

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

NEW for 2008 Early College Scholarship Program

■ The purpose of this program is to assist high school-aged students (16 years and older) who are members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and choose to take college credit courses while still enrolled in high school. Home schooled students also may participate in this program. Students may take college courses toward high school graduation and college degree completion.

■ Qualified applicants are eligible for a funding amount not to exceed \$500 per term/quarter. Students on a semester system are eligible for funding not to exceed \$1,000 per semester/6 months.

■ The level of funding for this program is subject to availability of Tribal resources and budget approval. There are a limited number of spots available for this program for 2008.

Applications are available on the Tribe's Web site at www.grandronde.org — Click on departments, then education, then higher education, then academic advising program.

Questions? Call 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1478.

Activity sponsorship for children

Early Childhood Education is now offering activity sponsorship for preschool-age children involved in any recreation or educational program for up to \$200 per year. Please contact Sandy Bobb at 503-879-2161 for an application and questions you may have.

Are you a senior in high school?

It is very important that you register for the ACT or SAT (if you are thinking about going to a 4-year college/university)! You can do this by going to www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org.

This can be paid for through the Admission and Testing Fee Program.

Are you wondering what funding opportunities are available for college/vocational training through the CTGR Education Division?

Contact Trinity Minahan at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1478, or trinity.minahan@grandronde.org.

SENIOR CHECKLIST

_____ Register and take the SAT or ACT (if you are planning on attending a 4-year college/university)

_____ Apply for admission to as many schools as you are interested in by December 2008

_____ Gather letters of recommendations from teachers, counselors, coaches, mentors, etc., for scholarship applications in the fall of 2008.

_____ Apply, apply, apply for scholarships!! There will be scholarships at the college/universities that you are thinking of attending. Most scholarships are due in January 2009. Consider applying for the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) scholarship at www.getcollegefunds.org, Gates Millennium Scholarship at gmsp.org.

_____ Attend a Financial Aid Night Event (we are hosting this at Willamina High School on Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.).

_____ Fill out the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after Jan. 1, 2009, as possible — www.fafsa.ed.gov

_____ Attend College Goal Oregon in January 2009 at the CTGR Education Division (to get assistance with completing the FAFSA and information about scholarships).

_____ Access the CTGR Admission & Testing Fee Program at any time to get up to \$200 per academic year to assist with college testing and admission application fee assistance.

_____ Access the CTGR Graduation Sponsorship Program to get up to \$100 of assistance with your cap, gown and announcement expenses.

Check out the CTGR Higher Education Programs Web site at www.grandronde.org — Click on departments, then education, then higher education.

GED Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4 p.m.

Education Building

Contact Joanne Carr at 503-879-2282

joanne.carr@grandronde.org

CTGR Higher Education Program applications now online

Applications are now available online for all CTGR Higher Education programs. Visit the Tribal Web page at www.grandronde.org/depts/education/ to learn more about the various funding programs available to enrolled Tribal members pursuing a higher education.

Call Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, if you need assistance determining which program application to submit.

Program deadlines:

Bachelor Degree & Adult Vocational Programs

July 1: Fall Term/Semester

Nov. 1: Winter Term/Spring Semester

Feb. 1: Spring Term

Competitive scholarship (all categories)

April 30 each year

Part-time college

Ten days prior to first day of class

Non-credit program

Ten days prior to the first day of the class, training or conference

FAFSA (required for all Bachelor Degree & Adult Vocational Program students)

By Feb. 15 to the Tribal office each year

Scholarship database launched

The National Indian Education Association launched a scholarship database for a variety of majors and degree types. Scholarships are listed in order of deadline date with deadlines all the way to October 2008. Visit their Web site at www.niea.org/media/scholarships.php to see which ones you are eligible for.

Colleges offering Chinuk Wawa courses

Lane Community College and Chemeketa Community College have joined with the language program of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to offer first- and second-year Chinuk Wawa beginning this fall.

The courses offer a unique language learning opportunity not only in modality — instruction is through the medium of IP video and small groups onsite — but also in terms of language structure and the unique status of Chinuk Wawa as a language that connects Northwest Tribes.

Each site will have a qualified language mentor/speaker of Chinuk Wawa. Tony Johnson, the head of the Grand Ronde Language Program, and Janne Underriner, director of the Northwest Indian Language Institute at the University of Oregon, will be instructors using IP video through the sites at Grand Ronde and Lane Community College.

All credit students must register through Lane Community College at www.lanec.edu. New students should contact www.lanec.edu/es/admissions.html to register.

There are a limited number of noncredit registrations available to those with Tribal affiliations or instructor approval.

For more information about the Chinuk Wawa classes, visit www.grandronde.org or call Lane Community College at 541-463-5419. ■



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Monday – Friday: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.

(closed Monday - Friday: noon – 1 P.M.)

Saturday: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.