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Tribal Eligibility Expanded

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Recent action of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC), administrator of the Oregon Opportunity Grant, OSAC Private Scholarships and other student financial assistance programs, expands the definition of "resident of Oregon." Now included are students who are (1) enrolled members of federally recognized tribes of Oregon or (2) who are enrolled members of federally recognized Native American tribes which had traditional and customary tribal boundaries that included parts of the state of Oregon or which had ceded or reserved lands within the state of Oregon, regardless of their state of residence. All students from the tribes below are also recognized as Oregon residents by the Oregon University System for purposes of assessing resident tuition.

The new rule also specifies that a student seeking to be deemed eligible under the provisions of this rule must follow procedures prescribed by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, including submitting a photocopy of a document confirming the student's tribal membership.

In OREGON:

For purposes of this rule, ***federally recognized tribes of Oregon*** are:

Burns Paiute Tribe;
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw;
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon;
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon;
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation;
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation;
Coquille Indian Tribe;
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians;
Klamath Tribes.

For purposes of this rule, ***federally recognized Native American tribes which had traditional and customary tribal boundaries that included parts of the state of Oregon or which had ceded or reserved lands within the state of Oregon*** are:

In CALIFORNIA:

Benton Paiute Tribe;
Big Bend Rancheria;
Big Lagoon Rancheria;
Blue Lake Rancheria;
Bridgeport Indian Colony;
Cedarville Rancheria;
Fort Bidwell Indian Tribe;
Hoopa Valley Tribe;



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Karuk Tribe of California;
Likely Rancheria;
Lookout Rancheria;
Lytton Rancheria;
Melochundum Band of Tolowa Indians;
Montgomery Creek Rancheria;
Pit River Tribe;
Quartz Valley Indian Community;
Redding Rancheria;
Roaring Creek Rancheria;
Smith River Rancheria;
Susanville Rancheria;
Tolowa-Tututni Tribe;
Winnemucca Colony;
XL Ranch;
Yurok Tribe.

In IDAHO:

Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho;
Shoshoni-Bannock Tribes.

In NEVADA:

Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribes;
Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe;
Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe;
Lovelock Paiute Tribe;
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe;
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony;
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe;
Walker River Paiute Tribe;
Winnemucca Indian Colony;
Yerington Paiute Tribe.

In OKLAHOMA:

Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma.

In WASHINGTON:

Chehalis Community Council;
Colville Confederated Tribes;
Quinalt Indian Nation;
Shoalwater Bay Tribe;
Yakama Indian Nation.

For more information about tribal eligibility for Oregon students contact Vicki Merkel at 541-687-7385 or vicki.b.merkel@state.or.us

More information about financial assistance programs for Oregon college and university students is at www.osac.state.or.us and www.getcollegefunds.org