

Counseling/Advising Program

The Counseling/Advising Program is available to offer assistance to Tribal members in the following areas:

- ◆ College Program Identification/Assessment.
 - ◆ Career Assessment.
 - ◆ College Campus Visits.
 - ◆ Preparing for college application and admission.
 - ◆ Job Shadowing.
 - ◆ One on one appointments.
 - ◆ Asset Placement Testing.
 - ◆ High School Education Guidance Counseling.
 - ◆ Various Educational Services and Programs.
 - ◆ Services to Middle and High School students, such as, IEP's, credit recovery, college/career assessment, etc.
 - ◆ Workshops, classes and special presentations that focus on personal development and job skills.
 - ◆ Specialized counseling and intervention services to provide students with individual attention.
 - ◆ Advising on the type of academic and/or occupational training needed to succeed in the workplace and postsecondary educational opportunities.
- Accomplishments of the year include:**
- ◆ 55 participants in the Annual Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop held on February 4 at Spirit Mt. Casino.
 - ◆ 200 participants and 35 vendors in the Annual College/Career Fair held on April 3 in the Tribal gymnasium.
 - ◆ 7 statewide college campus visits for youth.



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Higher Education

Higher Education 2003 Accomplishments

- ◆ Senior Day — Seniors from Willamina and Sheridan High School came to Grand Ronde Education Building to discuss education goals and complete Free Applications for Student Financial Aid.
- ◆ Tribal Council generously approved the Scholarship Coordinator position. The position is a vital component to identifying and researching scholarships / funding for higher education students.
- ◆ Education Division completed the production of a new database system which allows the staff to maintain updated information on a software program.
- ◆ Higher Education positions are filled with knowledgeable and responsible people who care that the needs of their students are fully met.

2002-2003 Graduates

- ◆ 17 Adult Vocational Training students
- ◆ 1 Short Term Continuing and Distance Education student
- ◆ 13 Higher Education students
- ◆ 12 Education Trust Fund Scholarship students



April Campbell, Education Specialist — 503-879-2276

Attention all High School Seniors — Upcoming Graduates:

The Education Division provides funding up to \$100 to assist with the purchases of your graduation costs such as a cap, gown and invitations. In order to receive this funding please send the following information:

A letter indicating your need for assistance.

A copy of your graduation costs.

A copy of your Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal ID.

Send the information to:

Education Division

April Campbell

9615 Grand Ronde Road

Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Congratulations on your success!

Education Trust Fund Scholarship

The Education Trust Fund Scholarship is one of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's available funding sources for Tribal members pursuing a higher education. The scholarships are open to **any** enrolled Tribal member attending a two or four-year college, university, trade school or vocational school. The scholarships vary by type and are automatically renewable as long as the student continues to meet minimum academic requirements.

An email list serve was recently established as a convenient way for students to have access to other funding opportunities outside the Tribe. An email is sent out the beginning of each month with numerous scholarship deadlines for the following month. Scholarship application tips are also available through the list serve. To request to be added to the list serve, please email: luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org.

Scholarship manuals are in the process of being compiled. Once completed these manuals will be available for students to look through either in the Tribal Scholarship Office or the Tribal Education Library. These manuals will offer descriptions of numerous funding opportunities outside the Tribe.

In addition to maintaining the Education Trust Fund Scholarship student files, the Tribal Scholarship Office is a place for students to learn more about funding opportunities available to continue their education. There are countless scholarships and grants available to students that can be researched.

If you have any questions about the Tribal Scholarship Office or its available services, please contact: Luhui Whitebear at 503-879-1345, or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345. By mail at: 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

2003 ETFS Graduates: 13

2003 ETFS Scholarship Recipients: 44

Total ETFS students for the 2003-2004 school year: 69

Applying for Financial Aid

In order to apply to the Tribe's full-time Higher Education programs students must apply for Federal Aid. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for 2003-2004 is available at your local libraries, colleges and universities or on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Should students be eligible, the FAFSA can **help** pay for tuition, books and fees, and may include a portion of your living expenses.

The Department of Education uses the information provided on your FAFSA to determine your eligibility for aid from the federal student financial assistance (SFA) programs. Many states and schools also use the FAFSA data to award aid from their programs. **Some states and schools may require you to fill out additional forms.**

The information you report on your FAFSA is used to calculate your Expected Family Contribution, or EFC, according to a congressionally determined formula. Your school will use your EFC to determine your need and what federal, state, and institutional aid you are eligible to receive.

February 15 of each year is the deadline to have your applications in for Summer or Fall Term students. Should you have questions please contact April Campbell, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Higher Education Specialist at 1-800-422-0232 ext 2276.

Education Division Library / Media Center

The Education Division Library / Media Center is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. (Closed Noon — 1 p.m.) and staffed by Education Division employees. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. The Library was awarded a 2002 Institute of Museum & Library Services grant that funds the Saturday Librarian position and allows for the purchase of books and materials. The Education Division was recently notified that another IMLS grant will be awarded for 2003. The new grant will provide the Librarian position to continue as well as afford the Division to purchase other Library materials. Library Card holders now number 50 and we hope more Tribal and Community members will visit and become a regular at our library. The Library collection consists of approximately 1500 items that include: Education / College textbooks, a Native American book collection, a children's & youth collection, some fiction and non-fiction books & materials, a limited video library, an audio collection of fiction items, a paperback collection, and a new collection of reference materials for youth and adults. A preschool story time is scheduled on Monday mornings and we hope to establish a book club in the near future.

Tribal Education Committee

The Tribal Education Committee was established by the Tribal Council to act as advisory to the Education Division.