



A Community Partner,
Helping People to Help Themselves

People to People

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PNRC-NAHRO's 2006 College Scholarship Program

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials has announced its 2006 College Scholarship Program to resident and/or participant of local Housing Authority programs.

Deadline for Submission to WWAH
FEBRUARY 15, 2006
Don't Wait!!

There are three types of scholarships:

- **CHALLENGE**

A 4-year, \$4,000 college scholarship (\$1,000 per year); two scholarships are available

- **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A 2-year, \$2,000 community college scholarship (\$1,000 per year); one scholarship is available

- **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

A 4-year college or trade school scholarship (\$1,000 per year); one scholarship is available

Applications are available at the Walla Walla Housing Authority office, 501 Cayuse St, WW; Monday through Friday - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Applications can be downloaded at www.pnrcnahro.org; click the "SCHOLARSHIPS" button on the left hand toolbar.

If you are interested in learning more about these available scholarships or need assistance, contact Colleen Myers, Property Manager, at 527-4610 or colleenm@wallawallaha.org.

PNRC-NAHRO has awarded 40 scholarships to residents of 18 different housing and community development agencies since its inception in 1993. The total value of these scholarships is \$87,000.

Test Your Fire Safety IQ

Fire kills thousands of people every year, most in their own homes. Most of these occur needlessly. Understanding the dangers of fire, how to avoid them, and how to react when fires occur will lessen the chances that you will become a victim. Take this quick-quiz test your knowledge; you might just be surprised by the answers.

1. What is the number one cause of home fire fatalities?

- a) Smoking materials
- b) Cooking equipment
- c) Lightning
- d) Heating equipment

2. Where do the majority of fire related deaths occur?

- a) School
- b) Work
- c) Home
- d) Vehicles

3. Which of the following time segments account for the largest number of home fire deaths?

- a) 6:00 pm to midnight
- b) Midnight to 4:00 am
- c) 4:00 am to 10:00 am
- d) 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

4. In what room do the largest number of home fires start?

- a) Recreation room
- b) Bedroom
- c) Kitchen
- d) Utility room

5. Most fire-related deaths result in burns.

- a) True
- b) False

6. If a fire occurs while you are asleep, the smoke will awaken you.

- a) True
- b) False

7. If your clothing were to catch fire, you should:

- a) Run to the tub or shower
- b) Call the fire department
- c) Stop, drop, and roll
- d) Put baking soda on it

8. If a grease fire starts in a pot on the stove, what should you do?

- a) Escape and call the fire department
- b) Pour water on it
- c) Slide a lid over the pan
- d) Turn off the heat

9. If you receive a burn while cooking, what should you do immediately?

- a) Smear butter on it
- b) Run cold water on it
- c) Apply ointment
- d) Pack it with ice

10. In what season do the largest number of home fires occur?

- a) Spring
- b) Summer
- c) Fall
- d) Winter

So...how did you do?

Make fire safety a "family business" by involving the entire family in a fire safety inspection of your home. See this article continued on the back for a checklist for fire hazards found most commonly in the home.

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Identifying Fire Hazards in Your Home

How Fire Safe Is Your Home?

Make fire safety a "family business" by involving the entire family in a fire safety inspection. Here's a comprehensive checklist to use as a guide.

Fire Hazards: Check for fire hazards in your home. Correct any problems NOW.

Kitchen

- Matches stored out of reach of children.
- No overloaded outlets or extension cords.
- No curtains or towel racks close to the range.
- Flammable liquids (*cleaning fluids, contact adhesives, etc.*) or aerosols stored away from the range or other heat source. (*Remember, even a pilot light can set vapors on fire.*)
- No attractive or frequently used items stored above the range where someone could get burned reaching for them (*especially small children in search of cookies or other goodies.*)
- No worn or frayed appliance or extension cords.

Living Room, Family Room, Den, Bedrooms

- Matches and lighters stored out of reach of children.
- Use only large ashtrays (small ashtrays are too dangerous).
- Empty ashtrays frequently (when all signs of heat and burning are gone).
- Replace worn or frayed extension cords or other electrical cords.
- No extension cords run under rugs or carpets or looped over nails or other sharp objects that could cause them to fray.
- Heating equipment kept three feet away from curtains, furniture, and papers.
- No overloaded outlets or extension cords.

Basement, Garage, Storage Areas

- No newspapers or other rubbish stored near furnace, water heater, or other heat source.
- No oily, greasy rags stored, except when kept in labeled and sealed non-glass containers (*preferably metal*).
- No flammable liquids stored in the house, base-

ment, or storage room (*This includes varnish, paint remover, paint thinner, contact adhesives, cleaning fluids, etc. Flammable liquids should be stored away from the house in an outbuilding and only in safety cans that have flame arresters and pressure-relief valves.*)

- No overloaded outlets or extension cords.
- All fuses of the correct size.

Dangerous Actions: Do you allow unsafe habits? These guidelines may help your family become more safety aware.

- Wear close-fitting sleeves while cooking. (No loose sleeves, shins, blouses or skirts that may catch fire.)
- Never leaving cooking unattended.
- Never play with matches or lighters.
- Never use gasoline to start a fire in the grill or add lighter fluid to an already started fire.
- No smoking in bed, or in a chair or on the sofa when tired, drinking, or taking medication.
- Never spray aerosols while smoking or near a space heater, range or other ignition source.
- No smoking while using a cleaning fluid, paint thinner or other flammable liquid.
- Never use a cigarette lighter after spilling flammable fluid on your hands or clothing.
- Never reach over a range or climb onto a range to get something stored above it.
- Never lean against a range for warmth or stand too close to a heater or fireplace.
- Never let a small child blow out a match.
- Never use a lighted match, lighter or candle to illuminate a dark area, such as a closet.

Safety Measures: Do you have these safety items in your home?

- Working smoke detectors on all levels and outside sleeping areas (each story or wing, basement, etc.)
- Have you tested the detector in the last month?
- Changed the batteries within the last year?
- ABC fire extinguisher in the kitchen?
- Emergency exit plan with two ways out from each room and a meeting place outdoors?

Office Hours

**Monday - Friday
9:00 am to 6:00 pm
we are OPEN during
the noon hour**

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Maintenance Emergency
527-4542 extension 115
beginning at 5:00 pm**

Please be patient, as your call is routed through our telephone system to connect you directly with the on-call WWHA Maintenance Technician

Office Closures

- **January 2nd**
observance - New Year's Day
- **January 16th**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Be sure to check road conditions before traveling.

Washington call 1-800-695-7623
Oregon call 1-800-977-6368

Enjoy your family trips - take the time to be prepared!

Serving Families in the Cities of Walla Walla and College Place

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