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## **SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND SEEKING HATFIELD FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS**

### **Applications for the 2020/21 Fellow Accepted March 2, 2020 – April 30, 2020**

Grand Ronde, OR – Applications for the 2020/21 Hatfield Fellowship program are being accepted through April 30, 2020. The fellowship program is funded by the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Each year, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a highly motivated Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in a congressional office. Placement of the Fellow rotates through the Oregon congressional delegation to enhance the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C. and Indian Country. Fellows are given an invaluable opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, while working on issues that directly affect Native Americans.

The Hatfield Fellow will begin their Capitol Hill experience in November 2020 with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association, followed by an eight-month term in an Oregon congressional office. The Fellowship includes a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses.

This life-changing opportunity is extended to Tribal members from the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon, as well as members of tribes in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska Tribes. Preference will be given to members of Oregon tribes. Applicants must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree (or graduating in June 2020) and be at least 21 years of age to apply.

The Hatfield Fellowship was created in 1998 to honor Senator Mark O. Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. For more information about the program or to apply, visit our website at <http://thecommunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship/> or go to <https://youtu.be/7TOnNoFgUYs> to view a Hatfield Fellowship informational video.

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