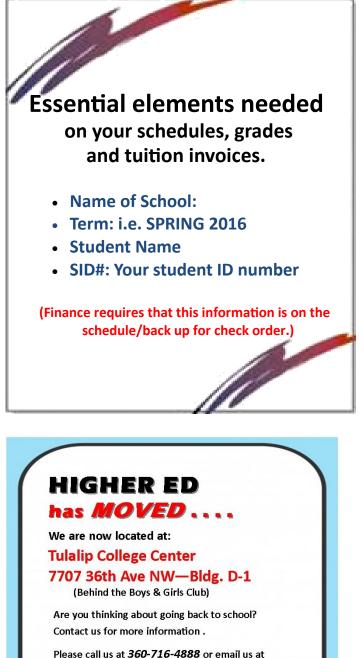
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EDUCATIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT

Requirements for educational funding.

- Complete Higher Ed Application.
- Provide proof of enrollment as a Tulalip Tribal member.
- Provide High School Diploma or GED If you do not have either you must sign a 6 month agreement.
- Running start students must provide a letter from their high school counselor.
- Provide results of Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) annually. http://www.fafsa.edu.gov.
- Provide a complete educational program plan of courses for your degree from the college/institution.
- Goal letter—State your academic goals and how you plan to achieve those goals and projected outcomes.
- Must sign the agreement acknowledging receipt and understanding of the Higher Education Policy regarding student responsibilities and probationary status.
- Class schedule.
- Tuition invoice from college/institution.
- Diving or other (physical requirement) certificate program — Proper documentation must be provided.
- Room & Board—students must provide a lease agreement and W-9 from landlord and live 35 miles from home.

This documentation must be provided to Higher Ed staff at least two (2) weeks prior to school start date.

Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think. Albert Einstein





Choosing Your College Major

Choosing your course study (major) is probably the most important decision you will make in life because it can impact your career choices after graduation. However not knowing what to study is pretty normal.

Between 20 to 50% of entry level college students do not know what they want to study. Your early years in college is the perfect time to explore and determine what you love.

Through surveys, students have indicated that graduating in four (4) years is hard to accomplish. According to the U.S. Department of Education*, around 59% of college students seeking a bachelor's degree are taking longer than four (4) to graduate. In order to stay on track, you should be choosing your major by your junior year and following the program plan.

Here are some tips to help you with this goal.

What interests you?

First steps in choosing a major would be to determine though taking courses where your interests lie. During this time you will discover who you are and what you like, subject wise. You can think about your strengths and natural aptitudes and how this can translate into a career direction.



Take a look at your basic likes and belief system.

Do you like interacting with people? Consider social work or pre-med. Do you like solving problems? Take a look at philosophy, engineering, math or the sciences. Your basic belief system will help guide you on this quest.

Use of introductory courses to determine direction.

Try out introductory courses. They can help you determine if Continued on Column 2 you like the subject matter. If you like the material, there is a good chance you will be successful.

Talk to advisors and those you trust.

You will ultimately make the decisions but why not talk to those you trust for advice. Look for teachers who encourage and inspire you and whose judgement you value. Most of us have someone who has helped us on our way.

Once you have figured out your likes and dislikes, talk to an academic advisor who can help in select the college majors that best align with your interests.

You should check course requirements for the major or majors you select.



This is your road map for graduation. Do you need to take any pre-requisite courses? What timeframe will you be able to complete the course requirements for graduation. Are you liking what you see?

Interest + passion = SUCCESS.

When students study a subject that interests them and they are passionate about it, they are more inclined to be fully engaged with the material they are learning.

We all know that it is much easier to learn something that we are excited about.

Although money is a consideration in career direction, if the subject matter isn't very interesting, its going to be tough to engage. Job satisfaction and being happy with your job should also be a key consideration.

Make the most of your Junior and Senior years.

Use those electives to open up your world. You can customize your educational experience beyond the major requirements by taking classes just for fun, going free concerts on and off campus, volunteering at campus activities, go on field trips and look for opportunities to try new things.

This is your education, so why not make the most of it!

National Center for Education Statistic http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13_326.10.asp.



FAFSA/Student Aid Report 2016 – 17

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID is not unlimited.

Submit your FAFSA 2016-17 between January - April 2016 (www.fafsa.gov). Please send a PDF copy of your **STUDENT AID REPORT 2016-17** to Higher ED at highered@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

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