



# Osage Nation Education Department

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## Education Department To Be Open In Evening November 4,5,6th, 2008 from 5-8:30pm

On November 4,5,6th, 2008 from 5- 8:30pm the Osage Nation Education Department will be open for all students and their parents who plan to attend post-secondary schools. The computer lab will also be open for those that want to register for ACT/SAT tests, apply for a FAFSA pin, scholarship search, college search, etc. If you would like to set up an appointment during one of these evenings for individual advisement and planning please call Cherise @ 918-287-5544 to set up a time.

- ◆ **Advisement topics:**
- ◆ **Assistance with applications including: FAFSA, ACT,SAT, college/university, scholarships, etc.**
- ◆ **Important things they need to know as an incoming freshman:study time, instructor's office hours, and tutoring services.**
- ◆ **Other opportunities that might be available to that student. (IHS,WINS,AAIP,)**
- ◆ **The offices they need to be familiar with, where they are located, and what services they provide.**
- ◆ **Materials needed: degree sheets, course catalogs, syllabuses, and class schedules**
- ◆ **Discussion of g.p.a requirements and how they effect funding from scholarships to financial aid and the probationary status if a particular g.p.a. is not attained.**

The Osage Nation Education Department would like to bring awareness to students on the things they need to know and to prepare them to be successful in their pursuit of higher education.

If you have any questions or would like to set up a time during the day please contact the education department at (918) 287-5300/1-800-390-6724 and we would be happy to schedule an appointment with you and your student.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

- ◆ [WWW.ACT.ORG](http://WWW.ACT.ORG)
- ◆ [WWW.COLLEGBOARD.COM](http://WWW.COLLEGBOARD.COM)
- ◆ [WWW.FASTWEB.COM](http://WWW.FASTWEB.COM)
- ◆ [WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV](http://WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV)
- ◆ [WWW.GMSP.ORG](http://WWW.GMSP.ORG)
- ◆ [WWW.COLLEGE.GOV](http://WWW.COLLEGE.GOV)
- ◆ [WWW.COLLEGFUND.ORG](http://WWW.COLLEGFUND.ORG)
- ◆ [WWW.OKHIGHERED.ORG](http://WWW.OKHIGHERED.ORG)





**REGISTER FOR THE TEST YOU NEED**

**2008 - 2009 ACT Test Dates** [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 25, 2008	September 22, 2008	September 23 – October 3, 2008
December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008	November 8 – 20, 2008
February 7, 2009**	January 6, 2009	January 7 – 16, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28 – March 13, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 9 – 22, 2009

**Basic registration fee (per test option)**

<b>ACT (No Writing)</b>	<b>\$31.00</b>
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Includes reports for you, your high school (if you authorize reporting), and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register).

<b><u>ACT Plus Writing</u></b>	<b>\$46.00</b>
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Includes reports for you, your high school (if you authorize reporting), and up to four college choices (if valid codes are provided when you register). The \$15.00 Writing Test fee is refundable, on written request, if you are absent on test day or switch to the ACT (No Writing) before you begin testing.

**2008 - 2009 SAT Test Dates** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

2008-09 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
October 4, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2008	September 16, 2008 (by mail) September 19, 2008 (online or by phone) †
November 1, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	September 26, 2008	October 10, 2008
December 6, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2008	November 18, 2008
January 24, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2008	January 6, 2009
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2009
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2009

***If you unsure about registering for any of these tests please come to our offices and someone will be able to assist you.***

Test Fees:	
SAT Reasoning Test™	<b>\$45</b>
SAT Subject Tests™	
Basic registration fee	<b>add \$20</b>
Language Tests with Listening (add to basic reg. fee)	
All other Subject Tests (add per test to basic reg. fee)	<b>add \$9</b>



## Collegeboard's College QuickFinder:

Allows the student to compare different colleges to better help them choose the one that is right for them. Go to their website to compare schools that you would like to attend. [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

This is an example of a search done on three southwest Oklahoma schools.

Comparison Criteria	School One <a href="#">Northern Oklahoma College</a>	School Two <a href="#">Oklahoma State University</a>	School Three <a href="#">Northeastern State University</a>
<b>Location</b> City, State Region	Tonkawa, Oklahoma Southwest	Stillwater, Oklahoma Southwest	Tahlequah, Oklahoma Southwest
<b>Type</b> Public vs. Private Religious Affiliation	Public	Public	Public
<b>Campus Life</b> Setting Undergraduate Enrollment	Rural	Suburban 18,368	Rural 8,191
<b>Admission</b> Percentage accepted Application Requirements  SAT® Scores *  ACT™ Composite Scores		88 Required: SAT Reasoning Test or ACT  If submitting ACT, the writing section is optional  Critical Reading: 490 - 610 Math: 510 - 630  22 - 27	71 Required: ACT (writing section optional)
<b>Cost &amp; Financial Aid *</b> In-state tuition & fees Out-of-state tuition & fees Room & board Room only	<b>Fall 2008</b> \$2,303 \$5,813 \$3,790	<b>Fall 2008</b> \$6,887 \$17,241 \$6,358	<b>Fall 2008</b> \$4,155 \$10,245 \$4,784

\* Note: SAT scores represent the middle 50% of first-year students' scores. See this college's profile for a detailed breakdown of costs.



## The Gates Millennium Scholars Program

**\*\*\*Students if you plan on applying for this scholarship please start go to the website and begin today. Filling in the application itself takes over three days of diligent work. For more complete information please visit their website at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)**

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS), established in 1999, was initially funded by a \$1 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential by:

Reducing financial barriers for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with high academic and leadership promise who have significant financial need; Increasing the representation of these target groups in the disciplines of education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are severely underrepresented; Developing a diversified cadre of future leaders for America by facilitating successful completion of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees; and Providing seamless support from undergraduate through doctoral programs, for students selected as Gates Millennium Scholars entering target disciplines.

### **The GMS Scholarship Award Provides:**

- ◆ **Support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help;**
- ◆ **Renewable awards for Gates Millennium Scholars maintaining satisfactory academic progress;**
- ◆ **Graduate school funding for continuing Gates Millennium Scholars in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science;**
- ◆ **Leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities.**

### **Who's Eligible?**

- ◆ **Students are eligible to be considered for a GMS scholarship if they:**
- ◆ **Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native\*, Asian Pacific Islander American\*\* or Hispanic American**
- ◆ **Are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States**
- ◆ **Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale or have earned a GED**
- ◆ **Will be enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited\*\*\* college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student in the fall 2009**
- ◆ **Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities**
- ◆ **Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria**
- ◆ **Have completed and submitted all three required forms (Nominee Personal Information form, Nominator form, and Recommender form) by the deadline**

\*American Indian/Alaska Native Requirements: American Indian/Alaska Natives will be asked to provide proof of tribal enrollment or certificate of descent from a state or federally recognized tribe if selected as a GMS Candidate.

\*\*To be eligible for the GMS scholarship, the student must matriculate at a college or university that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary on Education. The following are accreditation resources: Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education Programs Candidates; American Council of Education published in consultation with the Council for Higher Education Accreditation; Higher Education Directory published by Higher Education Publications, Inc.

The application process for GMS awards is highly competitive, and we urge students to submit their nomination packets as early as possible.

Materials may be submitted online or via postal mail by the following deadline:

**Nomination materials must be submitted online before Monday, January 12, 2009 11:59 p.m. EST or postmarked on or before January 12, 2009.**



## ~SENIOR CALENDAR GUIDE~

### OCTOBER

~Narrow down the colleges you would like to attend. ~ Gather information on requirements about each school including fin. aid and deadlines. ~Register and take SAT and/or ACT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges. ~If you are applying under an Early Decision or Early Action program, be sure to get all forms in as soon as possible. Applying online might be the right option for you. ~Continue searching and applying for scholarships.

### NOVEMBER

~Submit applications on time. ~Work hard at completing your college essays. Proofread them rigorously for mistakes. ~Ask teachers/counselors for letters of recommendation and send on time to meet your deadlines. ~Mail applications as early as possible for colleges with rolling deadlines (admission decisions are made as applications are received). ~Take SAT/ACT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each one of your colleges.

### DECEMBER

~Try to wrap up college applications before winter break. Make copies of each application before you send it. ~Take SAT/ACT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each one of your colleges. ~Continue applying for scholarships.

### JANUARY

~ File your FAFSA as soon as possible. ~Some colleges include your first-semester grades as part of your application folder. This is called the mid-year grade report. Have your counselor send your grades to colleges that require them.

**[Gates Millennium Scholarship Deadline - Jan. 12th]**

**[File FAFSA as soon as possible Beginning - Jan.1st]**

### FEBRUARY

~Contact your colleges and confirm that all necessary application materials have been received. ~Don't get senioritis! Colleges want to see strong second half grades. Register and Take ACT if needed. ~Begin visiting colleges you are planning to attend to familiarize yourself with the campus.

### MARCH

~Some admissions decisions arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part. Retake ACT if needed. ~Continue visiting colleges you are planning to attend to familiarize yourself with the campus.

**[Fafsa Submission for university scholarships Deadline - March 1st]**

### APRIL

~Most admission decisions and financial aid award letters arrive this month. ~Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.

**[Mae Lasley Deadline– April 15th]**

### MAY

~AP Exams are administered. In 2008, AP Exams are scheduled for May 5-9 and May 12-16. ~Make sure your AP Grade Report is sent to your college. ~Study hard for final exams. Most admission offers are contingent on your final grades. ~Make sure you are scheduled for enrollment.

### JUNE

~Have your counselor send your final transcript to your college choice. ~Make sure all required documentation has been sent to your college and scholarship information has been submitted.

### SUMMER

~Make travel plans. Book early for the best prices. ~Finalize your housing plans. ~Shop for items you will need in college. ~Plan your first-semester courses with an eye towards eventually selecting your college major.

**[Osage Higher Educ. Scholarship Deadline - July 1st]**

**[OTEC Deadline—Deadline July 1st ]**



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## SPECIAL EDITION!

### News from the Osage Nation Education Dept.

#### D e p a r t m e n t   N o t i c e s

##### **ACT TEST FEES**

Attention JOM Students within Osage Nation. JOM Funding may be available for ACT test fees. Contact Avis Ballard for more information on this program.

##### **DEADLINES:**

Don't forget registration deadlines for your test.

##### **Osage Higher Ed. Scholarship**

The Osage Higher Ed. Scholarship is available to Osage Indians attending a college or university. Eligible applicants with a complete application are awarded each semester.

##### **DEADLINES:**

FALL — JULY 1  
 SPRING — DECEMBER 31  
 SUMMER — MAY 1

##### **Workforce Development Training**

Training assistance is provided to Native American adults through local vocational and technical training schools. Assistance for Native Americans living in Osage County who have started a new job and paying the expense for those individuals obtaining a GED.

**Applications are taken year round.**

*Don't Forget about deadlines and ALL required documentation when applying for different programs or services.*

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