

## **2010 Government-to-Government Report Oregon Student Assistance Commission**

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) participated in the of the Government-to-Government Education Cluster meetings in 2010. At each meeting OSAC has reported information regarding the agencies financial aid programs and college access services including the Oregon Opportunity Grant, the privately funded Scholarship Program, ASPIRE, and College Goal Oregon. The tribes were given ASPIRE application materials and encouraged to apply to be an ASPIRE site. ASPIRE provides training and technical assistance to administer a volunteer program whereby adults volunteer to guide individual students through the process of choosing a postsecondary path and how to apply for financial aid. Agency personnel did not attend the Annual Summit.

The agency's key contact for state/tribal relations is Vicki Merkel, Director of Scholarship and Access Programs. Peggy Cooksey, Opportunity Grant Policy Analyst assists Ms. Merkel with providing specific information to individual tribal members when they contact the agency regarding financial aid.

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission is committed to continuing participation in this cluster and promoting positive government-to-government relations between the agency and tribes.

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