

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



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Youth Leadership in Washington D.C.



Higher Ed. Office Attending a Graduation Event in Montana

Program Pictures



Chairman Clement Frost and LaTitia Taylor Meeting with School District



Tri-Ute Youth Leadership Conference

Scholarships Program:

All Scholarship Applications for our programs can be downloaded at:

Website: www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/scholarships/

Password: HigherEducation



Academic Advisor: (970) 563-0237 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2783

Full Time Scholarships:

This scholarship pays for tuition and provides a stipend for other costs associated with school. Pick up a packet at the Education Department or access it on-line. **Deadline: July 1st**

Part-Time Scholarships: This scholarship is offered throughout the year and will pay for tuition, books, fees, and mileage. Pick up a packet at the Education Department or access it on-line.

Deadline: No later than 30 days prior school starting.

Academic Advising: We will advise students with degree program questions, academic progress and financial reviews. Periodically, throughout the year, we offer workshops to help fill out the Education scholarship packets.

Certificate and Internship Program



Advisor: (970) 563-0237 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2784

Certificate Scholarships: There are 20 scholarships that are given on a first come first serve basis. Pick up an application packet at the Education Department or call to have one mailed to you.

Education in Excellence Internships: This internship must be related to the degree or certificate the student is pursuing. The salary rate for this program is based on the student grade level.

Deadline: No later than 2 weeks prior school starting

Adult Internships: Collaboration between the Education Department and TERO, funds are available for Southern Ute Tribal Members to obtain other training and or employment.

GED Testing and Adult Education:



Adult Education: This program provides educational services to Native Americans in the local service area. This includes an official GED Testing Center, GED tutoring at Pine River Community Learning Center or the Durango Education Center, cultural art and computer classes at The Southern Ute Detention Center and GED and Adult Education tutoring at Peaceful Spirit Rehabilitation Center.

Please Contact Pine River Community Learning Center at (970)563-0681 or Durango Education Center 970-385-4354 for GED class times and registration.

GED Testing: The Department of Education is an official GED Testing Center accredited by The American Council on Education. The test is held on the first Friday of the month at the Education Building on Burns Ave. Registration and payment are due Tuesday before the test.

BIA 638 Scholarships for GED testing or workshops are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area who submit paperwork two weeks in advance.

The GED Test is offered at the Education Center as a computer based test. Register, schedule and pay at www.GEDcomputer.com

Pearson Vue Testing

The Department of Education is an official Pearson Vue Test Center. Please see www.pearsonvue.com for a list of tests available.



Educational Resources and Programs:



Education Specialist: (970) 563-0235 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2793

Special Events Program: Assists Southern Ute Tribal students (K-12) who meet the established guidelines

Private School Scholarship: Assists Southern Ute Tribal students (K-12) with private school scholarships.

Computer Purchase Program: Assists Southern Ute Tribal students (K-college). Education will pay for 50% of the total cost of a computer up to \$1250.00.

These programs have policy requirements.

Academic Banquet: During the month of June, our department invite High School, GED and Colleges graduates and their families to attend our Annual Dinner to honor their achievements. Members of the Tribal Council, School District Board Members and Administrators are invited.

Johnson-O'Malley Program (JOM): Provides some financial assistance to meet the needs of eligible Native American students K-12 in the Ignacio and Bayfield School Districts. A parent committee is responsible for approving requests made to the Johnson-O'Malley Program.

The Mission of the Johnson-O'Malley program is to address the unique cultural needs of Native American Indian students attending the Ignacio and Bayfield Public schools, and the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start through a supplemental program of services planned, developed and approved by the JOM committee.



Education Counseling:



Education Counselor: (970) 563-0237 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2792

Education Counseling: Provide school counseling/advocacy for Southern Ute students' K-12 at any school as requested by parent/guardian, counselors or other agency referrals ensure students are receiving the support and resources to be successful in their k-12 education, regardless of where they live.

School counseling and advocacy for Native American students in the Ignacio and Bayfield School Districts as requested by parent, counselor or other agencies is also offered.

Services include meeting with students and/or parents, providing social/emotional support, brainstorming possible referrals, reviewing transcripts and credits, and education motivation. Attending IEP's (Individual Education Plan), re-entry meetings and other school meetings as requested by the parent/guardian is another service. Dropout prevention/school relevancy/truancy is a part of the counselor's position. The counselor has been designated to approve home-school, on-line or non-traditional high school curriculum to ensure the diploma is academically sufficient.



Special Education Advocate Apprentice & FGDM Coordinator: (970) 563-0237 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2790

Special Education Advocate: Our Special Education Advocate Apprentice is available to support the parent/guardian in understanding their students IEP/504 parent and student attending meetings at parent/guardian request.

Resources, referrals and consultation to address student needs are also available rights and procedures, reviewing goals and

The Family Group Decision Making (FGDM): Coordinator Apprentice is housed in the Education Department. Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) acknowledges the family as key decision makers and utilizes their strengths, knowledge and experiences when making important family decisions.

The Coordinator is available to assist families in organizing a family meeting through the FGDM process which is supported and endorsed by Council.

Distance Learning Programs:

The Annual Career Fair is one of the largest events organized by the Higher Education Department. Every year during the month of April, this event takes place at the Ignacio High School. Many companies and Colleges (more than 80) participate in this event.



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IVC Systems (Video Conference): The Higher Ed Department provides Video Conference Services. This system allows students to take Broadcast Classes in our Computer Lab. The system also provides services for Business Meetings and Conferences.

Computer Lab: The Higher Ed Department provides computer services. The Computer Lab has available 13 Computers for its use and they are available from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

Culinary Art Kitchen Availability: The Kitchen at the Higher Ed Department has 4 complete workstations for cooking classes.



Youth Employment Program:



Youth Employment Program Coordinator:
(970) 563-0237 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2786

The purpose of the Youth Employment Program (YEP) is to provide the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Youth with Summer employment..

The program provides employment for all Southern Ute Tribal members ages 14-18 in 24 employment

locations for 200 hours. During the program the YEP staff coordinates trips, workshops, and cultural activities that everyone in YEP can participate in.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council:



Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Coordinator: **(970) 563-0237 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2790**

The purpose of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) is to provide Southern Ute students, ages 11-17, with a leadership program that creates awareness for our youth on community issues.

The SCSYAC Council members are the voice of the Southern Ute youth that may make proposals to Tribal Council. To be a member, students must write a letter of interest, fill out this application packet, participate in all meetings, attend all leadership training activities, be willing to learn and take part in more cultural activities as well as maintaining good grades in school. The Leadership Program provides college and career exploration opportunities. Once elected, members must provide a positive attitude and be a liaison for the Southern Ute Education Department. Tribal Council appoints the SCSYAC Council members. Members may reapply for multiple terms.

Academic Assistance Program:



Teacher's Office: **(970) 563-0237 or (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2795 (HS), 2778 (MS), and 2779 (IS); 2777 (ES).**

Tutoring: Teachers provide academic support for Southern Ute, JOM and Descendent K-12 students at each of the Ignacio School District buildings during the school day. After school, tutoring K-8 programs are held at The Southern Ute Education Department building.

High School Tutoring program is held at either the Ignacio High School or the Education Center Building. Parents are welcome to contact teachers regarding any need their student may have regarding academics.

Summer Youth in Action: Beginning in June through July join the Southern Ute Department of Education teachers for enrichment and fun. Go on trips, outings, or participate in workshops that will help you keep your academic edge for the upcoming school year.

The Education Department teachers also participate with students in community and tribal activities in the summer months.

The Ignacio School District in partnership with our education department, provide credit recovery at the Ignacio High School.

