

December 1, 2020

Applications are due to WSAC
postmarked by **March 1, 2021**.

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

FROM: Ann M. Voyles, Program Associate

SUBJECT: **American Indian Endowed Scholarship Applications**

Applications are available now for the 2021-2022 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) awards. Please forward this announcement to anyone who may be interested in this scholarship.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) will accept signed and completed applications that are postmarked by **March 1, 2021**. Applications must be accompanied with all required attachments.

To download the application and instruction materials, go to <https://wsac.wa.gov/american-indian-endowed-scholarship>, and click "How do I apply?" (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader software version 11.0 or newer).

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community in Washington state
- Intend to use his or her education to benefit the American Indian community in this state
- Be enrolled full-time by fall term 2021 at an eligible, participating college or university in-state
- Have demonstrated financial need (per FAFSA, as determined by the college financial aid office)
- Be a Washington state resident
- Have not received a total of five years of this scholarship

Priority is given to upper-division and graduate-level students, however, all qualified applicants are considered. **IMPORTANT:** Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

A selection committee composed of representatives from the American Indian community in-state will review and score the applications. The number and value of scholarships awarded are based on the interest earnings available from the endowment. Scholarships generally range from \$500 to \$2,000 each for the academic year. Finalists are announced in the spring.

Mail the signed application, with required attachments, postmarked by **March 1, 2021**, to:

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

Please feel free to call 360.753.7843 or email questions to aies@wsac.wa.gov. My office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. most weekdays, excepting state holidays.

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