

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Achievement & Recognition Awards

Achievement and Recognition Award applications were mailed out on March 16, 2004 to K-12th grade students enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. If you have not received the application please call Brian Campbell at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2101.

Juniors & Seniors — College Prep Weeks

June 14-17

■ Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon
Activities:

Stay in college dorms, learn about preparation for college, adjusting to life away from home, understanding a typical day at college, stress management, resume/cover letter writing, study skills, money management, open computer lab, free time in athletic facilities, etc.

June 21-24

■ Grand Ronde Auditorium/Gym & Education Building
Activities:

Native American speakers in math & science including: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Graduate student in Anthropology/Archaeology, Oregon Museum of Science & Industries, etc. Plus more information on college preparation and student success!

All expenses are paid for, except transportation to the event. Sign up with Youth Education ASAP, limited spaces available. Questions? Call 503-879-1478.

Placement (ASSET) Testing

We offer placement testing the second Tuesday of every month. Please call Education if you have any questions or to sign up for testing at 503-879-2275. Next test date is May 11 at 9 a.m.

American Indian Education Foundation Scholarship Program

Applications available for full time undergraduate study at an accredited 2 or 4 year college/university or technical/vocational school. \$3,000 freshman scholarship for high school seniors and \$1,500 undergraduate/continuing scholarship for students who are not high school seniors. Must be enrolled Native American. For more information or for an application, please visit website www.aiefprograms.org/scholarship_program/index.html or contact Luhui Whitebear, Scholarship Coordinator, at 503-879-1345, or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345. luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org.

American Indian Services Scholarship

Applications available for full or part time undergraduate study at any university, college, junior college, or technical school. Must not have more than 150 semester credits or 210 quarter credits, have a minimum GPA of 2.25, and be at least 1/4 enrolled Native American. Applications due May 15 for classes starting in June. For more information or an application, please contact Luhui Whitebear, Scholarship Coordinator, at 503-879-1345, or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345. luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org.

Native Vision Scholarship

Established in 1996, the annual scholarship makes a one-year award of \$1,000 to outstanding American Indian young people with a commitment to education, athletics and leadership. Must be enrolled Native American with at least a 3.0 GPA and admitted to an accredited community college or four-year undergraduate program. For more information or an application, please visit website, www.nativevision.org/ or contact Luhui Whitebear, Scholarship Coordinator, at 503-879-1345, or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345. luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org.
Applications due May 14.

150 Long & Short-term Internships Available In Environmental Careers

The Environmental Careers Organization has over 150 long and short-term internships available right now! These positions are all *PAID* and last from three months during the summer up to two years in length for recent graduates and are located across the country with various government agencies, nonprofit organizations and companies.

If you are interested in working or interning with organizations such as The Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Jones and Stokes, IBM, West Harlem Environmental Action and many other environmental agencies or organizations, visit the Environmental Careers Organization website at www.eco.org ASAP. If you have further questions after visiting the website, contact Kristie King by phone at 215-493-5320 or by email at kristiek@eco.org.

Title VII Indian Education Meeting

The annual public meeting for the Willamina School District's Title VII Indian Education Program will be held on **Tuesday, May 4, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.** at the 'old' Willamina High School in Rm. 11. (Enter building from the breezeway, go up the hall, third classroom on the right).

A draft of the 2004 /05 Title VII grant objectives will be available for review and input.

All parents of Native students in the District are encouraged to attend.

Title VII Program Director is Wendi Spencer. Wendi can be contacted at wendispenencer@hotmail.com should you have questions or would like to provide written comment.

HeadStart Recruitment Starts April-July

This announcement is for children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2004 to children who are five years old (pre-kindergarten) and that are income eligible. Our first day of school is September 7, 2004. Please call Sandy Bobb at 503-879-2161 for an application or with any questions. Applications will be accepted until July 30, 2004. Selection and notification will be made by mid August and you will be notified if your child has been accepted or declined. Children with special needs are strongly encouraged to apply.

National Native American Youth Initiative

June 19-27, 2004
Washington, D.C.

This is an intense academic enrichment and reinforcement program consisting of courses teaching leadership, communication, study and testing skills plus assertiveness, networking, professional behavior, interactive learning and time management. The summer program will inform students of health careers available to Native American youth. Health professionals and traditional healers will provide special lectures regarding personal experiences toward a health career and the collaboration between western and traditional medicine.

Eligibility:

Native American high school students planning to enter the health professions between the ages of 16-18. Students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Selected scholars will receive all expenses paid.

Contact:

Association of American Indian Physicians, 1225 Sovereign Row, Suite 103, Oklahoma City, OK 73108. Phone: 405-946-7072, Email: cguy@aap.com or visit their website at www.aap.com to download an application.

Deadline is May 14, 2004.

Harvard Offering Free Tuition

Harvard is offering free tuition for students that have a family income below \$40,000. Harvard University announced that from now on, undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only 10 percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in lower half the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution." This initiative puts severe pressure on other well-endowed colleges and universities to adopt similar measures.

Some commentators believe that Harvard's announcement was made in response to Princeton University's decision six years ago to eliminate all tuition charges for families earning less than \$40,000 (adjusted annually to take inflation into account) and its subsequent decision three years later to substitute all student loans with outright grants.

The Harvard announcement indicates that the Princeton plan has had some success in drawing to Princeton some of the high-achieving, low-income students who typically went to Harvard. Each year The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education gathers figures from the U.S. Department of Education relating to the percentage of students at the nation's leading colleges and universities who receive federal financial assistance under the Pell Grant program for low-income students. These figures provide a good measure of the institution's relative success in enrolling students from the bottom economic sector of the nation's families.

<http://adm-is.fas.harvard.edu/FAO/index.htm>