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College. It's not a dream. It's a Plan.

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College Horizons, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization based in New Mexico with a focus on college access/success and assisting Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students with the college, graduate, and professional school admission and financial aid process.
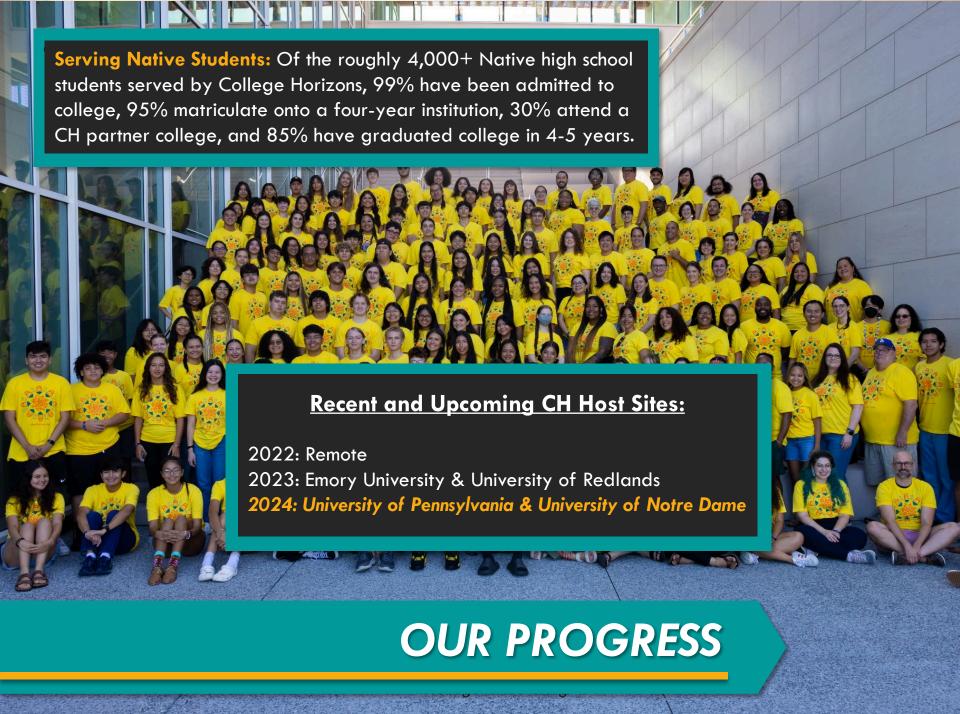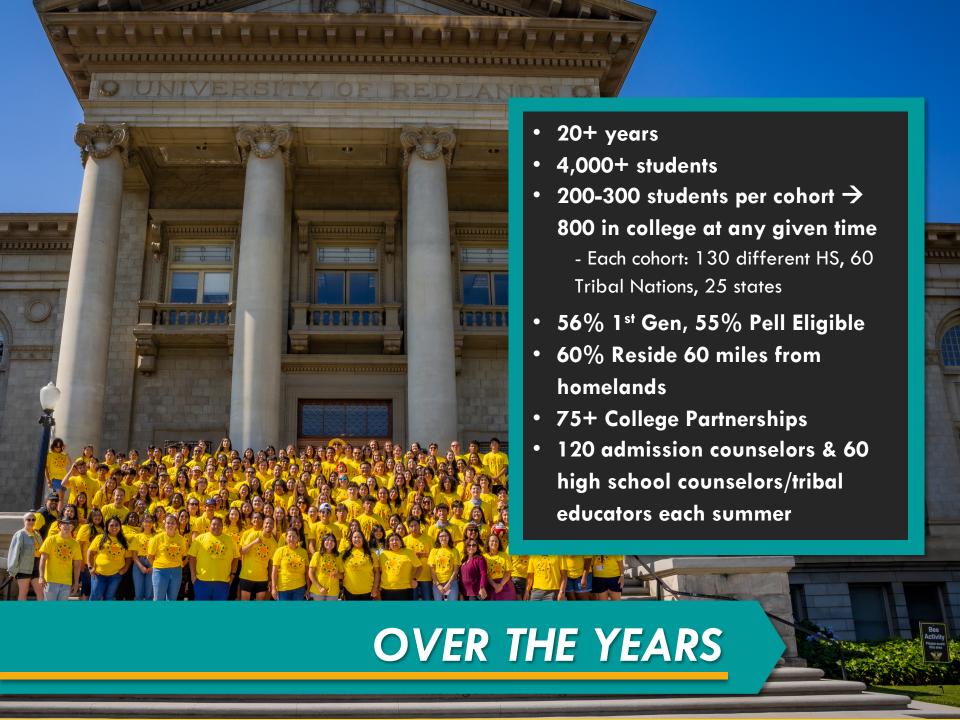
WHAT IS COLLEGE HORIZONS?

Our mission is to encourage and facilitate the education of Native youth. Our CH staff is small, but mighty – comprising of 6 people, 4 of whom are College Horizons alumni.

Each summer, our flagship program is hosted on a college campus for 1-week sessions. We partner with 50+ colleges/universities, and invite high school counselors, teachers, Tribal educators to serve as program "faculty."

INDIGENOUS
Educated
++ UNAFRAID ++

OUR TEAM & MISSION

Serving Native Students: Of the roughly 4,000+ Native high school students served by College Horizons, 99% have been admitted to college, 95% matriculate onto a four-year institution, 30% attend a CH partner college, and 85% have graduated college in 4-5 years.

Recent and Upcoming CH Host Sites:

2022: Remote
2023: Emory University & University of Redlands
2024: University of Pennsylvania & University of Notre Dame

OUR PROGRESS

- **20+ years**
- **4,000+ students**
- **200-300 students per cohort →**
  800 in college at any given time
    - Each cohort: 130 different HS, 60
      Tribal Nations, 25 states
- **56% 1ˢᵗ Gen, 55% Pell Eligible**
- **60% Reside 60 miles from homelands**
- **75+ College Partnerships**
- **120 admission counselors & 60 high school counselors/tribal educators each summer**

OVER THE YEARS

- Research & Select 10 colleges to apply to

- Edit & Complete a polished **Common Application**

- Write **memorable essays** that show who you are

- Receive test-taking strategies on the ACT/SAT

- Learn to navigate **financial aid** – FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), read/compare financial aid award letters, SAI (Student Aid Index, no longer called EFC), determine types of scholarships and aid to apply to

- Attend a campus tour and **college fair**

- Attend 6-7 college informational sessions

- Understand challenges you may face in college and get advice on how to succeed in college as a Native student

- Develop relationships with college admission officers and counselors

- Meet and **connect with 100 Native youth** in your cohort from around the country who all want to go to college!

OUR 6-DAY PROGRAM

Our *in-person* summer programming

COLLEGE HORIZONS 2024 HOST SITES

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA
June 22 – 28, 2024

University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, IN
July 13 – 19, 2024

CH 2024 UPDATES

Application Information:
- Student Application is **now available!**
- Student Application due **January 24th, 2024**.
- February: Application Status emailed
- March: Admission Decisions emailed, Confirm participation
- April: Book flights with designated travel agent
- May: Homework Instructions

Cost of the Program:
- No tuition fee (previously $450)
- Families are responsible for round-trip airfare. Financial aid is available based on need.

CH 2024 UPDATES

1. Visit www.collegehorizons.org/apply.
2. Start and **save your application** using a valid email address.
3. Select **one Teacher Recommender** (core subject & in this 2023-24 academic year) and share the Teacher Recommendation Form link with them.
4. Share the Counselor Form link with **your College Counselor**.

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2024 CH Student Application

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the College Horizons summer college admission workshop for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian high school students in the 10th and 11th grades.

In-Person Summer Programs: We can't wait to meet you on the hosting campuses of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Notre Dame! Since the 2024 programs will be held in-person, please reserve the following dates on your calendars as no late arrivals or early departures are allowed:

2024 Program Host Sites & Dates:

University of Pennsylvania | *Philadelphia, PA*
June 22-28, 2024

University of Notre Dame | *Notre Dame, IN*
July 13-19, 2024

DEADLINE TO APPLY:
January 24, 2024 at 11:59pm MST

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Applicant Type: New or Reapplying

Did you apply to the 2023 College Horizons program? Were you waitlisted, asked to reapply, denied admission or were you accepted but had to withdraw? **A reminder that if you participated in the 2023 programs, you are not eligible to reapply for a 2024 program.** *

○ No, I am a new applicant
○ I was admitted but had to withdraw and did not participate in 2023
○ I was asked to reapply
○ I was waitlisted
○ I was denied admission

Applicant/Student Contact Information

Student Information: Please make sure the information in this section is <u>STUDENT</u> information (not parent/guardian information).

Be sure to let us know if any of your information changes after submitting this application by

HOW TO APPLY

1. **CH Student Application**

Includes Short Answer Questions, Personal Reflection Essay, ACT/SAT Results (if any), and Unofficial Transcript Upload.

2. **Tribal Enrollment & Hawaiian Documentation Upload**

3. **Teacher Recommendation Form**

Students are responsible for giving their Teachers the link to this form.

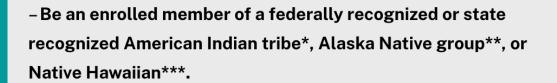4. **Counselor Form & Official Transcript Upload**

Students are responsible for giving their Counselors the link to this form.

5. **Parent/Guardian Form**
Students are responsible for giving their Parents the link to this form.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

– **Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized or state recognized American Indian tribe*, Alaska Native group**, or Native Hawaiian***.**

– **Be a current sophomore** (class of 2026) **or junior** (class of 2025) **in high school.**

– **Have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA** (in core academic courses, not electives).

– **Be a US citizen and currently reside in the United States.**

– **Submit a completed application by the priority deadline.**

*Indian tribes are sovereign and set their own rules regarding tribal enrollment and membership. To find out what requirements a specific tribe has, contact the tribe's main office or tribal enrollment office.

**Includes a member of a federally recognized Alaska Native Tribe, an original Alaska Native Corporation settlement Act (ANCSA) enrollee, or a person issued stock from an ANCSA Regional Corporation.

***Documentation from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will be accepted.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Common Questions…

- **Cost of Program:** This summer, CH is <u>not</u> charging a tuition fee (previously $450). However, **families are responsible for the cost of round-trip airfare.**
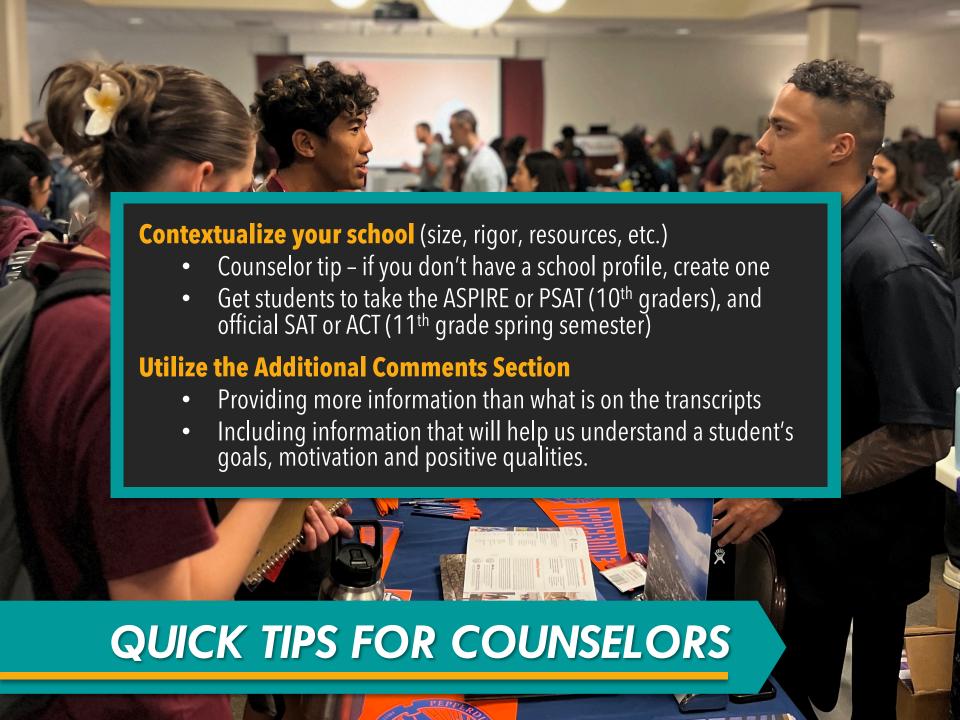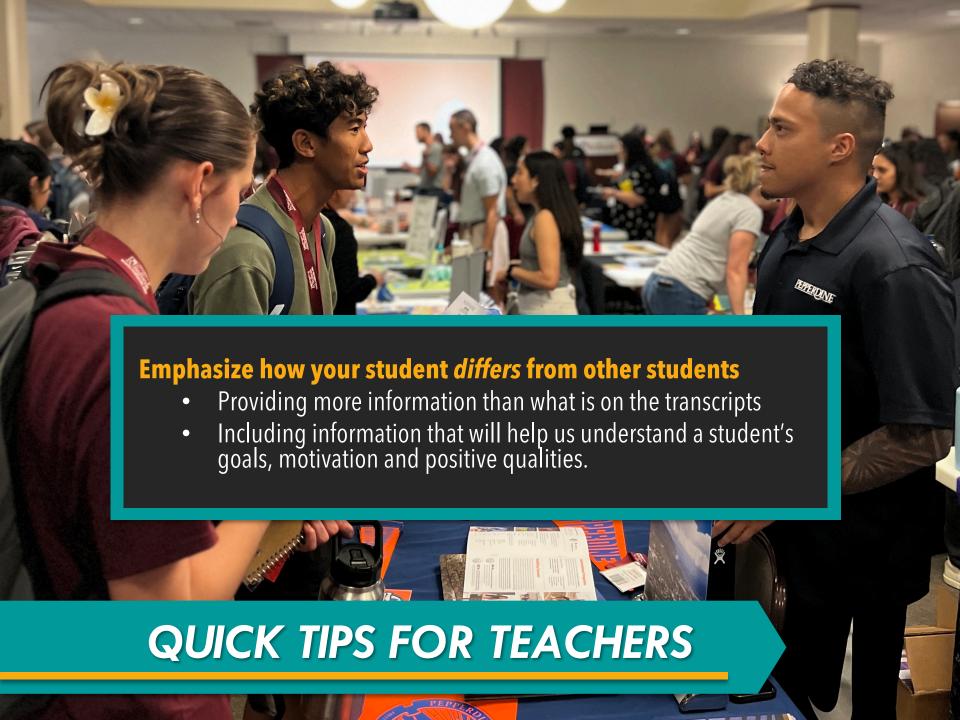
    College Horizons offers financial assistance for travel (based on family financial need). To be considered for airfare financial assistance, parents/guardians complete the Parent/Guardian Form AND submit recent tax returns (2022). Students will book their airline tickets with the CH designated travel agent.
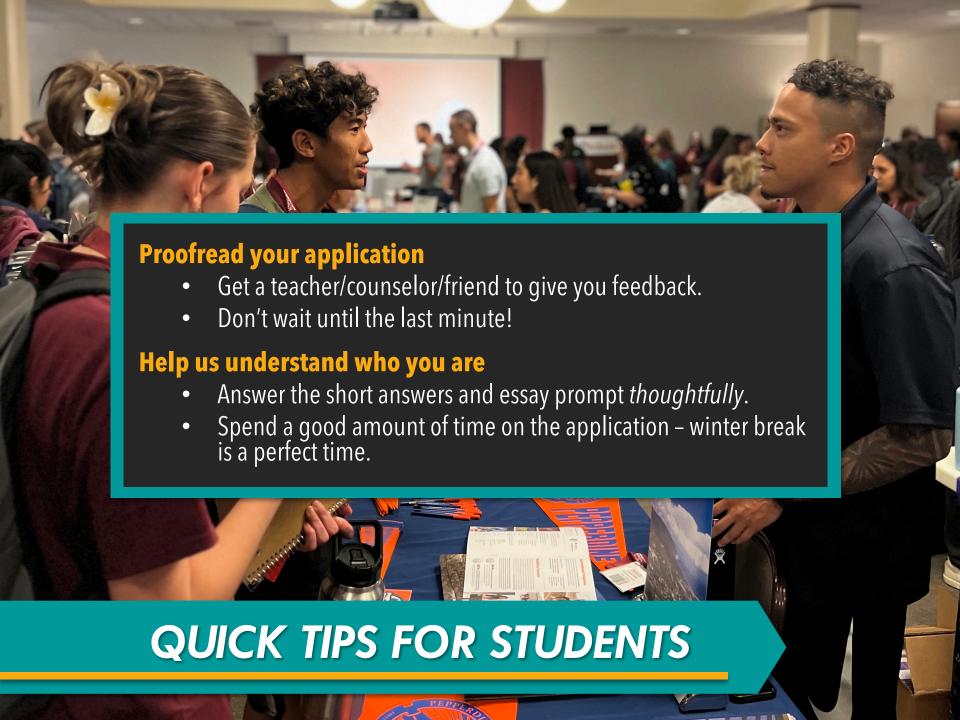
- **Web Browser & IT Support:** We recommend using Google Chrome. If a student is accepted to CH 2024, they will utilize our Google platform for the duration of the program. Contact school IT administrator if you are having issues with access on a school laptop.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

Our evaluation process is holistic. We consider all components: Academic Achievement, Letters of Recommendation (kind of student you are, kind of person you are), Extracurriculars, Native Cultural/Community Involvement, Diversity (gender, school, Tribal Nation, first-generation, state, etc.), and most importantly, your story.

CH is a competitive program. Typically, we receive over 300 applications for just 200 seats. Students who apply on-time are reviewed first and receive priority over late applicants.

OUR EVALUATION PROCESS

Contextualize your school (size, rigor, resources, etc.)
- Counselor tip – if you don't have a school profile, create one
- Get students to take the ASPIRE or PSAT (10th graders), and official SAT or ACT (11th grade spring semester)

Utilize the Additional Comments Section
- Providing more information than what is on the transcripts
- Including information that will help us understand a student's goals, motivation and positive qualities.

QUICK TIPS FOR COUNSELORS

Emphasize how your student *differs* from other students
- Providing more information than what is on the transcripts
- Including information that will help us understand a student's goals, motivation and positive qualities.

QUICK TIPS FOR TEACHERS

Proofread your application
- Get a teacher/counselor/friend to give you feedback.
- Don't wait until the last minute!

Help us understand who you are
- Answer the short answers and essay prompt *thoughtfully*.
- Spend a good amount of time on the application – winter break is a perfect time.

QUICK TIPS FOR STUDENTS

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Questions?

**CH 2024
Application**

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