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Today's Presentation

- What is College Horizons?
 - Student Eligibility, Program Experience
- How do I apply for CH2025?
 - Host Sites, Application Timeline, Application Components

OVERVIEW



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



WHAT IS COLLEGE HORIZONS?



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2025 PROGRAM HOST SITES

HAWAI'I PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Waimea, HI

June 7 - 13, 2025



Hawai'i Preparatory Academy

[Program for Hawai'i residents only]

YALE UNIVERSITY

New Haven, CT

June 26 - July 2, 2025

Yale

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Evanston, IL

June 26 - July 2, 2025



**Northwestern
University**



APPLICATION OPENS
November 1, 2024



PRIORITY DEADLINE
January 29, 2025

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2024 PARTICIPATING COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

[Amherst College](#) ^

Barnard College

Bates College

Boston University

[Bowdoin College](#) ^

[Brown University](#) ^

Bryn Mawr College

California Institute of Technology

California Lutheran University

Case Western Reserve University

Colgate University

Colorado College

Columbia University

Cornell University

[Dartmouth College](#) ^

[Duke University](#) ^

[Emory University](#) ^

Fort Lewis College

Hampshire College

[Harvard University](#) ^

Harvey Mudd College

Haverford College

Johns Hopkins University

[Lawrence University](#) ^

Macalester College

Massachusetts Institute of
Technology

Middlebury College

Mount Holyoke College

[New York University](#) ^

Northeastern University

Northern Michigan University

[Northwestern University](#)

[Oberlin College](#) ^

Oregon State University

Pepperdine University

Pitzer College

Pomona College

Portland State University

[Princeton University](#) ^

[Rice University](#) ^

Smith College

St. Olaf College

[Stanford University](#) ^

Susquehanna University

Swarthmore College

Trinity College

Tufts University

Tulane University

United States Military Academy,
West Point

University of California, Berkeley

University of Chicago

University of Connecticut

University of Denver

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

[University of Michigan](#) ^

University of Minnesota, Morris

University of North Carolina
at Pembroke

[University of Notre Dame](#) ^

[University of Pennsylvania](#) ^

University of Portland

[University of Redlands](#) ^

[University of Rochester](#) ^

University of San Diego

University of Southern California

University of Utah

Vanderbilt University

Vassar College

Villanova University

[Washington University in St. Louis](#) ^

Wesleyan University

[Whitman College](#) ^

Willamette University

Williams College

[Yale University](#)

* 2025 Program Host Site

^ Previous Host Site

The mission of College Horizons is to encourage and facilitate the higher education of Native American young people.

To be eligible for College Horizons, each student must meet the following requirements:

- **Be an enrolled citizen member of a federally recognized or state recognized American Indian tribe^[1], Alaska Native group^[2], or Native Hawaiian^[3].**
- **Be a current sophomore (class of 2027) or junior (class of 2026) in high school.**
- **Have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA (in core academic courses, not electives).**
- **Be a U.S. citizen and currently reside in the United States.**
- **Submit a completed application by the deadline.**

[1] 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.

[2] 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.

[3] Documentation from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will be accepted.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

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Each summer, our flagship program is hosted on a college campus for 1-week sessions. We partner with 70+ colleges/universities, and invite high school counselors, teachers, Tribal educators to serve as program “faculty.”

100 Native Students + 65 College Reps & HS Counselors +
3 CH Staff + 3 Alumni Interns

PROGRAM MODEL

SMALL GROUPS

12-15 Students

6-8 Faculty

Small Group Leader, Essay Specialist,
List Maker, Mentor



PROGRAM MODEL



- Meet in Small Groups for instruction and workshop application materials
- Research & develop a list of 10 colleges to apply to with a List Maker
- Write **memorable essays** that show who you are
- Meet and **connect with 100 Native youth** in your cohort from around the country who all want to go to college!

- Edit & Complete a polished **Common Application**
- Receive test-taking strategies on the ACT/SAT
- Learn to navigate **financial aid**
- 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**



OUR 6-DAY PROGRAM



- **Only** six days during the summer
- Experience a college environment (dorms, food, classrooms, campus, shops and more)
- CH = 6-day college trial
- Understand the college application process **before** the busiest year in high school

- **Make friends with Native students** from across the country with similar goals and passions
- Forge lasting relationships with admission counselors from partner colleges, as well as expert college counselors
- Visit a new college campus or different area of the country



COLLEGE HORIZONS PERKS

1. Student Application
2. Tribal Enrollment & Hawaiian Documentation Upload
3. Parent/Guardian Form
4. Teacher Recommendation Form
5. Counselor Form & Transcript Upload

Help the CH staff understand **who you are** and **where you come from**.

Be thorough and thoughtful in your responses!



APPLICATION COMPONENTS

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Log In

Register



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CH 2025 Student Application

Welcome and thank you for applying to College Horizons, a pre-college summer program that helps current high school 10th and 11th graders understand the college admission and financial aid process.

The College Horizons Student Application is meant for **Students**, Parents/Guardians **must not** fill out a Student Application for their Student. Parents/Guardians will be tasked with filling out a recommendation form. Applicants will invite Parents/Guardians to register and complete a recommendation form.

For new users, click the ['Register'](#) button to create an account with SurveyMonkey Apply. You will receive an email to verify your account, and then you can begin your application.

For more information visit our [FAQ](#).

APPLY

Opens

Nov 1 2024 12:00 AM (MST)

Deadline

Jan 29 2025 11:59 PM (MST)

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Eligibility Questionnaire

Please respond to each question truthfully.

Are you, the applicant, a US citizen, and currently reside in the United States?

- Yes
 No

Are you, the applicant, currently attending high school in the United States?

- Yes
 No

Are you, the applicant, an enrolled member of a federally recognized or state-recognized American Indian Tribe, Alaska Native group, or Native Hawaiian?

- Yes
 No

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REVIEW

SUBMIT

Deadline: Jan 29 2025 11:59 PM (MST)

CH 2025 Student Application

Preview

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Status: Applying

APPLICATION

ACTIVITY

Your tasks

Instructions



Student Application

Deadline: Jan 29 2025 11:59 PM (MST) | Owner only task



Tribal/Hawaiian Documentation

Deadline: Jan 29 2025 11:59 PM (MST) | Owner only task



High School Counselor Recommendation

Deadline: Jan 29 2025 11:59 PM (MST) | Owner only task



Parent/Guardian Recommendation

Deadline: Jan 29 2025 11:59 PM (MST) | Owner only task



Teacher Recommendation

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1. Student Application

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

Help the CH staff understand **who you are** and **where you come from**:

- What is it like where you grew up?
- What do you like to do and learn about?
- What are your family and/or cultural commitments?
- Do you have any special responsibilities at home or in the community?

Be thorough and thoughtful in your responses!



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2. Tribal Enrollment & Hawaiian Documentation Upload

ALL applicants must provide a photocopy of their official tribal enrollment OR Hawaiian ancestry verification. CH will NOT accept a birth certificate for a student, parent, or grandparent as proof of tribal enrollment.

3. Parent/Guardian Form

Parent/Guardian will reflect on their child's well-being and college aspirations. The form will collect the family household's financial information so that College Horizons can

- 1) **calculate financial aid eligibility for roundtrip airfare assistance**, and
- 2) provide accurate financial aid advising to students and families at the program.

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4. Teacher Recommendation Form

Students must select one teacher in a CORE academic subject (Math, Science, History, English, or Indigenous/Foreign Language) from this current 2024-25 academic year.

Emphasize how the student *differs from peers*

- Help us understand a student's academic strengths and how they are as a student in your classroom.

5. Counselor Form & Transcript Upload


Contextualize your school (class size, rigor, resources, etc.)

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.

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Our evaluation process is holistic. We consider all components: Academic Achievement, Recommendation Forms (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. For 2025, we will have 300 seats available. Students who apply on-time are reviewed first and receive priority over late applicants.

OUR EVALUATION PROCESS

Application Information:

- Student Application will be available on **November 1, 2024**.
- Student Application due **January 29, 2025**.
- **February:** Staff review applications.
- **March:** Admission Decisions emailed, Confirm participation.
- **April:** Book flights with designated travel agent.
- **May:** Homework Instructions.

Cost of the Program:

- No tuition fee.
 - Families are responsible for round-trip airfare.
- Financial aid is available based on need.

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