

# Full-time Graduate Scholarship Program

The Full-time Graduate Scholarship Program assists adult members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon while attending full-time graduate-level university studies at regionally accredited nonprofit colleges and universities.



John Harp

The goal of the program is to assist Tribal members with the financial costs associated with acquiring graduate-level higher education, thereby providing the opportunity for personal and professional development that leads to self-sufficiency and economic independence.

The Full-time Graduate Scholarship (FTG) program supports participants with a scholarship of \$6,000 per term/quarter or \$9,000 per semester depending on the school's academic calendar for a total of \$18,000 per traditional school year. For students who wish to attend summer sessions at their university an additional \$6,000 is available.

There are no residency or income restrictions on eligibility. Over the past year the FTG program has served an average of 23 Tribal members per school term, ranging in age from 22 to 55 and living in 16 states and one foreign country. In the past three years, 15 Tribal members have earned master's or doctoral degrees using this program.

The initial FTG application must be completed and submitted to the Education Division at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the school term when first entering the program.

For subsequent terms of enrollment a new application does not need to be completed; students can contact the FTG program specialist by phone or e-mail to make arrangements for continuing in the program after the first term of participation.

For more information on the FTG program or to have an application sent to you, contact John Harp at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 4591, or by e-mail at john.harp@grandronde.org. ■

# Part-time College Program

The Part-time College Program assists adult members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon while attending post-secondary schooling, generally on a part-time basis, at regionally accredited nonprofit colleges and universities. Participating students can be pursuing associate, bachelor's or graduate-level degrees, or simply taking coursework for their own enrichment.

The goal of the program is to assist Tribal members with the direct financial costs associated with acquiring higher education, thereby providing the opportunity for personal and professional development that leads to self-sufficiency, economic independence and lifelong learning.

Through direct payments to colleges and universities, the Part-time College (PTC) Program supports participants with payment of tuition, fees, textbooks and required supplies.

Qualified applicants in the PTC Program are eligible for funding not to exceed \$1,600 for community college students, \$2,400 for undergraduate university students and \$3,200 for graduate-level university students per term/quarter.

Students in schools operating on a semester system are eligible for funding not to exceed \$3,200 per six months for community college students, \$4,800 for undergraduate university students and \$6,400 for graduate level university students.

There are no residency or income restrictions on eligibility. Over the past year the PTC Program has served an average of 97 Tribal members per school term, ranging in age from 18 to 75 and living in 19 states and two foreign countries.

The program historically has a student success rate between 85 percent and 88 percent each term, with successful completion rates of 85.4 percent and 89.1 percent in the two most recent terms.

The initial PTC application must be completed and submitted to the Education Department at least 10 days prior to the start of the school term when first entering the program.

For subsequent terms of enrollment a new application does not need to be completed; students can contact the PTC Program specialist by phone or e-mail to make arrangements for continuing in the program after the first term of participation.

For more information on the PTC Program or to have an application sent to you, contact John Harp at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 4591 or by e-mail at john.harp@grandronde.org. ■

# Tribal Library

**Tribal Librarian:** Marion Mercier;  
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The Tribal Library would like to recognize its many friends of the library. Approximately one-third of the library collection has been donated by our community and Tribal membership.

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Thank you everyone.

Library programming is an important feature of the library providing cultural, educational and entertainment opportunities in the community. Highlights of 2017 include:

Monthly exhibits and displays in the Tribal Library include diverse topics: Chinese New Year, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Poetry Month, Earth Day, Arbor Day, Sports & Fitness Month, American Indian Week, National Recreation & Parks, Summer Program Theme, Back To School Theme, Banned Book Week, National Preparedness Month, Inventor's Month, National Hunting & Fishing Day, National Diversity Month, American Indian Heritage Month, National Hispanic Heritage Month and Veterans Remembrance Day, plus all the major holidays and other special days celebrated nationally and internationally. New features each month.



Marion Mercier

Reading Incentive Program: Ages 4-17: In 2017, 19 readers read 439 books for a total of 12,490 minutes in the six-week summer program.

Reading Is Our Thing: All ages: In 2017, 213 books were read by the 19 adults and 14 youth who participated. We also had 127 youth participate in group library time in this four-week winter reading incentive program.

Saturday Movie Time at Noon: Family movies with popcorn and drinks held the first Saturday of the month through May. Movies will resume on the third Saturday of the month in October.

Family Game Night: Board and card games and Xbox video games from 5-7 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month through May. "Family Fun Night" will be offered Oct. 25 and Dec. 21.

Library Collection: The collection is at approximately 17,500 items that include books for all levels of readers, DVDs, audio books, music CDs, and newspapers and magazines. The library has a significant Native American collection with the Grand Ronde and Oregon Tribes collection featured.

Library Services: The library has five computer stations with Internet and Wi-Fi access. Staff provides help with computer basics, catalog search and Internet basic search. Copying and fax service are provided free with a limit of five pages per day unless doing homework or business. ■

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