

Oneida Higher Education Newsletter

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WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AND CONTINUING STUDENTS

The Oneida Higher Education Department would like to welcome all our new students and continuing students. Please take the time to read our Oneida Higher Education Newsletter to keep yourself informed of the program requirements and any new notifications. We wish all our students success in reaching their educational goals.

Do You Have A Complete File?



It's important to have your file complete as early as possible to ensure funding is received in a timely manner. A complete Higher Education file includes:

- Initial copy of Official Acceptance Letter
- Annual renewal of FAFSA
- Oneida Application
- Oneida Participation Agreement Form
- Oneida Academic Plan (with all signatures)
- Oneida Financial Need Analysis (FNA) (this form is sent by Higher Education to your school's financial aid office to complete.)
- Official transcripts with grades at the end of the semester/term

Forms (other than FNA) can be found and printed from our website at www.oneida-nsn.gov/highered. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is received by the Higher Education office within the required deadlines.

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HOURS

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Central Standard Time)
Monday through Friday
(Closed on Friday from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

FAFSA and Drug Convictions—Why do they ask?

Have you ever received federal student aid?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (grants, work-study, and/or loans)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

In general, if you are convicted of a drug-related felony or misdemeanor that took place **while you were receiving Federal student aid**, you will become ineligible to receive further aid for a specified period of time upon conviction.

The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 includes provisions that authorize Federal and State judges to deny certain Federal benefits—including Title IV, HEA student aid—to persons convicted of drug trafficking or possession. The Department of Education maintains a list within the Central Processing System against which all FAFSA applicants are matched. Applicants on the DOJ Drug Abuse Hold list are notified that they are not eligible for Title IV, HEA funds and told whom they can contact if they have questions.

The length of ineligibility depends on the type and number of convictions. For more information students should contact their school's Financial Aid Office.

Offense	Possession of Illegal Drugs	Sale of Illegal Drugs
First	1 year of ineligibility from date of conviction	2 years of ineligibility from date of conviction
Second	2 years of ineligibility from date of conviction	Indefinite period of ineligibility*
Third or more	Indefinite period of ineligibility*	Indefinite period of ineligibility*

STUDENTS MUST BE TITLE IV/FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBLE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ONEIDA HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING!



Haudenosaunee Promise Scholarship – Syracuse University

On September 27th, the Oneida Higher Education Department, Youth Educational Services and the Oneida Nation High School were pleased to welcome Terry Jones to our community. Terry, a member of the Seneca Nation and a member of the Wolf Clan, is a recent graduate of Syracuse University, and is a Haudenosaunee Alumni Representative.

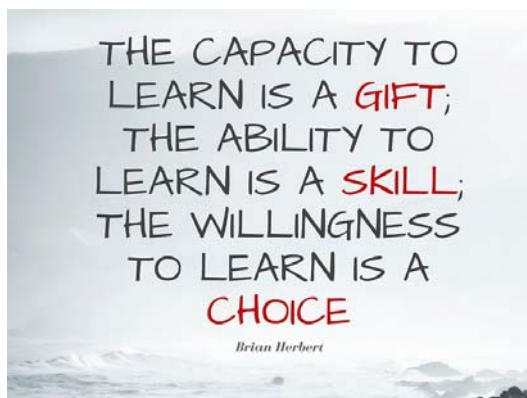
At a meeting held in the ONHS Library, Terry discussed his experience at Syracuse University which is located in Syracuse New York. In 2016, Terry graduated Summa Cum Laude from Syracuse with a bachelor's degree in Film Studies. For those attending the presentation, in addition to learning about the university, Terry shared one of his short films, Cornsoup for my Brother. The short film, was a true story of Terry's father honoring his brother and a story to which the audience felt a strong connection.

Jones intends to pursue a master's degree in film studies but has already produced a number of short films with screenings across the US and has won numerous awards. His goal is "to be an accomplished filmmaker and a professor of indigenous media studies. Like many other native communities, his home territory is confronted with many issues that negatively impact its quality of life (loss of language, drug abuse, diabetes, environmental dangers, public safety and injustice). He hopes his future film projects will promote and facilitate dialogue that can influence changes in public policy on his home territories and the federal level", as reported in his biography.

While the cost of tuition at Syracuse is high, Tammy Bluewolf-Kennedy, admissions counselor/Native American liaison at Syracuse explained that the Haudenosaunee Honor Scholarship can cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for members of Haudenosaunee Nations, including Oneida Nation-Wisconsin students. Combined with the Oneida Higher Education grant, attendance at Syracuse can be in your future.

For further information: admissions.syr.edu/nativeamericanresources



Inspiration Corner:**Join us on Facebook:**

"Oneida Higher Education Department of Wisconsin"

We share and post relevant Higher Education articles, updates, and information as well as department information and reminders.

Celebrating Success

Please continue sending in pictures, copies of your diplomas and any other recognitions we can display on our department's "Student Achievement Board."

Keep us Updated:

Contact Higher Education if:

- You change your credit load;
- You are changing schools;
- You have a different mailing address, e-mail address or phone number;
- You have changed your name.

Whatever the reason, remember to stay in touch! It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the Higher Education Office has updated information and all required documentation is received prior to the end of the term/semester.

2017 HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR

The Oneida Higher Education Department hosted a High School College Fair on Thursday, September 28th. One hundred fifty (150) high school students attended the event; meeting with colleges, college programs and military representatives and discussing their plans for the future. There were a total of 44 tables providing students with information. This included 35 colleges/universities, 2 information/resource tables, 2 branches of the United States Military, and 5 educational programs.



The college selection process can be very overwhelming and the Oneida Higher Education Department is dedicated to providing services to help students navigate this process. The High School College Fair provides students with the opportunity to explore the opportunities available to them and discuss key factors important to them in the selection process. We are grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of their journey and grateful to all the volunteers who make this a successful event each year.



Mission Statement:

The Higher Education program of the Oneida Nation 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.

**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

**The Oneida Higher Education Office
would like to hear from you!!**

Please tell us about your most recent contact or visit. Your feedback will be used to help improve our services.



Go to: www.oneida-nsn.gov/highered
to complete a brief online survey.

Thank You

