

Education Division

Education Trust Fund Scholarships

The Education Trust Fund Scholarship Program is designed to recognize and provide financial support to Tribal members who have demonstrated scholastic and leadership ability and wish to continue their education. The Scholarship program is open to ALL Tribal members, regardless of residence, age or need.

Requirements:

- Applicant must provide proof of Tribal enrollment;
- Applicant must be accepted in an approved course of study at an accredited institution.
- Applicant must submit a completed application with all required documents by April 30.

Types of Scholarships:

- Adult Vocational Training — Part time and Full time;
- Undergraduate — Part time and Full time;
- Graduate — Part time and Full time;
- Eula Petite Scholarship — Education Majors only.

You can contact the Tribal Education Program by calling at (503) 879-5211 or at 1-800-422-0232 or write to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Education Program, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR. 97347.

Higher Education Program

The Higher Education Program assists Tribal members to continue their education and training beyond High School for the purpose of developing leadership and increasing employment opportunities in professional and vocational fields. The Higher Education Program assists eligible members with tuition, books, fees and supplies while enrolled in an approved course of study.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a high school graduate or have a GED;
- Applicant must provide verification of Tribal enrollment;
- Applicant must be enrolled in or accepted for enrollment in an accredited institution and be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree, or enrolled in a two year program which will transfer to a 4 year institution;
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need utilizing an approved financial "Needs Analysis System."

A Tribal Higher Education Program application must be filed with the Education Program. Application forms can be obtained by contacting the Tribal Education Program.

Applicants are required to apply for Federal Financial Aid. Financial Aid Forms (FAF) are available at the Tribal Education Program office and at all colleges and universities.

Higher Education Programs are four years in length. A person completing this program usually receives a Bachelor's Degree.

Adult Vocational Training Program

The purpose of the Adult Vocational Training (AVT) Program is to assist Tribal members in acquiring training and job skills necessary for full time satisfactory employment. The Adult Vocational Training Program assists eligible members with tuition, books, fees and supplies while enrolled in an approved course of training.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant must

- be 18 years or older, except that high school graduates shall be eligible at 17 years old;
- have graduated from High School or have a GED;
- provide verification of Tribal enrollment;
- be in need of training in order to obtain reasonable and satisfactory employment;
- be in need of financial assistance in order to obtain such training;
- have the ability to pursue such training; and
- be willing to accept employment upon completion of training.

An Adult Vocational Training Program application must be filed with the Tribal Education Program. Application forms can be obtained by contacting the Education Program.

Applicants are required to apply for Federal Financial Aid. Financial Aid Forms (FAF) are available at the Tribal Education Program office and at all Colleges and Universities.

Vocational training programs are usually one or two years in length. A person completing this program usually receives a Certificate or an Associates Degree.

Adult Education

The Education Division's GED/ABE component focuses on earning a General Equivalency diploma, Adult Basic Education, Basic Skills Development, Literacy, Adult High School Diploma, and Senior Citizen classes/programs.

The Adult Education Program's goals include offering adults way to improve their job opportunities and personal circumstances by supporting programs which enable adults to:

- Become functionally literate.
- Pass the test for the General Equivalency Diploma (GED).
- Raise levels of educational achievement.

Grand Ronde tribal members who need fees covered for GED testing or books and fees for a class that qualifies as basic skill development or pre-employment training can apply to the Adult Education Program by requesting an application. For more information, please contact: CTGR Adult Education, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. Or call 1-800-422-0232 or 879-2282.

On the local level, the program offers GED classes to tribal members. Classes and study centers are located in the Education Training Center at 28840 Salmon River Highway and are scheduled for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in April, May and June. However, there will be no classes the week of April 20-24. A new class this term, "Writing for the GED Test" will provide tips and exercises designed to prepare the student for the GED Writing Test. It will be offered as a weekly, one hour class.

People often ask how long it takes to receive the GED. Unfortunately there isn't one correct answer. Since a GED diploma represents the equivalent of a high school diploma, it really depends on the students, the amount of time she/he puts into studying, classes, and how far the student went in school. Students who do a lot of reading, use math in their daily lives, or who watch a lot of educational programming like PBS, the Discovery, Science, and History channels, tend to complete their requirements sooner. Put simply, people who use reading, writing, and arithmetic in their lives are keeping those skills alive and possibly improving them.

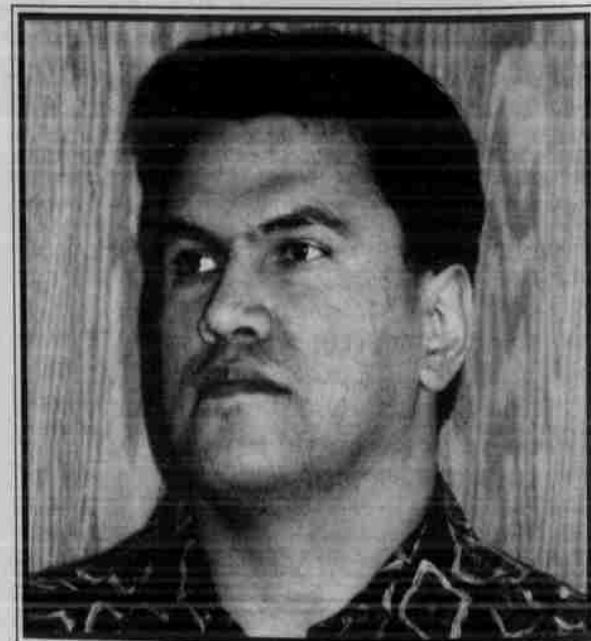
Those who don't are often surprised how fast their skills improve, once they begin to study seriously. So, how long does it take to get a GED diploma? Former students say it takes anywhere from a few weeks to a few years, but all agree it is well worth the effort. Many students are quoted as saying, "I wish I had done this sooner!"



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