



## Western Washington Native American Education Consortium Spring 2021 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 a 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 \$574.00 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 others 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) How has your Native background affected the way you see the world?*

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 16, 2021-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 2021 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**

**MERIT AWARD APPLICATION  
Spring 2021**

*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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