



College Horizons

Website: <http://www.collegehorizons.org/>

College Horizons is an organization dedicated to helping Native American students prepare for college. The non-profit organization is in its 13th year of prepping high school students for college. College Horizons is run by the former head of the Harvard University Native American Program and most of its staff is Native American.

In order to achieve its goals, College Horizons has partnered with universities as well as educators, high school counselors, and a number of organizations. College Horizons' partners include Futures for Children, The Princeton Review Foundation, the Winds of Change Magazine, and the American Indian Graduate Center's Gates Millennium Scholars Program.

College Horizons is proud of its alumni, 99% of which go on to attend college. Additionally, 95% of College Horizons students attend four year institutions and a third of them go to very selective universities. These selective schools accept 50% or fewer of applicants. Alumni of College Horizons not only get into excellent schools, they also succeed. About 85% of students graduate within five years.

A number of College Horizons students also win scholarships. From 2007 and 2008, 26 College Horizons alumni won Gates Millennium Scholarships out of the 150 scholarships that were awarded.

The biggest event College Horizons holds is its annual five day program for students. It is a summer program packed with events where students get to prepare for college with college counselors, admissions officers, essay specialists, and other experts. The program is individualized for students and topics include helping students find suitable colleges, complete applications, and write standout essays. The program is located at several organizations throughout the country. Students also get a chance to get to know college admissions officers, learn about scholarships and how to fill out the FAFSA, and receive tips on how to take the ACT and SAT.

Some of the colleges that have participated in the program before include New York University, Harvard University, Dartmouth University, Duke University, Princeton University, Wesleyan University, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University.

In order to attend the College Horizons Program, students have to complete an application including a personal statement. College Horizons offers more information on applying to the program and application deadlines. The program is open to Native American, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian high school students who are in 10th or 11th grade. Applicants are required to provide proof of tribal

enrollment. Additionally, they must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

More than 1,500 high school students have been part of the College Horizons Program and have represented about 50 Tribal Nations. Many of these students receive financial aid to attend the program and about 40% of them are first generation college students.

The organization has been recognized for its commitment to helping Native American students. In 2005, it received the NACAC Human Relations Award. College Horizons has done a lot to help Native American high school students get accepted to the colleges of their dreams.