

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship available

The 12th annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative in Washington, D.C., June 20 - 28, 2009.

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, ages 16-18, who have an interest in health careers and/or biomedical research are encouraged to apply. The NNAYI scholarship pays for travel, lodging and most meals during the program. NNAYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research.

To accompany the students, AAIP is accepting applications for counselors, age 21 and older, to serve as role models and chaperones to a select group of five high school students. AI/AN medical and health professional students are encouraged to apply. AAIP will cover travel, lodging, meals, as well as provide a stipend upon completion of the program. Counselors will be expected to arrive in Washington, D.C., 1-2 days before to program dates.

Feel free to share this information with other interested parties. Deadline for student application is April 17 and for counselor application is March 6.

For more information and to access the online application, visit the NNAYI Web site: www.aaip.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm or contact Lucinda Myers, MSW, Patty Iron Cloud NNAYI Program Director at 405-946-7072.

GED Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 - 4 p.m.
Education Building
Contact Joanne Carr at 503-879-2282
joanne.carr@grandronde.org

Washington Internships for Native Students

Participants gain knowledge, skills, academic credit and practical work experience through this comprehensive and intensive program. While working full-time for a government agency or private firm in an academically supervised internship, students earn 6 credits in the summer term (9 credits during the fall and spring semester programs).

Student transportation, lodging and education are taken care of and a stipend is given. For more information, contact Jack Soto, Director, Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS), Washington Semester AI/NA Program, American University, Capital Building, Room 114, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20016-8083. Telephone: 202-895-4879. E-mail: soto@american.edu. Web site: www.american.edu/wins.

College Horizons 2009

A Pre-College Workshop for Native American Students

June 20-24 — Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

June 27 to July 1 — Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.

College Horizons is a five-day "crash course" in preparing for college. Expert college counselors, teamed 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.

First round, priority receipt deadline is Feb. 2; 2nd round receipt deadline is Feb. 27. Applications will be accepted on a space-available basis to May 1 (after March 1, please contact us to see which site may still have spaces).

Complete program cost is \$200 (includes tuition, room, meals, all materials and transportation to campus from the Hartford or Walla Walla or Pasco airports). Students are responsible for their own airfare, but substantial funds are available for travel and tuition assistance (each year we award travel assistance to over 50 percent of our students). Students may indicate a site preference.

For an application and more information on the program, go to www.collegehorizons.org (the application has four parts). For questions contact: Christine Suina, Program Coordinator; Phone: 505-401-3854. e-mail: info@collegehorizons.org. Executive Director: Dr. Whitney Laughlin.

Basic skills lab

When: Every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m./open entry

Where: Education Building/computer lab

What: Computer skills, keyboarding, resume writing, basic math and writing.

Who: Joanne Carr, GED, 503-879-2282, e-mail, joanne.carr@grandronde.org

Why: It will be easier to get a job! You'll have a resume! You'll be better on the computer! You'll be happier!

Harvard University offers free tuition

Harvard University announced undergraduate students from low-income families will no longer pay 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 the lower half of 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."

If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free... no tuition and no student loans! Visit Harvard's financial aid Web site at www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/ or call the school's financial aid office at 617-495-1581.

Youth Canoe Club

Every Wednesday 4- 5 p.m.,
Youth Education Building

Contact Lisa Leno at 503-879-1471 or Travis Mercier at 503-879-2143 for more information.

FULL-TIME STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All full-time students are required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) each year. A copy of the FASFA and Student Aid Report (SAR) must be submitted to the Tribal Education Program.
2. All full-time students are responsible for having their grade reports sent to the Higher Education Programs upon completion of each term/semester.
3. All full-time students must maintain a 2.00 GPA and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per term/semester to remain eligible for funding.
4. Full-time students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements will be placed on academic PROBATION. Students who are placed on PROBATIONARY STATUS will not be awarded the following term until they have provided a copy of their grade report/transcript.

NO AWARD WILL BE MADE UNTIL GRADE REPORT/TRANSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

5. Failure to meet the minimum academic requirements during the probationary term/semester will result in SUSPENSION from the program.
 6. Full-time students must notify the Higher Education Programs of address, telephone and e-mail changes as soon as they occur.
 9. Each year full-time students must sign a "Release of Information" form allowing correspondence with the school of attendance regarding financial aid, educational budget, attendance and grade reports.
 10. Students who withdraw or do not complete a term/semester will be required to reimburse the Higher Education Programs for funding received for the term/semester.
- Please keep in contact with the Higher Education Programs; we are here to provide assistance and support you while you are attending school.