcement, Spokane Community College
 Laura Gleason—Business, Wenatchee Valley College
 Reynold Lane—Nursing, Chemeketa Community College
 Tammy Chavez—Office Occupations, Chemeketa Community College
 Kristi Petite—Human Services, Chemeketa Community College

HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

*Willard Adams—Voc-Rehab Technician, University of Idaho
 Rebecca Gilliam—Education, Western Oregon State College
 Michael Haller—Nursing/Pre Medicine, Eastern Washington University
 Pearl Mekemson—Computer Science, Chemeketa Community College
 Bryan Mercier—Education/Business, University of Oregon
 Elaine LaBonte-Moon—Community Resources, D-Q University
 Christine Park—Nursing, College of the Redwoods
 Paul Davis—Pre-Industrial Management, Oregon Institute of Technology
 Chris Mercier—Journalism, University of Oregon
 *Jeff Davidson—Forest Technician, Chemeketa Community College
 Chris Bailey—Undeclared, Western Oregon State College
 Janis Duddles—Social Sciences, Evergreen State College
 Renae Douglass—Business Management, Portland State University
 Melanie Ewers—Nursing, Linfield College
 Shelby Olson—Education, Western Oregon State College
 Tangalene Hensley—Physical Therapy, Eastern Washington University
 Chris LaChance—Business, Eastern Oregon State College
 Connie Holmes—Human Resources Management, George Fox College
 Jamie Baker-Morin—Psychology, Vernon Regional College
 Marcee Peterson—Criminal Justice Administration, Clark College
 Diane Harrison—Business Administration, Portland Community College
 Amber Finney—Journalism and Nursing, Green River Community College
 Bryan Langley—Family Studies, Western Baptist College
 B. Daniel Glass—Business, Fort Lewis College
 David DeHart—Education, University of Oregon
 Shonn Leno—Biology, Linn-Benton Community College
 William Mercier—Undeclared, Chemeketa Community College
 Mary Ring—Education, University of Nevada-Reno
 Dustin Leno—Business, Clackamas Community College

EDUCATION TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Melanie Ewers—Nursing, Linfield College
 *Shelley Hanson—Business Management (graduate), Willamette University
 Delight Satter—Public Health Administration (graduate), University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
 Angie Fasana—Law (graduate), Lewis and Clark School of Law
 *Perri McDaniel—Business Administration, Washington State University
 Bryan Mercier—Education/Business, University of Oregon
 Trevor Aaron—Computer Science, Chemeketa Community College
 Chris Mercier—Journalism, University of Oregon
 *June Olson—Early Intervention Education (graduate), University of Oregon
 Christine Park—Nursing, College of the Redwoods
 Shelby Olson—Education, Western Oregon State College
 *Leona Ricker—Medical Records Technician, Rogue Community College
 Kristi Seidel—Medicine (graduate), University of Kansas School of Medicine
 Simone Auger—Architecture Design, University of Oregon
 Amber Finney—Journalism/Nursing, Green River Community College
 Rebecca Gilliam—Education, Western Oregon State College
 Shonn Leno—Biology, Linn-Benton Community College
 David DeHart—Education, University of Oregon
 Dustin Leno—Business, Clackamas Community College
 *Debby Childers—Business—Chemeketa Community College

*Expected Graduates for 1996.