

American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) 2024-2025 Application



Application Postmark Deadline: March 1, 2024

I am applying as a New Renewal Applicant

Applicant Information

Name

First, MI, Last

SSN

Required

Mailing Address

Street

City, State, Zip

Permanent Address

Street

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Include area code

Alternate Phone

Include area code

Email Address

Required

Washington resident

<https://wsac.wa.gov/student-residency>

Yes If yes, resident since Month Year
 No

Tribal Affiliation

Enrolled Tribal Member

Yes - Membership/Enrollment # if applicable
 No

Education Plan

Intended College

Next Fall _____

Class Standing

Next Fall

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate/Prof.

Expected Graduation

MM/YYYY _____

Major/Field of Study

* **Has Major changed within the past year?**

* This question is for renewal applicants only

Yes No If "Yes," describe reason for change below:

Educational Background

Date of High School Graduation or GED

Month

Year

Schools Attended List in order of attendance (most recent first; attach transcripts)

| Name of high school/college | City & State | Dates of attendance | Degree, if any | Cumulative GPA |
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Extracurricular Activities

Describe major school, community, and leadership activities here. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary. (Renewal applicants must provide comprehensive updated information. Do not assume that prior-year information is available to committee members.)

Statement of Close Social and Cultural Ties

Describe in detail your personal close social and cultural ties to an American Indian community within the state. If your original ties are to an out-of-state tribal community, include in your description how you have established close social and cultural ties to the American Indian community in Washington. Attach an additional continuation sheet if space on this page is too limited. (Renewal applicants must provide comprehensive updated information. Do not assume that prior-year information is available to committee members.)

Statement of Commitment to Return Service

Describe how you intend to use your education to benefit the American Indian community in Washington. Attach an additional continuation sheet if space on this page is too limited. (Renewal applicants must provide comprehensive updated information. Do not assume that prior-year information is available to committee members.)

Supplemental Attachment for Renewal AIES Applicants Only

Certification of Institutional Academic Dean, Department Head, or Advisor

Applicant Name

First, MI, Last

Major/Field of Study

Academic Progress

- EXCEEDS expectations
- MEETS expectations
- DOES NOT MEET expectations

Expected Graduation

MM/YYYY

This student is on track to complete the degree or certificate by:

Comments

Provide in the space below any additional comments that will help the committee distinguish this student academically from other applicants:

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Certifying Official

Signature

Date

Certifying Official

Name, Title, Dept.

**Institution Name
and Address**

Email Address

Required

Phone Number

Include area code

Applicant Certification and Release of Information for 2024-25 Award

I certify that the information contained in, and all attachments to, this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By my signature below, I authorize the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to contact the institution I will attend to verify my initial and continued eligibility for the scholarship. I authorize the institution to release all necessary information related to my education to assist WSAC in its administration of the American Indian Endowed Scholarship program. This may include demographic, enrollment, financial need, satisfactory academic progress, and academic transcript information, and other documentation as needed.

If awarded the scholarship, I understand that I must meet program requirements to be eligible for funding. Requirements include Washington residency, and full-time enrollment at an eligible, participating college or university within the state of Washington, beginning fall term of the award year and for each academic term for which I am to receive the scholarship, and that I must have sufficient financial need as determined by the college financial aid office.

I understand that the Washington Student Achievement Council may release certain information contained in this application to interested parties, such as the news media and legislative personnel, for recognition of the accomplishments of scholarship recipients. **I have checked the box below only if I DO NOT wish the release of my information for recognition purposes.***

* If checked, I **DO NOT** authorize WSAC to release my information for recognition purposes.

Institution Enrolled _____

Applicant Name
First, MI, Last _____

Applicant SSN _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Required Attachments (see separate application instructions for additional detail)

All Applicants: All attachments must be present for the application to be considered complete. **The selection committee will not review incomplete applications.** Apply for state and federal student financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online form located at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Disclose all sources of educational scholarships to the college financial aid office so that the amount of your financial need may be accurately determined.

Typewritten materials are preferred. Illegible handwritten materials will affect the committee's ability to read and score your application.

Renewal Applicants: Do not assume the selection committee has access to information contained within a prior-year application.

- **Statement of Close Social and Cultural Ties.**
- **Statement of Commitment to Return Service.**
- **Letter(s) of Recommendation.** (From individuals who are not immediate family members)

New applicants. A minimum of **three recommendation letters.** At least two letters must describe your close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community in Washington, and one letter must describe your personal commitment to benefit the American Indian community in this state. A **fourth letter**, from a recent teacher or instructor regarding your academic performance, is encouraged.

Renewal applicants. **One or more current letters of recommendation** that describe your close social and cultural ties to, and your continued personal commitment to benefit, the American Indian community in Washington is required. **WSAC strongly encourages renewal applicants to submit multiple recommendation letters.**

- **Academic Transcript(s).**
 - Attach **all accumulative college transcripts** from the last five years, to include through the end of fall term of the current academic year.
 - If you have not attended college in more than five years, attach a transcript from the most recent college that includes your full, **accumulative higher education history.**
 - If you have fewer than two years of full-time college, you must **also attach your high school transcript** (or GED scores) with the college transcript(s).
 - Official transcripts or copies of official transcripts are acceptable.

Questions? Contact: Ann Voyles, Program Associate, at 360-485-1311 or aies@wsac.wa.gov
Mail application package, with attachments, to WSAC by March 1, 2024:

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