

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Tribal Student,

Funding levels are determined by the amount of funding available from Tribal resources. Over the past few years these resources have flattened, yet we continue to see an increase in the number of students accessing the Tribal Higher Education Program and tuition continues to rise. In order to continue providing funding to students, the Tribal Higher Education Program will be implementing several new changes for the 2011-12 academic year. As Education carefully developed these changes we considered student funding needs, accessibility, equity and maintaining program services. These changes will impact the level of funding currently received through the Higher Education program.

Students who have currently been awarded a Competitive Scholarship will continue to receive funding as outlined in your scholarship award notification. However, for 2012-13 the Competitive Scholarship program will be dissolved — no new scholarships will be available; with the exception of the Eula Petite Scholarship — one scholarship will be offered annually for students seeking a bachelor's or master's degree in Education.

Effective Fall Term/Semester 2011 students will be able to access one of two programs (programs cannot be accessed simultaneously):

Full-Time College Program:

- Students attending a two-year educational institute (community college) full-time will receive up to \$6,000 per academic year.
- Students attending a four-year educational institute (college/university) full-time will receive up to \$10,000 per academic year.
- Students attending an educational institute in a full-time graduate level program will receive up to \$14,000 per academic year.

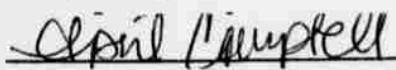
Part-Time College Program:

- Students attending a two-year educational institute (community college) part-time will receive up to \$4,000 per academic year.
- Students attending a four-year educational institute (university) part-time will receive up to \$6,000 per academic year.
- Students attending a graduate level program part-time will receive up to \$8,000 per academic year.

These changes will allow the program to offer an expedited deadline process — 30 days prior to the beginning of the term/semester as defined by your attending educational institute. Recognizing this notification is not timely for this fall, the program will accept completed applications from students seeking funding from the Full-Time College program by submitting a completed application by Sept. 15, 2011. Subsequent term/semester students will be required to submit a completed application 30 days prior to the beginning of the term/semester.

Please contact Education for more information or if you are unclear about the above changes.

Respectfully,



April Campbell,
Education Division Manager



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.
(closed Monday - Friday: noon – 1 P.M.)
Saturday: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Library staff is seeking input from Tribal and community members to determine if there is interest in being a member if a **Friends of the Library** chapter is established. Please contact the library at ext. 1488 to let staff know if you would like to be contacted to attend an informational meeting if interest is generated. Thank you.

Seeking Photos of Tribal veterans: We would like to put together an "Honoring Our Veterans" photo display in the Tribal Library. We want to have as many of our Tribal veterans represented as possible so we are asking for everyone's help in gathering and sending in photos. Photos can be sent directly to the Library. Please include name, branch and time of service for each person in the photo. Due to limited space, please keep size to 5-by-7 inch for individual photos and 8-by-10 inch for group photos. We would like to get the display up before Veterans Day. Your help and participation is appreciated in making this project a success.

Donations: We appreciate the following people for their contributions to the library collection during this reporting period: Susan Hofenbredl, Harley Mercier, Anthony Henry, Daniel and Brisen Haug, USB Financial Services, Leslie Riggs and Lauri Smith. These donated items have been cataloged and are shelved for circulation. Thank you everyone for some great additions to the collection.

We had a very generous donation from Sharleen Craddit this past month. Sharleen donated more than 400 DVDs to the Tribal Library. Work is being done to get the DVDs prepped and cataloged. New movies will be available weekly, but it will take a while to get them all done. Thanks Sharleen!

Tiny Tots Program: This program will start back up on Sept. 12 at the Tribal Library at noon – 1 p.m. Tiny Tots program is for youth ages 1–3 and their parent, grandparent or caretaker. We will read a story and do inter-active activities and then there is time for family reading or to check out books.

Here after the program will be held on the first Monday of the month at noon – 1 p.m. as follows: Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5.

Looking for scholarships?

There are numerous scholarship opportunities offered for students to apply to each year. The majority of scholarships for fall term/semester are due between January and April of each year. Don't miss your chance to apply for FREE money for college! The Tribal Higher Education programs are here to assist you in your application process.

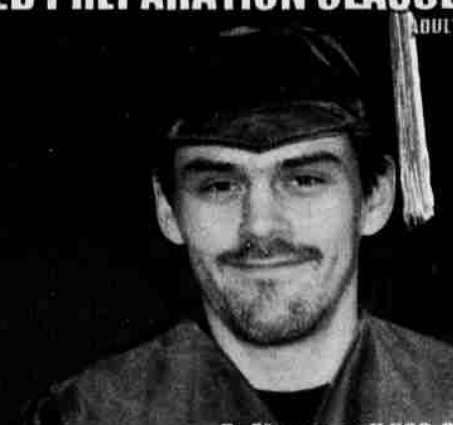
You can also utilize a scholarship search engine to help you locate scholarships. If you use a scholarship search site, be sure to read the privacy policy to ensure you are using a site that will not sell your contact information. A few recommended search sites to use are:

Kaarme — <http://kaarme.com/>

Student Aid on the Web — <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

American Indian Graduate Center Search Site — www.aigcs.org/other-funding-opportunities/scholarship.asp

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FULL-TIME STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All full-time students are required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. A copy of the FAFSA 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.
 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.