



Western Washington Native American Education Consortium Spring 2022 Merit Award Application

Merit Awards are offered to Native American High School Seniors each Spring to students planning on attending an accredited two or four-year College, Tribal College, or University, including Career Technical Institutes. WWNAEC is an organization dedicated to furthering the educational goals of Native Youth in Western Washington, therefore, recipients must be tribally affiliated or direct descendants. A minimum 2.00 GPA is required, and the student must be in a school where a Native Education Counselor is a member of WWNAEC. WWNAEC offers several awards at \$574.00--574 being the number of Federally Recognized Tribes. The number of awards is 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 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 a copy of the Application or other proof of application.
- 4. Four essays-**250 words (minimum)**. Answer **each** of the following questions:
 - A) If you had the authority to effect positive change in your school, 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) Describe significant current Native-related events or Native-led movements that you feel will have a long-lasting, positive impact on the future of Native Youth? Examples: Native Organizers Alliance, Natives in the entertainment industry or removal of offensive team mascots)*

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2022-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 2022 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 Program Coordinator, Olympia School District
111 Bethel Street
Olympia WA 98506**

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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):
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:

The planned area of study:

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