

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Important notice to full-time students

All full-time students must submit verification that you have applied to a scholarship outside the Tribe BEFORE funding will be released for the term/semester. 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. Please contact Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, if you have any questions.

Still waiting to hear how much financial aid your 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 times 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. 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.

New CTGR Higher Education Program deadlines set

There are now only two Higher Education programs depending on whether or not you are full-time or part-time. The deadline for the Full-Time College program is **at least 30 days** before the start of classes. The deadline for the Part-Time College program is at least 10 days before the start of class. Visit the Tribal Web site for more program information and an application. www.grandronde.org/departments/education/higher-education/

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 recommended search site to use is www.kaarme.com.

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

Applications are being accepted for the 2012-13 Coca-Cola Scholarships. Applicants must be high school (or home-schooled) seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA. Fifty students will be awarded \$20,000 scholarships, and 200 students will be awarded \$10,000 scholarships. For more information and to submit an application, please visit www.coca-colascholars.org. The 2011 deadline is Oct. 31.

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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

April Campbell,
Education Division Manager

Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation

The Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation offers scholarship quizzes throughout the year. Students ages 14 and up can apply. Scholarship awards range from \$250-\$2,500. There are monthly deadlines from September to June. Visit www.cksf.org for more information and to apply.

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.

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