

Youth Education (Grades 6-12)

- ◆ 26 Tribal member high school seniors graduated in 2003.
- ◆ Native American Club facilitated and participated in the Native Youth Leadership Academy. 58 Native youth participated who attend Willamina, Sheridan, Salem, Portland Public Schools and Chemawa Indian School. Youth will be participating in 2003-2004.
- ◆ The Native American Club and Youth Education Program facilitated and participated in the Oregon Indian Education Youth Conference held in Portland, Oregon.
- ◆ Five Tribal Youth participated in the Native American Wellness Institute Conference. This was presented at Lewis & Clark College and Warm Springs.
- ◆ Tribal youth Ali Holsclaw and Janel Lara participated in the Museum of Natural History summer internship program in New York City.
- ◆ 62 Tribal youth so far this year, have received funding through the Youth Sponsorship Program.
- ◆ 125 recipients, grades K-12, participated in Achievement and Recognition awards.
- ◆ 50 Tribal youth participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program! While working, many of these youth completed the requirements to earn 1/2 high school credit for successfully completing employment.
- ◆ Tribal youth received school supplies.
- ◆ The Parent Committee for K-12 continued to meet on a regular basis.
- ◆ Youth Education and the Prevention Program collaborated to provide numerous summer field trips and activities.
- ◆ Students must make arrangements with school for absence.
- ◆ If missing more than one day from school, students must return a "tracking" form by determined deadline.
- ◆ Student is responsible to follow rules of program while on activity.

Youth Center and program activities.

- ◆ Student must return appropriate paperwork.
- ◆ Follow program and center rules.

Youth participating in the above-mentioned programs must meet the following ability guidelines for enrollment:

- ◆ Provide proof of enrollment in a federally recognized Tribe. (With the exception of Native American Club — any student can participate by meeting with advisor and returning appropriate paperwork).
- ◆ Student must be enrolled in 6th — 12th grades.

Services for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Enrolled Tribal members:

1. Achievement and Recognition Award - K-12 grades.

- ◆ Applications are due in the Tribal Education office or must be postmarked by May 1 deadline. There are NO exceptions.

2. Youth Sponsorship — Maximum award is \$200 for K — 12th grades.

- ◆ Must request application and return completed for processing.
 - ◆ First-come, first-served basis.
 - ◆ Allow two weeks to process.
- Checks are made to vendors only.

3. Summer Youth Employment

- ◆ Tribal youth ages 14 — 17 years of age.
- ◆ Student must participate in mandatory meetings and return application to Human Resources by application deadline date.
- ◆ 8 week program — 20 hours per week.
- ◆ Youth can earn half elective high school credit for successfully completing work and other school requirements.

4. School Supply Distribution

- ◆ Tribal youth grades K — 12
- ◆ Tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB).



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YOUTH EDUCATION

BASIC GENERAL SERVICES:

1. Tutorial Services at Youth Education Center and In-School.

- Upon teacher, parent or student request, with signed "release of information" form by parent or guardian.

2. Native American Club at Willamina and Sheridan Schools.

- Student must make necessary arrangement to be released from class and sign up for club with their advisor.

3. Opportunity to participate in field trips, conferences, workshops & trainings.

- Student must return a permission slip.

Short-Term Training, Continuing & Distance Education

The STT and C&DE programs assist Tribal members while attending school on a part-time basis, or in obtaining short-term training for employment-related skill development and training, cultural enrichment and personal or professional development. The mission of the programs is to assist Tribal members in acquiring education and thereby providing the opportunity for personal and professional development that leads to self-sufficiency, economic independence and life-long learning.

These programs support participants with payment of tuition, fees, textbooks and required supplies. Qualified applicants in the C&DE program are eligible for a funding amount not to exceed \$800 for undergraduate students and \$1,600 for graduate students per term/quarter. Students on a semester system are eligible for funding not to exceed \$1,600 per six months for undergraduate and \$3,200 for graduates. Qualified applicants in the STT Program are eligible for a funding amount not to exceed \$800 per term/quarter/three months. If an employment-related training program requires a student to provide work tools and supplies as a regular part of entry into the program, then these items may be covered through the STT Program with funding amount not to exceed \$500. This amount is in addition to funding towards tuition, fees and books.

Additionally, the program coordinates with Chemeketa Community College, Portland State University, Oregon State University as well as other education and training providers to offer a variety of on-site and distance education classes throughout the school year. Career Information Services and educational counseling and advising are available to all Tribal members. A variety of individualized classes are also offered throughout the year in response to needs identified by Tribal members.

The STT/C&DE Programs are available to ALL adult Tribal members regardless of residence or need. Last year over **360 individual Tribal members** participated in some activity supported by these programs, generating **over 500 students enrollments**. For activities funded by C&DE/STT last year, the **student success rate was over 87 percent**.



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The past year has seen a tremendous increase in enrollment in Continuing & Distance Education (C&DE) and Short Term Training (STT) programs. As of July 2003, C&DE/STT has experienced a **53.9 percent increase in program enrollment** compared to the previous year. For the 2002-2003 academic school year, a summary of student participation reflects:

Fall, 2002	126 Tribal members received STT/C&DE services (102 last year)
Winter, 2003	123 Tribal members received STT/C&DE services (104 last year)
Spring, 2003	139 Tribal members received STT/C&DE services (75 last year)
Summer, 2003	123 Tribal members received STT/C&DE services (51 last year)
TOTAL	511 student enrollments (332 last year)