

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

The Education Division requests that any students receiving funding through education please provide updated address information.

Also, students must comply with the Student Responsibilities guidelines set forth by the Education Division. Funding may be delayed or withdrawn if information is not delivered to the Education Division in a timely manner.

Students participating in the Short Term Training may submit information to: **Education Division, Short Term Training, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or call 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2275.**

Students participating in Higher Education Trust Fund Scholarship and Adult Vocational Training may submit information to: **Education Division, Education Specialist, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or call 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2276.**

#### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Applications for Executive Nurse Fellows Program

A program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ([www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org)), the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program is an advanced leadership program for nurses in senior executive roles who aspire to help lead and shape the U.S. healthcare system of the future.

The three-year fellowships allow fellows to remain in their current positions and offer participating nurses the experiences, insights and skills necessary to advance in executive leadership positions in a healthcare system that is undergoing unprecedented change. The program is intended to increase the influence of nurses and nursing across many sectors of the economy.

The fellowships are open to senior-level nurses who hold executive positions in health services organizations, public health organizations and systems and nursing education. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status and be willing to make a commitment to three consecutive years of structured learning, self-study and project activity while continuing their current employment.

Up to twenty fellowships will be awarded in this grant cycle. The fellowship provides \$45,000 over three years.

Applications for the program must be submitted online. See the RWJF website (<http://rwjf.org/applying/cfpDetail.jsp?cfpCode=ENL&type=open>) for application procedures and to download the complete call for applications.

**Deadline: January 30, 2004.**

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- All students are required to file for Federal Financial Aid. Continuing students are expected to file prior to February 15 of each year. A copy of the Federal Financial Aid application must be submitted to the tribal Education Program in order to determine program eligibility.
- All students are responsible for having their grade reports sent to the tribal Education Program upon completion of each Term/Semester. Either make arrangements with the Registrar's office to have the reports sent directly to the tribal office or mail a copy of your grade report to the tribal office yourself.
- All students must maintain a 2.00 GPA and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per term/semester to remain eligible for funding.
- Students are allowed one term of Probationary Status. Students who are placed on PROBATIONARY STATUS will not be awarded the following term until they have provided the tribal Education Program Specialist a copy of their grade report/transcript. Transcripts must include the term of probation and must show successful completion of 12 credit hours and verify that a 2.00 GPA has been earned.  
**NO AWARD WILL BE MADE UNTIL TRANSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.**
- It is the student's responsibility to remain in "good academic standing." If a student demonstrates an on again/off again pattern of being placed on Probationary Status, they will be placed on probationary status for one complete academic year. Failure to meet minimum academic and or attendance requirements during the probationary term/semester will result in suspension from the program.
- Students, please notify the Education Department of address changes and telephone number changes as soon as they occur.
- If emergencies occur that effect your attendance notify the Education Program and the college IMMEDIATELY! (Tribal Education Specialist, College Registrar's Office, College Financial Aid Office.)
- Students who withdrew from school due to medical or health related reasons must obtain a Statement of Verification from their physician or health care provider identifying need to withdraw from school. Student must also obtain a Statement of Releases from their physician that identifies ability to return to school. Copies of physician's statements must be submitted to the Education Program Specialist.
- All students must sign a "Release of Information" form regarding attendance, financial aid transcripts, education budgets, progress and grade reports.
- Students, be aware that if your quit school or withdraw early from school you will be required to reimburse the Education Department monies you received to attend school.
- Students entering their SENIOR year are required to have a Graduation Audit/Evaluation completed Fall Term/Semester and provide a copy of the Audit/Evaluation to the Tribal Education Program Specialist.

*Please keep in contact with the Tribal Education Specialist and program staff. We are here to provide assistance and support for you while you are attending school.*

### Your Education Checklist:

#### JANUARY 1 — 30:

- ✓ Make copies of your completed Federal Financial Aid application.
- ✓ Mail original in the envelope provided; send copy to the Tribal Education division; and keep copy for yourself.

#### JANUARY 1 — APRIL 30:

- ✓ Request and complete the Tribal Education Trust Fund Scholarship program application. Mail to the Tribal Education Division.

#### BEGINNING OF EACH TERM/SEMESTER:

- ✓ Mail new class schedules to the Tribal Education Division.

#### END OF EACH TERM/SEMESTER:

- ✓ Mail grade reports to the Tribal Education Division.

#### MONTHLY:

- ✓ For students attending a proprietary school, you need to send a grade report, progress report and attendance record every month to the Tribal Education Division.

#### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- ✓ Maintain contact with the Tribal Education Specialist.

### Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training Program Deadlines

July 1 ..... Fall Term/Semester

November 1 ..... Winter Term / Spring Semester

February 1 ..... Spring Term

April 1 ..... Winter Term / Spring Semester

\*Deadlines do not apply to open-enrollment institutes for Adult Vocational Training applicants.

Please contact the Education Division to request an application at 503-879-2275, toll free at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2275 or write 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. Education information and applications can be accessed through the Tribe's web-site at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org).

### 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 2004-2005 is available at your local libraries, colleges and universities or on the web at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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.

### What's the one gift you didn't get over the holidays? If it's a GED...

Contact Joanne Carr at the Adult Education Program.  
503-879-2282 or [joanne.carr@grandronde.org](mailto:joanne.carr@grandronde.org).

### Health Professions Scholarships Target American Indians, Alaska Natives

HHS' Indian Health Service has announced the availability of \$3.7 million in health profession scholarship funds for fiscal year 2004. The grants are intended to encourage American Indians and Alaska Natives to enter health profession, and to assure the availability of Indian health professionals to serve Indians. Roughly 200 awards will be made under the Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Scholarship Programs for Indians, where the average award for a full-time student is about \$20,000. About 240 awards will be made under the Indian Health Scholarship Program, for which the average award for a full-time student is about \$23,500. **The application deadline is February 28, 2004.** For more, see the notice in the Oct. 23 Federal Register at [www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/a031023c.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a031023c.html) under Indian Health Service.