

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Nellie Thompson-Dorothy Patch Scholarship Fund

Applications are now being accepted for the Nellie Thompson-Dorothy Patch Scholarship Fund. Applicants must live or go to school in the Salem-Keizer area and be a high school senior student of color. Applications may be obtained by contacting Michael Swaim at 503-363-0063, or contacting the Tribal Scholarship Office at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345 (direct at 503-879-1345). The application deadline is Dec. 16.

OSAC scholarships

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission is now accepting applications for the 2012 process. OSAC administers more than 400 scholarships through their single application for Oregon students. Students who are members of Oregon Tribes and live out of state are also eligible to apply if they plan on attending college in Oregon. Visit <http://getcollegefunds.org/eApp.html> to apply. This application has an early bird deadline of Feb. 16, 2012, and a final deadline of March 1. Early bird applicants are entered into a \$500 scholarship drawing just for turning their application in early.

Gates Millennium Scholarship workshop

Christa Moya from the American Indian Graduate Center will be in Grand Ronde on Nov. 30, 2011. Please join us at 4 p.m. in Adult Education to learn more about what it takes to make a successful application. This is a great opportunity to learn more about one of the best scholarships available to Native students. Requirements are: have not attended college yet, have at least a 3.3 GPA at the time of application OR have earned a GED, have involvement in the community, be Pell Grant eligible (this will be explained at the workshop). Recipients receive 100 percent of their unmet need for college. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity! For more information, please contact Luhui Whitebear, Tribal Scholarship Coordinator, at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345, or luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org.

Online degree programs

Turn your college credits or associate degree into a more powerful four-year degree from Portland State University. Undergraduate degrees offered: BA/BS in Social Science, BA/BS in Arts & Letters and BA/BS in Liberal Studies. For more information about online degree programs, please contact the PSU Salem Center at 503-315-4281 or e-mail psusalem@pdx.edu.

Computer Workshop Classes in Grand Ronde

Dec. 13, 2011 — Introduction Microsoft Word

Jan. 10, 2012 — Introduction Microsoft Excel

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

Cost for the workshop is \$150 and eligible Tribal members can apply to the Noncredit Program for assistance with registration costs. Space is limited to the first 15 who register.

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

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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 Friday, December 2, 2011 will be placed in a pool and selected in a random drawing. The random drawing will take place on December 5, 2011. Students must submit an application to determine eligibility.

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



LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Tiny Tot Program: For children age birth through 2 years old. This one-hour program is held the first Monday of the month from Noon – 1 p.m. at the Tribal Library. Dec. 5.

Friends of the Library Chapter: An information meeting will be held in the library on Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. Please plan to attend to hear more about Friends Chapters if you are interested in becoming more involved with library activities.

Veterans Photo Project: The "Honoring our Tribal Veterans" photo tribute DVD will run continuously during open hours Nov. 7 – Nov. 16 and after that upon request for the remainder of November. Many thanks to *Smoke Signals* staff who had access to veteran photos from previous Tribal events to create a fabulous DVD tribute for the library to show in recognition of Veterans Day.

Donations: We appreciate the following people for their contributions to the library collection during this reporting period: Brandy Humphreys, Kristy Deloe, Shannon Stanton, Chess for Success and to Sharlene Craddit for donating 309 DVDs. Donated items have been cataloged and are shelved for circulation. Thank you everyone for some great additions to the collection.

New Library Home Page: The Tribal Library was able to launch the new Library Home Page on the new Culture Kiosk computer in the Library on Nov. 1 in recognition of "National American Indian Heritage Month." Please visit the new Library Home page that includes links to Tribal history and information for easy access to CTGR and other Native American databases. Our appreciation goes to the Tribal IS Department for getting this page up and running and to David Lewis for creating the page.

Please join in to welcoming Mary Reeves as the new Library Aide. Mary will be working in the Library on Saturdays and on days library coverage is needed. Welcome Mary!