

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 program requirements and any new notifications. We wish all 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 for completion.)
- Official transcripts 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.)



Update your address book...

Oneida Higher Education has moved locations.

Oneida Higher Education Office

3759 W Mason St, Suite 3

Oneida, WI 54115

Our Mailing Address has remained the same:

P.O. Box 365

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FINANCIAL AID—VERIFICATION 101

Students receiving the Oneida Higher Education Grant must complete the FAFSA (if enrolled in 6 or more credits) and be Financial Aid Eligible. After the FAFSA is completed, results are sent electronically to the schools listed on the FAFSA, however, this does not necessarily mean the student is ready to be awarded. Students chosen for verification have additional information/documentation they will need to submit. Being chosen for verification does not mean you will not receive financial aid, however, it can delay the process and should be addressed as soon as possible. Here are the basics of verification....

Who: The Department of Education picks a random portion of FAFSA applications which need to be verified. In addition to students who are randomly selected, students may be selected if their information is not matching or there is conflicting information listed within their FAFSA. Students using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when completing the FAFSA decrease their chances of being chosen for verification. In addition to the Department of Education selecting students, some schools require all students receiving financial aid complete the verification process.

What: Students chosen for verification will need to provide the school's Financial Aid Office with additional information. This could include a worksheet, tax information, W2's, child support information, or other income information. Students who are dependent for FAFSA purposes will need to provide this information for themselves as well as their parents.

When: When the school is reviewing a student's FAFSA they will see there is a Department of Education verification flag or notice a need to verify the information listed. The school will notify the student, many times by email, directing them to their school's financial aid portal to view their "Financial Aid To-Do List". Since the verification process can delay students' awards, it is important to address this to-do list as early as possible and stay on top of the requested information.

Why: Verification is a federal financial aid process which Oneida Higher Education does not have control over. Since students need to be financial aid eligible in order to receive our funding, students must complete the verification process with their school.

WE CAN HELP!! The Oneida Higher Education Advisors are here to help you navigate the Financial Aid process including the verification process. This process can be very lengthy and have many components, so starting early and staying on top of the process is important.



2018/19 High School College Fair—Hosted October 11, 2018

The Oneida Higher Education Department hosted a High School College Fair on Thursday, October 11th, 2018. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians co-sponsored this event for a second year. With their generous donation, one hundred sixty-three (163) 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 39 tables providing students with information. This included 30 colleges/universities, 2 information/resource tables, 5 branches of the United States Military, and 2 educational programs/scholarships.

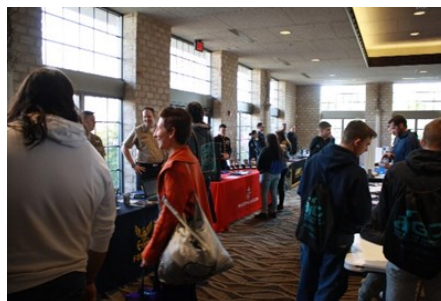
The college selection process can be very overwhelming and the Oneida Higher Education Department is dedicated to providing services to help students navigate this process. The High School College Fair provides students with the opportunity to explore the opportunities available to them and discuss key factors important to them for 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.



Many recruiters commented on how engaged and prepared the students were at this year's college fair.



We were excited to welcome Haskell Indian Nations University and University of Notre Dame to this year's college fair.



All 5 branches of military (Air Force, Army, National Guard, Navy and Marines) had representatives at the high school college fair.

Fall Financial Aid Resource Night —Hosted November 1, 2018

The Oneida Higher Education Department hosted a Financial Aid Resource Workshop on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the CEC (Community Education Center). The workshop included presentations regarding Financial Aid, Outside Scholarships and the Oneida Higher Education Grant. In addition, we helped students complete the 2019/20 FAFSA. We want to thank our guest speakers who joined us; Katie Buchan, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at St. Norbert College and James Flores, Scholarship Coordinator at Forest County Potawatomi Foundation.

If you missed the workshop, but would like information or assistance completing your FAFSA, please contact our office.





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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.

