

**Biography**  
**Aaron Hines, Chairman, General Council**  
**Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**

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Aaron Hines is the current General Council Chairman for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), located in northeastern Oregon. At the age of 23, he was the youngest person to ever be elected to the General Council Chair position. In this role, Mr. Hines is responsible for representing the Tribes' membership who are age 18 and older. He is the people's voice in the board room, where a 9 member Board of Trustees, including Mr. Hines, makes decisions for the Tribe.

Mr. Hines also holds many other leadership positions, including: President of the Tamastlikt Trust Board, Vice Chair of the Gaming Commission, Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee, Member on the Science and Technology Committee and Chair of the Farm Committee. Outside of the CTUIR, Mr. Hines also serves as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI). ATNI is an organization composed of 50+ tribes in the Pacific Northwest that deals with promoting and protecting tribal sovereignty.

Mr. Hines graduated from Pendleton High School in Pendleton, Oregon in 2004. He attended Blue Mountain Community College where he studied Business Administration and Management.

