EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Coca-Cola Scholars program

Applications are now being accepted for the Coca-Cola Scholars program. In order to apply, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States (or select DoD schools);
- U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Temporary Residents (in a legalization program); Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Parolees;
- Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application;
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution;
- Carrying a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school.

There are 250 scholarships awarded each year in the amounts of $10,000 and $20,000 for college. The 2009 application deadline is Saturday, Oct. 31. For more information or to apply, visit www.coca-colascholars.org and go to the scholarships page.

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

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.

Graduating class

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Chad Leno fixes his son, and Tribal member, Future's cap as students wait in line for the preschool graduation to begin on Thursday, Aug. 13. Twenty-five youths graduated in the ceremony that took place at the Uyxat Powwow Grounds.

Workshop classes in Grand Ronde

- Sept. 8 — Excel III

The workshops will be taught by Northwest Computer Learning Center and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the computer lab in the Education Building.

Cost for a workshop is $150 and eligible Tribal members can apply to the Noncredit Program (formally Short Term Training) for assistance with registration costs. Space is limited to the first 15 who register.

To register, contact Joshua Clift, Adult Vocational Training Coordinator, at 503-879-1635 or e-mail joshua.clift@grandronde.org.

Writing competition

Thoughts on recession, recovery and opportunity

Share your unique insights on the economy and our prospects for recovery... and you may be one of six Native winners chosen to receive $10,000 and have their opinions published!

Submit your 500-1,600 word original written work by Sept. 15, 2009, to compete.

Sept. 15, 2009
Submission deadline (11:59 p.m. Alaska time).

Oct. 22, 2009
Winners will be notified by phone/e-mail.

Oct. 22-24, 2009
Public announcement of winners.

A project of the Alaska Federation of Natives, in partnership with the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, National Congress of American Indians and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

To submit your entry or for more information, go to www.nativeinsight.org. E-mail: info@nativeinsight.org. Phone: 907-274-3611.

Oregon launches toll-free Adult Learner Resource Line

The state of Oregon has launched a toll-free Adult Learner Resource Line (1-877-84U-4NOW or 1-877-848-4669) and Web site (www.OregonOpportunities.gov) for Oregonians interested in returning to college, or enrolling for the first time. Funded through a $1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the Adult Learner Line is specifically for Oregonians ages 25 and older who are interested in going to college, but need some help and direction on how to enroll, seek financial aid and generally navigate the process. The Adult Learner Line and Web site are just one component of the College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) funded last year through the federal government, which is directed at increasing awareness of and access to postsecondary education in Oregon.

The Adult Learner Line and Web site are supplemented by other Oregon-based resources, such as OSAC's financial aid Web site, www.GetCollegeFunds.org, which helps Oregonians understand the types of aid available to them, deadlines for applying and other college-related information.