

Oneida Higher Education

STAY INFORMED NEWSLETTER

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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.

Social Media..... STAYING CONNECTED & INFORMED

In support of mother earth Oneida Higher Education (OHE) is now **GREEN**.



Future announcements, scholarships, communications and news will be posted on the Web and Facebook.

Web: www.oneidation.org/highered

Facebook: "Oneida Higher Education Department of Wisconsin"

Summer Internship.....ONEIDA HRD

A paid eight week internship experience running from June–July, 2016. Intended to provide an opportunity or a balanced exchange of skills and ideas between the host department and the intern.

To Be Eligible You Must:

- Be an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin.
- Be a high school senior accepted into accredited post-secondary institution Fall 2016, or
- College student currently attending a post-secondary institution.

DEADLINE to apply April 15, 2016
www.oneidation.org/humanresources
Jennifer Garcia, 920-490-3644 or 1-800-206-1100

Reminder.....PREPARING FOR 2016-17 ONEIDA HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

Now is the time of year to prepare for the new school year.

Complete/submit the following:

- ⇒ College/university acceptance letter (New students only)
- ⇒ Oneida Higher Education Application (Each School Year)
- ⇒ Oneida Participant Acknowledgement & Agreement (Each School Year)
- ⇒ Oneida Academic Plan with signatures (Prior to each Semester/Term)
- ⇒ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fasfa.ed.gov (Each School Year)
- ⇒ Official Transcript of Grades (Current students must request these be sent after each Semester/Term)





Coming Next Year.....AN EARLIER AND EASIER FAFSA

Beginning October 2016, students are able to submit their FAFSA earlier than ever before.

Currently the FAFSA is made available January 1 of each year, but next year students will be able to apply for financial aid at the same time of the year they typically apply to colleges-in the fall. This is made possible because students who complete the FAFSA in the fall of 2016 for the 2017-18 school year will be able to use 2015 tax information.

By Allowing students to use information from prior-prior year (PPY) taxes and apply for aid in the same timeframe they apply to colleges, colleges can in turn provide financial aid notifications to students earlier, ensuring that students and families have more time to prepare for college costs.

Things to Know.....DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ There is a limited amount of terms eligible for funding in each degree.

Please plan your educational goals appropriately.

*(Based on full time funding)

- Vocational/Technical degree = 2.5 years
- Undergraduate degree = 5 years
- Graduate degree = 3 years
- Doctoral/Professional = 5 years

⇒ Students are required to “successfully complete” ALL the credits/courses they were funded for. Successfully complete means keeping a minimum 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 re-calculated.

⇒ Did you know you can use our **general email** highered@oneidation.org, to send us your **application**, **forms**, and **documents**.

⇒ Students are required to have an “official” transcript of grades sent to OHE at the end of each funding term/semester awarded by OHE. The transcripts will be required in order to be considered for continued funding. The official transcript must come directly from the higher education institution (college/university) to OHE via **post office** or **general email** highered@oneidation.org. It is the student’s responsibility to request the transcript and pay for any applicable fees.

On-Line Survey.....RATE OUR SERVICES

Students can rate Oneida Higher Education on your most recent contact or visit.

GO TO: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/HigherEd/> (click on Satisfaction Survey)

TOGETHER we MAKE the DIFFERENCE!

ADULT COLLEGE FAIR 2016

“Are you ready for a new chapter in your life?”

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! OHE Adult College Fair is Free! Come check out area colleges that have programs designed to meet your unique needs as a returning adult student.

**May 19, 2016 from 4-5:30 pm at the Skenandoah Complex,
Located at 909 Packerland Dr., Green Bay, WI.**

For more information please contact:

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Spring Time.....MAPLE SYRUP CEREMONY

Early spring is a particularly sweet time in Wisconsin, it's maple syrup season. Tappers head out into the sugar bush to collect the sap that will be boiled down into syrup. The Oneida Nation has been making maple syrup for thousands of years.







The Maple Syrup Ceremony is an early spring ceremony from the Oneida longhouse. Some Ceremonies follow the phases of the moon; others follow natural cycles of the environment. Maple Syrup Ceremony begins only after the first thunders are heard in the early spring. It is then that the trees begin to awaken with signs of life and the precious sap begins to flow.

Before the collection of maple sap, there is burning of Native Tobacco and giving thanks for all that there is. The collection of maple sap then begins, once this is finished, the boiling down of the sap commences.

Sap naturally contains large amounts of water and therefore needs to have the water evaporated to concentrate the sap into consumable syrup. This takes hours and even days depending on how large a container a person is trying to cook down into sap. 80 gallons of sap can be cooked down to just 2 gallons of syrup and the fire must be kept at a constant temperature from start to finish. Often someone is left with the job of keeping the fire going all night long. Those who wish can also continue cooking the Syrup until it crystallizes and turns into Maple Sugar.

Once the collecting, cooking and storing of the maple syrup occurs, the Faithkeepers set the date for Maple Syrup Ceremony Closing. Everyone comes together at the Longhouse and the Ceremony is held. The Great Feather Dance is part of the Ceremony and many people give their personal thanks. The syrup is shared between friends and family.



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