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## AMERICAN INDIAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

### American Indian Endowed Scholarship AIES



The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) will accept applications for the 2025-2026 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) through March 3, 2025. Applications must be postmarked by March 3, 2025. Applications must be accompanied with all required attachments.

### Overview

The American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) helps students with financial need who have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian community in Washington State. Students can use the

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### FOUNDATION

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Establishes an endowed scholarship program to help American Indian students and rectify past discrimination by providing a means and an incentive for American Indian students to pursue a higher education

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Defines student eligibility, committee selection, award amounts, and management of endowed funds

scholarship at public colleges and many independent colleges in Washington. The program prioritizes upper-division and graduate-level students, but all applicants are considered.

Award amounts range from around \$500 to \$2,000. Ten to 15 students are selected each year to receive the awards. Students may get AIES funding for up to five years, but must reapply each year.

Many past recipients have careers in law, medicine, education, business, and resource management. All have returned, or plan to return, to their tribal communities to work on behalf of Indian peoples within the state.

## About the Program

### Eligibility Requirements

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Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate financial need based on a completed [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

- Meet Washington State [residency requirements](#) for financial aid.

- Intend to enroll full-time as an undergraduate or graduate student at a participating public or private college or university in Washington State beginning fall term of the application year.

- Intend to use their education to benefit the American Indian community in Washington State.

- Not pursue a degree in theology.

- Have not yet received a total of five years of this scholarship.

### How to Apply

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1. Read the [application](#) and [instruction sheet](#).
2. Compile and complete the required attachments.
3. Complete and sign the AIES application form.
4. Print the application and required attachments. Mail the application and required attachments to WSAC.

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