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The Oregon Tribal State Grant has allowed many students, including myself, to have the piece of mind when it comes to the cost associated with Higher Education. What usually is a major deterrent to pursuing post-secondary education, cost of attendance, is now temporarily with this grant in place, not a stressor. This Grant provides financial security, allowing a student to focus full-time on their schooling, as opposed to working full-time while going to school, in order to pay for their schooling. This not only lessens the financial stress, but also encourages tribal members to pursue an education that may have been unrealistic to pursue in the past due to the financial impact it would have. The grant allows tribal members to reclaim part of their Native American identities, pursuing education in a field they are intrinsically motivated to complete. The Oregon Tribal State Grant provides tribal members the opportunity to have the financial support needed in order to gain knowledge and positively give back to communities while also promoting self-worth and equity.

Thank you for your time and consideration of continued funding.