



Western Washington Native American Education Consortium Spring 2018 Merit Award Application

Merit Awards are offered to Native American High School Seniors each spring. Awards are presented to students planning on attending an accredited two or four year college, tribal college or university, to include vocational or technical institutes. Recipients must be Native American, have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and enrolled in a school where Native Education Counselor is a member of WWNAEC. WWNAEC is an organization dedicated to furthering the educational goals of Native Youth in Western Washington. WWNAEC offers several awards at \$567.00 each. Exact dollar amount and number of awards are contingent on that year's fundraising efforts.

INSTRUCTIONS

An Application form is attached with this announcement. In addition to the application form you must submit the following (check items off to ensure a complete application) in one packet or envelope:

- 1. An Official High School Transcript (do not open official envelope)
- 2. Two Letters of Recommendations from Teachers, Community Leaders, or other who know you personally, but are not related to you and can confirm your abilities and leadership qualities. Letters are required to be included with this application.
- 3. A copy of the Acceptance Letter to the college, university or institute you will attend or copy of the Application or other proof of application.
- 4. Four essays: **250 word (minimum)** essay answering **each** of the following questions:
 - A) If you had the authority to change your school in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?*
 - B) Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart.*
 - C) How has the Title VI Indian Education program impacted your education?*
 - D) Select one of the following: Issue 1) Puget Sound Energy's proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility, to be built on traditional Puyallup lands (Port of Tacoma) OR Issue 2) The president's order to eliminate 1,150,860 acres of land from the Bears Ears National Monument, Utah. Please define the issues and how they affect tribes/tribal sovereignty*

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 13, 2018-USPS Post Marked

No Overnight Express Mail Accepted

Applications will be reviewed in late April by a multi-member panel. Award announcements will be made at the May WWNAEC General meeting. If selected, verification of Fall registration will be required. The award will be made in the Fall of 2018 and will go directly to the recipient. It is the recipient's responsibility to contact Sandra Gordon in the Fall. Please remember to be complete and accurate in your application. Word count will be taken. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Good luck to all!! You have made an important decision in choosing to continue your education!

**Mail completed application & all attachments in one envelope to:
Sandra Gordon - Native Education Coordinator
Yelm Community Schools
PO Box 476, Yelm, WA 98597**

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Please type or print with black ink and/or attach additional sheet(s). Thank You!

Name: _____ SSN#: _____
Address: _____ Email Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Telephone: _____ Cell Number: _____
Birth Date: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____
Name of Parent or Guardian: _____
Name of Native Education Coordinator: _____ School District: _____

Extra-Curricular Involvement (attach additional pages, if necessary):
Personal Interest/Hobbies:

Participation in Community:

Honors/Awards in & out of School:

Work & Volunteer Experience:

Anything else you think is important for us to know about you:

List Institutions of Higher Learning you have applied to in order of preference:

Planned area of study:

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