

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Still waiting to hear how much financial aid you will receive?

If you are still waiting to hear how much financial aid you will receive from your college/university for the upcoming academic year, make sure you have submitted all of your required paperwork to the Financial Aid Office. Often all that is missing is a simple form. Until all requirements are met, your award will be on hold. Don't wait until last minute to submit your paperwork! It generally takes several weeks to process your award once you submit all of your required paperwork. As a reminder, Tribal need-based funding cannot be processed until to you are awarded with your Financial Aid Office. The easiest way to check the status of your award is to log on to your student info page with your college/university and look on the financial aid page.

### Important notice to full-time undergraduate students

All full-time undergraduate students (pursuing a bachelor or transfer degree) must submit verification that you have applied to a scholarship outside the Tribe before Fall 2011 funding will be released.

Verification can include a scholarship award or denial letter, e-mail verification that an application was submitted, a copy of the application or your financial aid award letter that lists an outside scholarship. All undergraduate students that have completed their first two years of studies must also submit a degree evaluation/audit before Fall 2011 funding will be released. Please contact Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, if you have any questions.

### Need scholarship help?

Are you looking for scholarships and don't know where to start? Do you need assistance with your scholarship applications and/or personal statements? If so, contact the Tribal Scholarship Office at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345, or e-mail [luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org](mailto:luhui.whitebear@grandronde.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/](http://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. ■

### Gates Millennium Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Gates Millennium Scholarship program. Applicants must be first-time college students as of Fall 2012 to apply. For additional information, visit <http://gmsp.org>. The 2012 application deadline is Jan. 11, 2012.

### Chinuk immersion classes available

The Tribe has two Chinuk immersion classes that are available to preschool and kindergarten students. The Tribal Preschool immersion class is for 3-to-5 year-old children. The Preschool is housed at the Head Start building and the class follows all the Head Start standards with focus on the Chinuk language and culture. The class enrolls 10 students every year and usually has a waiting list.



There is still room to enroll your child for the 2011-12 school year. If you are interested, call Sandy Bobb at 503-879-2161. Be sure to specify that you want your child to be in the Immersion class.

The Chinuk Kindergarten class also is housed at the Head Start building. The children attend Willamina Elementary in the morning for literature and math and then they are picked up by the Grand Ronde bus after lunch and bused out to Grand Ronde for the remainder of the day. Whatever the children miss in the afternoon at Willamina, they are taught in Grand Ronde using our language and culture. One example is the unit on life cycles. In Willamina they learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and out here we teach them the life cycle of salmon. One advantage of the Tribal Kindergarten class is smaller class sizes and a better teacher/student ratio. We are accepting applications for the 2011-12 school year.

We are on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested or have any questions, call Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249.

### Oregon Native American Chamber Scholarship

Applications are now available for the 2011 ONAC Scholarships. Applicants must be enrolled with a Tribe and reside in the state of Oregon, or Clark County, Washington. This scholarship is limited to undergraduate students at an accredited community college or four-year university/college. The 2011 deadline is Sept. 14.

Download an application at [www.onacc.org](http://www.onacc.org).

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### NW Natives Club Member Meeting

When: Wednesdays

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: Clubs Workroom Bldg. 2/178  
Chemeketa Community College

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