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Mission Statement

The Higher Education program of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin promotes higher education to eligible Tribal members by providing guidance, support, and financial assistance to those attending accredited institutions of higher learning with a goal toward self-sufficiency.

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Child Care Funds Update

1 Effective for the 2011-12 school year, beginning August 1, 2011, child care providers and/or facilities must be licensed or certified. The license or certification will be required as part of the Higher Education child care application process. Tribal higher education funds are provided as a last resort; meaning after all other resources have been applied for. Therefore, students requesting child care funds must apply for possible child care services/funds through their local state, county or tribal social service agency as a first resource.

2 Birth Certification Requirement. Effective November 2010, our office will require original birth certificates. If you are requesting childcare, please plan accordingly and know that copies will not be acceptable.

*Changes were made based the need for child safety, liability issues, duplication of services and fiscal responsibility of tribal funds. You can find the new application and detailed information on our web page at www.oneidanation.org/highered, Application and Forms, Higher Education Childcare Funds (2011-2012).

Oneida Higher Education Grant Tiered Funding

The Oneida Higher Education Grant program consists of three tiers.

- Vocational or undergraduate degree **up to** \$20,000 per year
- Master's degree **up to** \$25,000 per year
- Doctorate degree **up to** \$30,000 per year

An academic school year is considered August 1 to July 31. The GTC Resolution 1-30-10-A can be located at www.oneidanation.org/highered under "Education Resolution".

Oneida Trust Scholarship

The Oneida Trust Scholarship Fund was established by the Trust/Enrollment Committee to assist eligible enrolled Oneida Tribal members in attaining their goal of higher education.

Applicants must be in need of fulfilling college entrance requirements to become officially accepted into an accredited post-secondary learning institution. The scholarship must assist with: required pre-requisite credited classes, post-graduate preparation and admission exams, or related preparatory course.

The Oneida Trust Committee respectfully requests that all recipients keep in mind the prospect of sharing their acquired knowledge, experience and education with the Tribe.

Funding For Summer School

Summer funding is part of the 2010-11 H.E. academic school year. Some important steps to follow:

- Submit unofficial transcripts of grades from the previous funded term.
- Complete an Oneida H.E. Academic Plan.
- Register for classes.
- Check with the school's financial aid office regarding summer requirements.

If you are taking more than five credits during the summer months, the school must complete the Oneida Financial Review Form (FRF).

Requirements

Did You Remember To Re-apply?

If you are a continuing student for the school year 2011-2012 then it's time to complete your Oneida Higher Education Application and FAFSA.

It's important to have your higher education file completed early to ensure funding is received in a timely manner.

A complete file consists of:

- Oneida Higher Education Application
- Participant Acknowledgement and Agreement Form
- Oneida Academic Plan
- Unofficial Transcript of Grades
- Oneida Financial Review Form (FRF) must be completed by school's Financial Aid Office

Our application/forms can be printed from our website: www.oneidanation.org/highered

Please Submit "Acceptable Grades"

We **WILL NOT** accept your grade reports if...

- The information is copied and pasted in an email or word document.
- It is missing student and school identification; when in doubt send unofficial or official transcripts.

*****Note: It is always best practice to send a transcript.*****

On-Line Programs and Updates

Due to the increase of students attending on-line programs, the Higher Education has had to create semesters/terms/quarters that are similar to traditional colleges. Students will be considered full-time when they submit an Oneida Academic Plan showing four consecutive courses for an undergraduate or three for a graduate. Consecutive courses are defined as courses that don't have a gap longer than two weeks between them. Students who submit an Oneida Academic Plan with a gap or more than two weeks will be considered part-time.

Although some schools allow students up to a year to complete these classes, the Oneida Higher Education program requires students to complete all the credits within the semester/term funded for.

Please keep in mind that any incomplete courses will be subject to the standard academic warning policy of probation or suspension until these courses are officially completed with a grade.

Things to Know

How To Make My Financial Aid Last

- **Create a Budget** – Write down what expenses you have versus the amount of financial aid and income received while attending school. Budgeting can help you avoid financial pit falls like late fees and over draft fees.
- **NEEDS or WANTS** – Before you buy something, ask yourself if it is a NEED or a WANT. Sometimes the things we THINK we need turn out to be things we WANT. This exercise may help with keeping money in the bank.
- **NEW or USED** – If your school has a bookstore, take a look to see if you can buy the books you need USED, instead of NEW. Most of the time, used books are slightly used but will get you through the class.
- **Campus Living** – Living on campus can save you money by avoiding many costs that come along with living in an apartment, i.e. first/last months rent, security deposit, utilities, and high monthly rent rates. By living on campus, you are automatically close to classrooms, school's library, recreation center, and you can avoid commuting and parking issues.

All Graduating Students

The Higher Education office recognizes all our graduating students with a gift. If you have or will be graduating between the dates of August 1, 2010 thru July 21, 2011 please contact our office at 1-800-236-2214, ext. 4436 or email us at highered@oneidanation.org or submit the "Student/Graduation Profile" form, which can be printed from www.oneidanation.org/highered under Application & Forms. Upon graduation it is also important to submit a final transcript or unofficial transcript of grades.

The Oneida Higher Education Department Is Excited to Announce The 2011 Summer Internship Program

To be eligible you must:

- 1 Be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
- 2 Must be attending an accredited post secondary institution.
- 3 Must be in good standing based on the guidelines of the Higher Education Grant Program.

The Summer Internship is:

- 1 A paid eight week internship experience running from June 6, 2011 – July 29, 2011.
- 2 Intended to provide an opportunity for a balanced exchange of skills and ideas between the host department and the intern.
- 3 A possible way to earn college credit (check with your school for requirements).

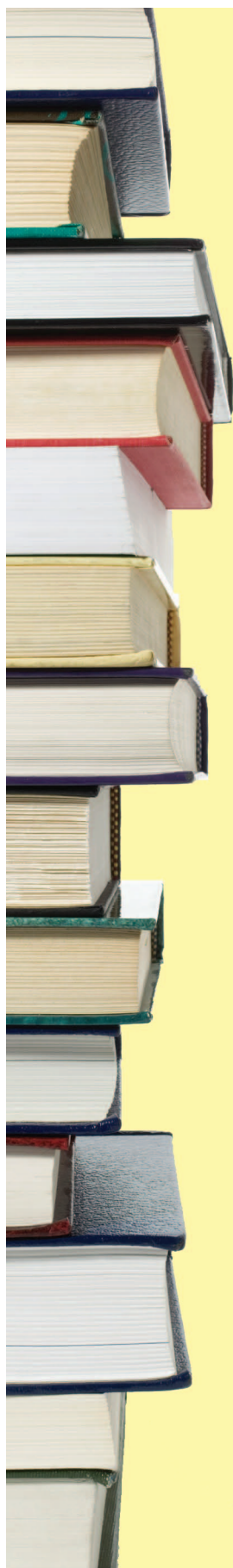
For application materials and to learn more about the internship program, visit our website starting April 18, 2011 at www.oneidanation.org/highered or call (920)-869-4471.

Did You Know?

There is a limited amount of terms eligible for each degree. Please plan your educational goals appropriately. **(Based on full time funding)*

- Vocational/Technical degree = **6** semesters/terms
- Undergraduate degree = **10** semesters/terms
- Graduate degree = **6** semesters/terms
- Doctoral/Professional = **10** semesters/terms

You can find the complete student handbook with program guidelines on our web page.





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Celebrating Success!

Five Ways To Be Successful In College

- 1 Get to class** – Try to attend every class, this includes, arriving to class on time, and not leaving early.
- 2 Do the work** – Turn in your work both completed and on time. Many instructors do not accept late work (even under extreme circumstances), so plan accordingly.
- 3 Need Help? Ask Questions** – Instructors will not know if you are having trouble understanding the material, unless you ask questions or for help. Talking to your instructor or teaching assistant (if class has one) after class or during office hours can make all the difference.
- 4 Got Notes?** – Taking notes during class lectures, videos, and discussions (unless otherwise stated by your instructor) will better prepare you for class assignments and exams.
- 5 Be Active!** – Don't be afraid to participate in class discussions and lectures. Most instructors give credit based on participation.

You Must Successfully Complete ALL the Credits You Were Funded For

Students are required to “successfully complete” all the credits/courses they were funded for, within the term the funding was intended.

Successfully complete means keeping a 2.0 TERM GPA for undergraduate and 3.0 TERM GPA for Graduate and above. Incompletes, withdrawals, etc., are not passing grades and will be calculated.



As a college graduate, the world could be in your hands...

Come check out up to 20 area colleges that have programs designed to meet your unique needs as a returning adult student.

Oneida Higher Education's **ADULT COLLEGE FAIR**

Thursday, March 24, 2011
 Radisson Inn Conference Center;
 Green Bay, WI
 Grand Council Ballroom South
 4pm – 6pm

For more information please contact:

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Thinking about going back to school, but not sure where to go?

Want to earn a higher degree to get promoted or earn more money?

Ready for a career change?

Then this event is for you!

