

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

It's FAFSA time!

A requirement of the Tribe's full-time Higher Education programs is that students apply for federal aid. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for 2011-12 is available online at www.fafsa.gov. Should students be eligible, federal student aid can help pay for tuition, books and fees, and may include a portion of your living expenses.

The deadline is Feb. 15, 2011, to have your applications in for Summer or Fall Term/Semester students. Please send a copy of your completed FAFSA and/or a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) to the Tribal Education Division as soon as possible. You can file your FAFSA before you file taxes. Remember, this is a free application. Never pay someone to fill out your FAFSA for you. This is a popular scam! Should you have questions, please contact the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Higher Education Programs at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275.

Native artist fellowships in Santa Fe

The Indian Arts Research Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico, seeks Native and First Nations artists to apply for its upcoming artist fellowships for 2011-12. This includes a fourth new fellowship specifically geared toward writers.

Next year, the Indian Arts Research Center (IARC) at the School for Advanced Research (SAR) will offer four artist-in-residence fellowships to advance the work of mature and emerging Native artists. Each fellowship includes a \$3,000 monthly stipend, housing, studio space, supplies allowance and travel reimbursement to and from SAR. These fellowships provide time for artists to explore new avenues of creativity, grapple with new ideas to further advance their work and to strengthen existing talents. The fellowships support diverse creative disciplines and can include sculpture, performance, basketry, painting, printmaking, digital art, mixed media, photography, pottery, music, writing and film.

Artist fellows must live on the SAR campus, complete a project resulting in the creation of one or more works, and make a public presentation at the end of their fellowship. While in residence, artists can access the IARC collection of Native arts for research and study. Additionally, SAR would like to see the fellow's work represented in the object, archives or photo collection; therefore, the IARC request the donation of a single piece created while working at SAR. If selected for the fellowship, artists must agree to participate in interviews, photo sessions, video recordings and exit interviews to document the fellow's process and progress. This information will be entered into the IARC archives to serve as a permanent public record. Deadline to apply is Jan. 15, 2011. To download the application, read the FAQ or find out more about the fellowships, visit: <http://artists.sarweb.org>. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15, 2011. Questions may be directed to 505-954-7205 or poon@sarsf.org.

CTGR Higher Education Program

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.

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

- April 30: Fall Term/Semester
- Aug. 30: Winter Term/Spring Semester
- Nov. 30: Spring Term
- Feb. 28: Summer Term/Semester

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.

Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship

Applicants must be Native American, in financial need and have at least 3.0 GPA. Area of study is open to vocational training or college/university at the undergraduate or graduate level. Undergraduate students are given preference. Amount is a one-time award of \$1,000 for the American Indian Scholarship and is sent directly to the respective school. You must request an application form and information from the DAR national office and specify that you want information on the American Indian Scholarship and/or the Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship. See the Web site for information. You must send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope with your request for any of this information. The 2011 application deadline is Feb. 1. Address your request to: Committee Services Office - NSDAR, Attn: Scholarships, 1776 D Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006-5303.

Attention All College Students!!!

Tired of waiting in line at the computer lab? This is your chance for a FREE computer system!



The Tribal Higher Education programs will be distributing used surplus computers from Tribal Information Systems for Grand Ronde Tribal member college students.

Students must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible:

- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Completed at least one college academic year with at least 36 credits
- Must not owe a debt to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on behalf of Education
- Be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
- Cannot have been awarded a computer system or laptop through a previous Tribal Higher Education drawing

Eligible applicant's names that are received by Thursday, January 13, 2011 will be placed in a pool and selected in a random drawing. The random drawing will take place on Friday, January 14, 2011.

Please contact Higher Education at 1-800-422-0232 ext 2275 for an application.



COLLEGE HORIZONS

A Summer Pre-College Workshop for American Indian, Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian High School Students

Hosted by: Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO), June 12-17, 2011
University of Rochester (Rochester, NY), June 26-July 1, 2011

Get Expert Help Applying to College!
NEW, ONLY 1 Deadline To Apply By: February 14, 2011
www.collegehorizons.org

About the Program:

College Horizons, is a six-day "crash course" in preparing for college. Students will learn about a broad variety of colleges and universities, and establish personal relationships with admission representatives and college counselors. At each site, 90 students from across the nation work with over 70 expert college counselors and college admission officers to help students:

- Select 10 suitable colleges to apply to,
- Write memorable essays and create a resume,
- Complete winning applications including The Common Application,
- Receive test taking strategies, resources, and information on the ACT & SAT,
- Navigate the financial aid/scholarship jungle, complete a preliminary FAFSA financial aid form, and learn about the Gates Millennium Scholarship Fund and other available scholarships, and
- Attend Informational Sessions & a College Fair consisting of over 35 colleges and universities!

How To Apply:

Deadline: Complete applications must be **postmarked** February 14 (note, only 1 deadline to apply by). Late applications are accepted on a space available basis and are placed behind applicants who applied on time.

Eligibility: American Indian (enrolled), Alaska Native (proof of status) or Native Hawaiian (proof of heritage); 3.00 GPA (in academic courses); current 10th and 11th grade high school students.

Application: The application consists of the Student Application & Essay, Teacher Recommendation, Counselor Recommendation, and Transcripts. Application information will be available online October 7, 2010.

Cost \$225 & Airfare: \$225 program fee includes tuition, room, meal, program materials, and ground transportation to/from the airport to campus. Airfare from student's home to program site not included.

Financial Aid Available: Significant financial aid is available to students in need for program fee and airfare. Each year 45% of students are awarded travel assistance. Simply apply for financial aid in the application.



Students and Faculty attending the College Horizons and Graduate Horizons Programs; photos by Kevin Leonard and faculty.