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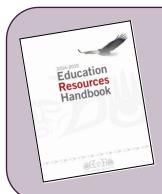
FUNDING REQUIREMENT REMINDER!

Requirements for Spring Quarter 2014 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) 2014-15. 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 students must pass a UA and Physical and proper documentation must be provided.
- Room & Board—students must provide a lease agreement and W-9 from landlord and live 30 miles from home.

This documentation must be provided to Higher Ed staff at least **two (2) weeks prior to school start date**. You may submit your paperwork via email, fax, or post.

Questions: 360-716-4888 or highered@tulaliptribesnsn.gov.



Ready for Pick-up! The "2014-2015 Education Resources Handbook" is filled with lots of information to help you in your educational decision making process.

Books are available for pick-up at the Higher ED Department or call us at 360-716-4888.

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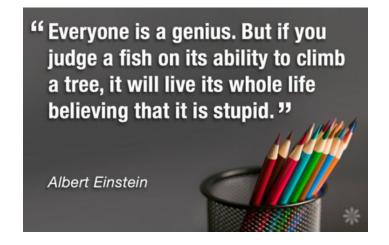
EDUCATION PAYS OFF

According to a recent Pew Research Center Survey, college graduates are much better off financially than their counterparts with only a high school diploma. Nationally, people are feeling that more EDUCATION DOES PAY OFF!

Adults between the ages of 25-32 are much more likely to have a higher income and job satisfaction if they have a bachelor's degree. The median income for an adult with a bachelor's degree is typically \$45,000 as compared to \$28,000 for a high school graduate. In addition, more than 50 percent of college graduates indicate that they are "very satisfied" with their jobs as compared to 37 percent of those with a high school diploma or below.

Further more, Millennials (the generation of young Americans born after 1982) with only a high school degree are more likely to be unemployed or living in poverty. The survey shows that the unemployment rate for high school graduates was 12.8 percent which is more than three times the rate of college graduates. Also, 21.8 percent of high school graduates live in poverty which is almost four times the amount of college grads. The survey shows that the gap has only widened over the course of time. In 1979, the rate was only double which is still huge.

The argument for higher education becomes even more compelling for teens and young adults.







Need EXTRA College Money?

So you are in college and you are fortunate enough to have Tulalip Tribes pay for part of your tuition with FAF-SA's help. You are also getting help with books and supplies and possibly a stipend to help defray costs. If you are living 30 miles or more away from home, the Higher ED department is helping you with room and board.

However, as we notice, paying for college is expensive. Living expenses can be the real problem if you are not receiving financial support from your parents. There are other ways to earn *EXTRA* money for your college expenses.

Here is a list of ways to help you earn those extra funds.

- Paid Internships A paid internship is a great way to earn extra money for college. Many students feel that they do not have enough time to work because of their busy school schedules and academic responsibilities. However, most paid internship programs will be very understanding about your commitment to school and will be flexible. In addition, you can learn a lot about the field that you are pursuing in your education, while making some extra money at the same time.
- 2. Work-Study Programs The government offers a federal work-study program that aims to give students who are facing financial hardship the opportunity to work through school. The program offers jobs to students and the money goes toward paying school tuition. The program is also relatively flexible with students because of the importance of education. Remember to fill out your FAFSA form to determine if you are eligible for this program.
- 3. Part-Time Jobs A part-time job can be a great opportunity for students who cannot find a paid internship and are not eligible for the federal work-study program. College students should make sure that their employer understands how much time commitment college is before accepting a job. Many students enjoying working at restaurants, as well as places that are in the same industry as their college major.

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4. Scholarships - Most scholarships require an application process which means you will have to earn those extra dollars just as you would with the federal work-study program, paid internship or a part-time job. However, the returns can be much larger than a set dollar per hour. There are many scholarships available. See our Higher ED "EDUCATION RESOURCE HANDBOOK" for undergraduate and graduate scholarships available. As you declare your major, look for those scholarships that are area specific, i.e. psychology, math, engineering, medical field, dentistry, etc.

5. **Unclaimed Scholarships** - There are millions of dollars in scholarships that go unclaimed each year. This sounds unbelievable but it is true. Students throughout the nation often assume that there are no scholarship funds available to them and they could be looking in the wrong direction. Most of these unclaimed scholarships are not traditional and will take some work searching for them. But the rewards can be BIG!

Look at unique characteristics and hobbies rather than top grades or sports. Readers will want to check out the American Library Association and local Friends of the Library groups. If you look at less than popular interests or family roots that are unusual or unique, a scholarship may be in the offing. Ethnic heritages or nationalities sponsor scholarships for their descendants.

The possibilities are endless, so if you take pleasure in model building, ham radio operation, fixing old cars, birding, gardening or even basket weaving, you can also enjoy the benefits of free money to help you with your expenses.

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