



NCAI 63rd Annual Convention

"Building Self Sufficient Nations: Connecting Community & Culture"
October 1-6, 2006 — Sacramento, California

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AMBASSADOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Ambassador Leadership Program (ALP) is a new scholarship program open to males and females aged 17-25. The Ambassadors, one male and one female, will serve a two year term leading the NCAI Youth Commission in its meetings and functions and will represent the NCAI youth when their presence is requested.

Ambassadors will be chosen at the 2006 Annual Convention in Sacramento, California on October 3, 2006. Applicants are required to be at the Annual Convention for the entire week, Sunday, October 1 through Friday, October 6.

ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Contestant must be 17-25 years of age on or before October 1, 2006;
- ◆ A citizen of an American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe or village with proof of enrollment;
- ◆ Current High School Senior, full-time under graduate student (12+ credits) or full-time graduate student;
- ◆ Single, never married, no children.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Completed official application form.
- 2) Three letters of recommendation from a school official, Tribal official, and/or professional individual. Letters from relatives will not be accepted.
- 3) Copy of Birth Certificate.
- 4) Certified Copy of Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (American Indian or Alaska Native citizenry) or proof of enrollment
- 5) Signed copy of Ambassadorship Rules and Responsibilities.
- 6) Certified and sealed copy of most recent academic transcripts.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2006.
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please send all materials to: NCAI Ambassador Leadership Program
c/o Jen Rackliff National Congress of American Indians 1301 Connecticut
Avenue N.W., Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 202-466-7767 Fax:
202-466-7797

Please contact the NCAI office at 202-466-7767 if you have any questions
or visit our website at www.ncai.org

Veterans' Office Has New Location

The Veterans' Office has moved to a new location. It is now located in Gene LaBonte's office at the end of Blacktail Drive in Grand Ronde. The contact number for the Veteran's Office is 503-879-4578. Billie LaBonte is the contact person for Veterans' Memorial. Contact her at 503-879-5342. After the loss of our important Veterans' Service Officer Diane Cilenti we have new contact information for any Veterans needing assistance. Contact Debbie at 503-434-7503.

OPEN FOR COMMENT

PROPOSED ELECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the Election Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was made at the August 9, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting.

The purpose of the amendments is to improve the Tribe's election process. The proposed amendments include, but are not limited to, the following requirements:

- ◆ Election Board must staff the office a minimum of 20 hours per week between nominations and the election
- ◆ Election Board must publish and post office hours
- ◆ Election Administrator must mail a Signature Verification Form to each voter who does not have a Signature Verification Form on file with the Board at least 30 days prior to nominations
- ◆ Election Board must send a post card confirming that a voter has been added to the poll book
- ◆ The Voters Address List must indicate which voters have a Signature Verification Form on file with the Board
- ◆ Election Administrator must update and distribute the Voters Address List to all candidates 30 days before the election.

For a copy of the proposed Election Ordinance amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on September 15, 2006.

— ATTENTION — GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS

NATIONAL INDIAN DAY CELEBRATION

Grand Ronde Tribal Arts & Crafts Show & Sale

Friday & Saturday, September 22 and 23, 2006

Spirit Mountain Casino
(Rogue Rooms A & B)

For more information contact:
Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-4240
or sangretta@yahoo.com

Grand Ronde Gaming Commission Positions Open

The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is seeking applications to fill the remainder of a Commission term expiring in June of 2007. The Tribal Gaming Ordinance requires this position to be filled by a Tribal member. The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission regulates all gaming related activities associated with the Spirit Mountain Casino. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Commissioners may not hold elective or managerial Tribal positions, and may not be employed in or own any interest in or gamble in a gaming operation authorized by the Tribal Gaming Ordinance. Commissioners are independent contractors and expend approximately 30-40 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities, at a minimum. The Commission generally meets on the second and third Fridays of each month. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation. Applications may be obtained by calling Kathy Doane at 503-879-2393.

Closing date is Friday, September 15, 2006, by 5 p.m.

Attn: Disabled Tribal Veterans Ages 18-54

Tribal Council has approved a new Tribal benefit; the Veterans' Disability Compensation Program that will be implemented immediately. The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental income to disabled Tribal Veterans between the ages 18-54 who are determined to be disabled by the Veterans' Administration from injury or disease while in the line of duty.

To be eligible for the program, Tribal Veterans must meet all of the following requirements: 1) be currently receiving Veterans' Disability Compensation through the Veterans' Administration; 2) fall within the tribally established income guideline (80% of median income according to family size, excluding tribal timber and per capita payments; and 3) be ineligible for the tribal Elders' Pension, Elder SSI/SSD or non-elder SSI/SSD programs. Listed below is the Veterans' Administration definition of Veterans eligible for Veteran's Disability Compensation:

Disability Compensation is a benefit paid to a Veteran because of injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty, or were made worse by active military service.

If you are not currently receiving Veterans' Disability Compensation through the Veterans' Administration, but think that you may be eligible, you can apply electronically/on-line by going to the Veterans' ON-line APPLICATION (VONAPP) Website; the web address is: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

We encourage Tribal Veterans (between the ages of 18-54) meeting the requirements mentioned above, to contact the Tribe's Member Services Department and request a Veterans' Disability Compensation Program application.

Please call Reina Nelson in the Member Benefits department to answer questions you may have about the program and/or to request a program application. Reina can be reached at 503-879-2223 or toll-free @ 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2223 and reina.nelson@grandronde.org.

Tribal Veteran Elders, age 55 and over, do not qualify for the Veterans' Disability Supplement Compensation program because they should already be receiving Elders' Pension or Elder SSI/SSD.