



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

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Council postmarked by
February 1, 2014.

December 3, 2013

TO: Tribal Council Chairs and Higher Education Directors; Financial Aid Directors;
Scholarship Coordinators; and Interested Parties

FROM: Ann M. Voyles, Program Manager

SUBJECT: **American Indian Endowed Scholarship Applications**

The Washington Student Achievement Council is accepting applications for the 2014-15 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) awards. Applications must be postmarked by **February 1, 2014.**

Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- Have demonstrated financial need (as determined by the college financial aid office)
- Be a Washington resident
- Have close social and cultural ties to an in-state American Indian tribe or community
- Plan to enroll as a full-time student by fall term 2014 at an in-state public or private college or university
- Intend to use his or her education to benefit the in-state American Indian community
- Not have received a total of five years of this scholarship

All qualified applicants are considered. Priority is given to upper-division and graduate-level students.

What is the scholarship value?

The number of scholarships granted and the award values are determined by the selection committee after a discussion of current program issues and evaluation of the annual interest earnings of the endowment fund. Historically, award values have ranged from \$500 to \$2,000 per recipient for the academic year.

How do students apply?

1. Complete the electronic application, using Adobe Acrobat Reader software version 10.0 or newer at <http://www.readyssetgrad.org/college/american-indian-endowed-scholarship>. To open the document, click the program name under the caption "How do I apply?"



A hard copy application must be printed, **signed**, and mailed to the Council, accompanied by required attachments:

- Two brief personal statements
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Transcript(s)

Incomplete applications are not reviewed by the selection committee.

2. Mail the application with required attachments to the Council postmarked by **February 1, 2014**:

American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program
Washington Student Achievement Council
Student Financial Assistance Division
917 Lakeridge Way SW, Olympia, WA 98502 (if using UPS or FedEx delivery)
PO Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 (if using US Postal Service delivery)

How are qualified recipients selected?

A screening committee comprised of representatives from the in-state American Indian community will review and score the applications.

When will applicants know if they have been selected?

The Council will notify recipients in spring 2014 of awards identified for the 2014-15 academic year. Scholarships are contingent until student eligibility is confirmed through the college financial aid office.

Additional questions?

Please contact me with any questions. I am available by phone (360.753.7843) or by email (annv@wsac.wa.gov or aies@wsac.wa.gov) most weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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