

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

\$200 Youth Sponsorships available to all CTGR youth

The Youth Sponsorship is available to any enrolled CTGR youth currently in grades K-12.

CTGR Youth Sponsorship can only be used one time per calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31). The amount of the Sponsorship is for, but not to exceed, up to \$200.

The sponsorship can be used to pay for but not limited to any Cultural, Educational or Athletic program or activity with proper documentation.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. Youth must be an enrolled CTGR Tribal member.
2. Youth must be currently attending school or an alternative form of certified and recognized educational program.
3. Youth must be in grades kindergarten through the 12th.

Please keep in mind that the Youth Sponsorship can take up to three weeks to process and we can only process complete applications.

For an application, contact Toni Mercier at toni.mercier@grandronde.org or 503-879-2101.

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

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 four-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 four-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 or Gates Millennium Scholarship at gmshsp.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.

College Horizons

A Pre-College Workshop for Native American Students

Who: Current high school sophomores and juniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (in academic courses).

When: June 20-24: Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

June 27-July 1: Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.

What: College Horizons is a five-day "crash course" in preparing for college. Expert college counselors, teamed up with college admission officers, will help you:

- ◆ Select colleges suitable for you.
- ◆ Complete winning applications and write memorable essays.
- ◆ Learn what turns an applicant into an admitted student.
- ◆ Become a test-prep "whiz kid."
- ◆ Find your way through the financial aid/scholarship jungle.

The priority application deadline is Feb. 2, 2009. For an application and more information, go to www.collegehorizons.org or call Christine Suina at 505-401-3854 or e-mail: info@CollegeHorizons.org.

GED Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4 p.m.

Education Building

Contact Joanne Carr at 503-879-2282

joanne.carr@grandronde.org

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.