



Portland Public Schools Indian Education

# College and Career Newsletter

February 2023



PPS High School students toured Oregon State University, including the Kaku-Ixt Mana Ina Haws (Ina Haws) Native student and community center.

## FAFSA is Due June 30th!

Make sure you complete the application before Fall!

[studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid-fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid-fafsa)

## OSAC Scholarship Application is due March 1st, 2023!

The OSAC Scholarship Application provides current and future Oregon students one easy application to apply for multiple scholarships at one time. OSAC awards more than \$10 million in scholarships annually through more than 600 scholarships.

[oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships/](https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships/)

### [PSU MULTICULTURAL RETENTION SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

**Deadline Extended: February 28th**

Email your typed essays and filled out applications directly to: [michellelee@pdx.edu](mailto:michellelee@pdx.edu). There is a rolling deadline, but best for students to get their applications in by February 28th.

## Scholarship Season Approaching

Scholarship season is approaching. As you are beginning to prepare for completing applications, here are some things to be thinking about:

- GPA
- Community Service/Volunteer Experience
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essays

## Letter of Recommendation

If you need a letter of recommendation, consider asking past teachers, counselors, professors, supervisors, or co-workers.

Make sure to give them at least two weeks notice, and it never hurts to send them a list of your accomplishments.



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# Oregon Promise Grant

## Oregon Seniors: Oregon Promise application due June 1st.

The Oregon Promise is a state grant that helps cover tuition costs at any Oregon **community college** for recent high school graduates and GED® test graduates. Students must apply during their senior year or immediately after GED® test completion.

[oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/oregon-promise-grant/](https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/oregon-promise-grant/)

If you have additional questions about The Oregon Promise Grant please contact us at:

Email: [OregonPromise@hecc.oregon.gov](mailto:OregonPromise@hecc.oregon.gov)

**Awards range from \$2,000 to \$4,128 (in 2022-23) for full-time, full-year students.**

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**Portland Community College**

[New Student Info](#)

**Mt. Hood  
Community College**

[New Student Info](#)

**Clackamas Community College**

[New Student Info](#)

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*Reasons why community college might be right for you*

- 1 Lower cost
- 2 A path to a four-year college
- 3 Proximity to home
- 4 Flexibility
- 5 Workforce training

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## PSU's Nations Scholars Program

NATIONS Scholars Program is a one-year support and mentor program for first-generation, low-income, first-time students who will be starting at PSU in the fall. The program focuses on the Native American/Alaskan Native student experience and culture. The program design is to assist new students in their transition to PSU through academic support and community-building activities.

<https://www.pdx.edu/multicultural-retention-services/nations>

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# Scholarship list

This list is not exhaustive. There are many, many scholarships available to students for a variety of reasons. For instance, employers often offer scholarships for kid of their employees, Google offers scholarships for doodles and even large corporations like Coca Cola offer scholarships. Below are some scholarships for Native American students.

Also, always check with your tribe to see what they can offer, too!  
If you need support, please reach out to your Indian Ed team!

## **Cobell Undergraduate Scholarship**

**DUE: March 31st**

- Enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe
- HS diploma or GED
- GPA: 3.25
- [cobellscholar.org](http://cobellscholar.org)

## **American Indian College Fund: Full Circle Scholarship**

**DUE: May 31st**

- Native American U.S. citizen that is a member or descendant of a state or Federally Recognized tribe.
- HS diploma or GED
- GPA: 2.25
- [collegefund.org/students/scholarships](http://collegefund.org/students/scholarships)

## **Hillsboro Hops Dream Big Scholarship**

**DUE: March 5th**

- Must be a graduating HS Senior from a PDX Metro Area/SW Washington school
- Parents/Guardian do not have a 4-year college degree
- Attending an Oregon college or university
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- [www.milb.com/hillsboro/community/scholarship](http://www.milb.com/hillsboro/community/scholarship)

## **Native Forward Scholarships**

**DUE: June 1st**

- Native Forward Scholars Fund has several scholarships such as
- Wells Fargo American Indian Scholarship
- Accenture
- REDW Scholarship
- Find out more at: [tinyurl.com/2p9hrjze](http://tinyurl.com/2p9hrjze)



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# Scholarship list, cont.

## **Verl & Dorothy Miller Native American Vocational Scholarship**

**DUE: March 1st**

- Oregon Residents who can provide a certification of tribal enrollment or descendants of enrolled members
- Open to high school graduates or graduating high school seniors
- Planning to pursue or pursuing a trade or vocational study
- Enrolled at least half-time
- Enrolled in any public 2-year institution or an accredited, **vocational or trade school** that is in Oregon
- Complete the OSAC Application!

## **Howard Vollum American Indian Scholarship**

**DUE: March 1st**

- Must provide a certification of tribal enrollment or descendants of enrolled members.
- Must be a resident of Clackamas, Multnomah or Washington counties in Oregon, or Clark County, Washington.
- Open to students planning to major or majoring in **science, computer science, engineering, or mathematics.**
- Enrolled or planning to enroll full-time.
- Attending or planning to attend any public or private nonprofit college or university in the United States.
- Complete the OSAC Application!



**Portland State**  
**University Tuition-**  
**Free Degree Program**

Find more info on  
scholarships here!



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# Other Opportunities

[Meet the Trades Career Fair](#)  
[Signup](#)



Meet the Trades  
**Career Fair**  
Sponsored by **SKANSKA FLATIRON**



Constructing Hope, Portland Youth Builders, Portland Opportunity Industrialization Center and Oregon Tradeswomen are hosting the Meet the Trades Career Fair which is sponsored by Skanska Flatiron. We are excited to meet you and share our journey of working in the trades with you.



Upon arrival you will receive a passport to help guide you through the Trades Career Fair. Turn your completed passport in for a chance to receive gifts from our sponsors and hosts.



**PATP** Portland Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program Consortium  
**HOPE** Oregon Tradeswomen **YB** **POIC**

**Need help? Reach out to your Indian Ed Team. We can help with applications, essays, and referral requests!**  
[indianeducation@pps.net](mailto:indianeducation@pps.net)

## Socials

### **Federal Student Aid**

Facebook: [facebook.com/federalStudentAid](https://facebook.com/federalStudentAid)

### **American Indian College Fund**

Facebook: [facebook.com/collegefund](https://facebook.com/collegefund)

### **Cobell Scholarship**

Instagram: [instagram.com/cobellscholars](https://instagram.com/cobellscholars)

### **American Indian Services**

Instagram:  
[instagram.com/americanindianservices](https://instagram.com/americanindianservices)

### **Indian Health Services**

Facebook:  
[facebook.com/IndianHealthServices](https://facebook.com/IndianHealthServices)

### **Scholarships for Native Americans**

Facebook:  
[facebook.com/scholarshipsfornativeamericans](https://facebook.com/scholarshipsfornativeamericans)

### **Native Pathways to College**

Facebook: [facebook.com/NativePathways](https://facebook.com/NativePathways)

### **We R Native**

Facebook: [facebook.com/wernative](https://facebook.com/wernative)  
Instagram: [instagram.com/wernative](https://instagram.com/wernative)