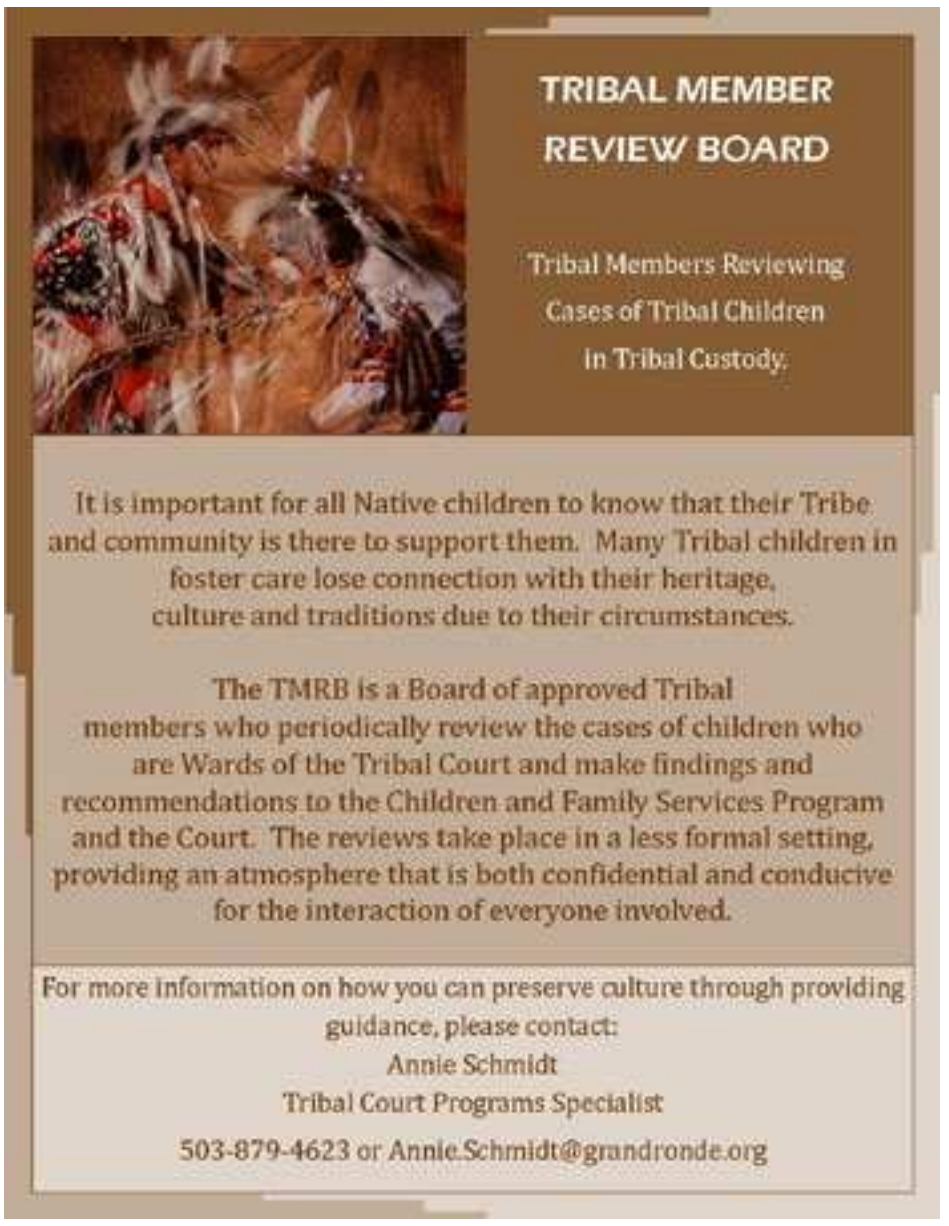
Attention full-time students

All full-time students must submit verification that they 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 the financial aid award letter that lists an outside scholarship. Please contact Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, if you have any questions.



Tribal Court

Volunteer Information

What is a volunteer? A volunteer is someone who gives their self, time, or services to an organization or cause to effect positive change usually within their community.

Why volunteer?

To become involved
To give back
To help effect positive change
To be active
To continue traditions
To share life experiences with others.

What are the benefits?

Being part of a group
Feeling of belonging
Feeling of contributing
Feeling of accomplishment
Social interaction
Feeling like you are connected to the community/Tribe
Knowing that you are making a difference

No matter which program you volunteer for, you can make a difference.

CASA Program:

As a CASA volunteer, you can help a child by advocating for that child's best interest. Making sure that child receives the services they need, be placed in the best placement available, and help advocate for the best outcome of that child's case. You become a voice for the child. As a CASA Advocate you will also foster a positive connection between the child and the Tribe.

Tribal Member Review Board:

As a Tribal Member Review Board (TMRB) Member, you review cases of Tribal Children, in the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court. When reviewing these cases you learn about the child(ren), family and services needed for the family. You make findings and recommendations about the case to the Court and to the ICW program.

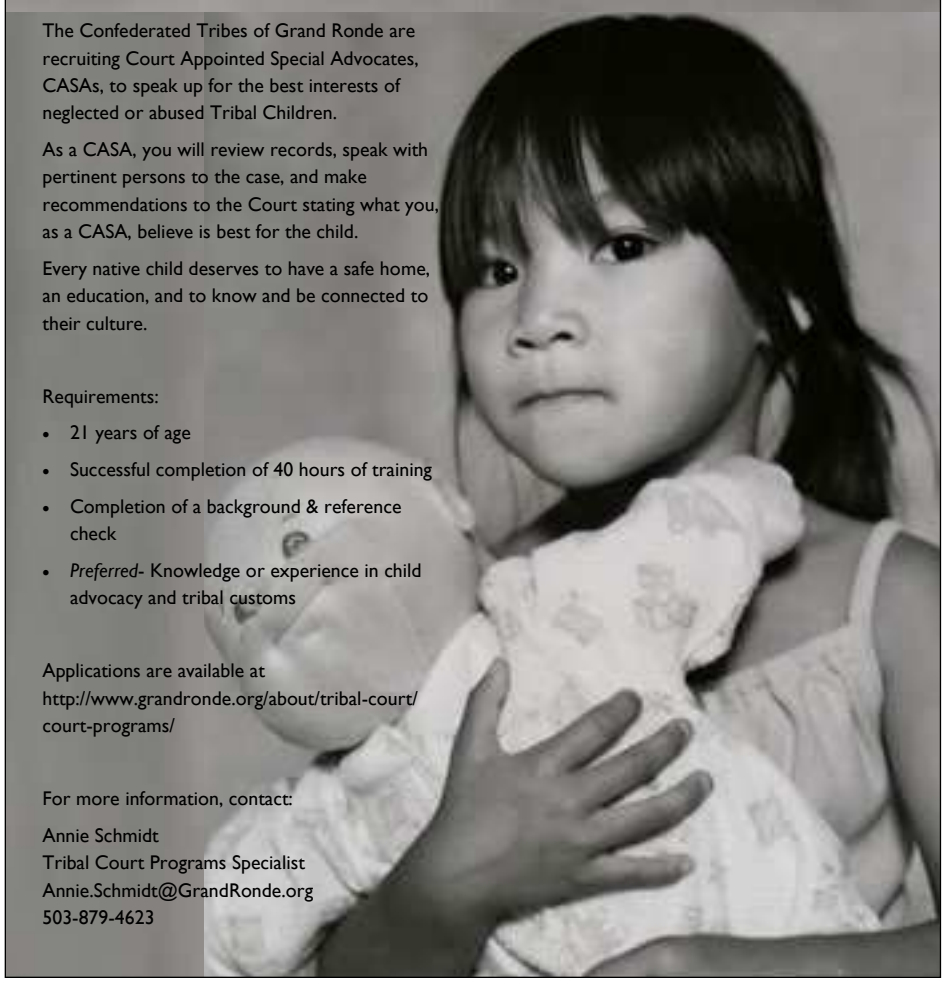
Peacemaker Program:

As a Peacemaker, you facilitate the Peacemaking process. Sessions are held in a safe environment where parties can openly and honestly discuss their dispute. Part of the Peacemaker process is "getting to the heart of the dispute". Examining the issues to discover the interest of all parties and guiding them to a mutually agreeable resolution.

For more information, contact the Tribal Court Programs Specialist
Annie Schmidt (Annie.Schmidt@GrandRonde.org) or 503-879-4623

Who will be there for *me*?

Volunteer to ensure abused and neglected Tribal children have their rights protected, and their voices heard.



The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are recruiting Court Appointed Special Advocates, CASAs, to speak up for the best interests of neglected or abused Tribal Children.

As a CASA, you will review records, speak with pertinent persons to the case, and make recommendations to the Court stating what you, as a CASA, believe is best for the child.

Every native child deserves to have a safe home, an education, and to know and be connected to their culture.

Requirements:

- 21 years of age
- Successful completion of 40 hours of training
- Completion of a background & reference check
- *Preferred*- Knowledge or experience in child advocacy and tribal customs

Applications are available at http://www.grandronde.org/about/tribal-court/court-programs/

For more information, contact:

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PEACEMAKER PROGRAM

The Tribal Court Peacemaker Programs aims to reflect the Tribe's tradition of using respected members of the community to heal conflicts among its members. This free, voluntary program allows parties to discuss their conflict or dispute in a safe, non-threatening environment. The goal is to reestablish communication and come to an amicable and agreeable solution .

What can the Peacemaker program help with?

Disputes among co-workers
Grievances with neighbors
Relationship struggles

For more information on this program or to sign up for a Peacemaking Session, contact the Tribal Court Programs Specialist or apply with the form available at www.grandronde.org

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