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MOU Tribal Scholarship Application Packet

Scholarship Description: The MOU Tribal Scholarship was developed through the Provost Office of WSU for members of tribes that are signatory to a Memorandum of Understanding with WSU. Signatory tribes include the following: Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Colville Confederated Tribes, Confederated Tribes of the Salish and Kootenai, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Cowlitz Tribe, Kalispel Tribe, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Nez Perce Tribe, Quinault Tribe, Spokane Tribe and Yakama Nation. The MOU Scholarship is for new incoming freshmen students and transfer students. Awards are renewable if criteria are met.

WSU Pullman Campus: Thirteen awards are available at the Pullman Campus and freshmen students will be given priority consideration. One student will be selected from all applicants to receive a \$10,000 per year award. The remaining awards will be in the amount of \$3,000 per year. In addition to the financial award, students selected for the MOU Tribal Scholarship are enrolled in the Tribal Nation Building Leadership (TNBL) Program. The WSU Tribal Nation Building Leadership Program provides students with leadership skills and knowledge based on tribal principles and values. Recipients take an introductory student success course (2 credits) and 2 credit TNBL course each subsequent semester.

WSU Tri-Cities Campus: Two \$2,000 awards are available at the WSU Tri-Cities Campus to new incoming freshmen and transfer students who are members of a Signatory Tribe.

WSU Vancouver Campus: Two \$2,000 awards are available at the WSU Vancouver Campus to new incoming freshmen and transfer students who are members of a Signatory Tribe.

Scholarship Criteria:

- Applicants must be an enrolled member of one of the WSU Signatory Tribes.
- Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.3 or college GPA of 3.0.

Application Process: DUE February 1

- Submit application packet to your respective Tribal Higher Education Department by Feb1. The Tribal Higher Education Manager will sign off on the nomination form and forward it to the Tribal Chairperson or designee for signature. When the nomination form has been completed, the application packet is due to WSU Native American Programs Office by March 1.
- **Tribal Officials:** MAIL, FAX or EMAIL Application Packets to:
WSU Native American Programs
PO BOX 641046
Pullman, WA 99164-1046
Fax: 509-335-0103
Email: native@wsu.edu

Award announcements will be made to the signatory tribes and scholarship recipients by mid-March.

Questions: Contact Faith Price at faith.price@wsu.edu or 509-335-5849.

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MOU Tribal Scholarship Application Checklist

Please check each item below indicating that the requirement has been met and/or the requested information is attached.

- MOU Tribal Scholarship Student Information Sheet
- Current transcripts (unofficial is acceptable)
- Essay
- Academic letter of reference written by a high school or college staff member that is familiar with student's academic achievements and ability. This letter of reference should be addressed to the attention of the WSU Provost/MOU Tribal Scholarship. This is not to be written by a relative.
- Tribal Community Letter of Reference written by an individual who can assess the student's leadership abilities and involvement in tribal activities. This letter of reference should be addressed to the attention of the WSU Provost/MOU Tribal Scholarship. This is not to be written by a relative.
- Documentation of Tribal Enrollment
- My FAFSA application was submitted by the deadline of January 31 (not required to apply, but highly recommended to get the most aid possible)
- I have completed the WSU General Scholarship Application and submitted it by January 31 (not required to apply, but highly recommended)

Student Signature

Date

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MOU Tribal Scholarship Student Information Sheet

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

High School/Community
College: _____

Intended College Major: _____

Please check one of the following: I have applied for admission to the following WSU Campus site:

- Pullman Tri-Cities Vancouver

ESSAY STATEMENT:

Please attach one written statement of 500-750 words that answers the following questions:

1. What are your career goals and why have you selected these goals?
2. How do you plan to finance your education?
3. What have you contributed and how do you hope to contribute in the future to the development and progress of your tribe?
4. Address one of the following tribal values: stewardship, sovereignty, what it means to be a tribal member, or the importance of education.

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Tribal Nomination Form

Applicant's Name (Please Print)

Applicant's Signature

Date Submitted to Tribal Higher Education

Name of Tribal Higher Education Director/
Designated Staff (Please Print)

Signature of Tribal Higher Education Director/
(Signature verifies application is complete)

Date Submitted to Tribal Chairman or Governing Body
Designee

Name of Tribal Chairman or Governing Body
Designee (Please Print)

Signature of Tribal Chairman or Governing Body
Designee

Date