

Yakama Nation Higher Education Environmental Excellence Scholarship



Submit to:

YN Higher Education

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July 1st Deadline

Requirement

Undergraduate in environmental fields of science, law and technology

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The U.S. Department of Energy has allowed the Yakama Nation to provide scholarships to qualified members of the tribe funded through the Environmental Restoration Waste Management Program for Higher Education students.

Environmental Excellence Scholarship

The main purpose is to influence the younger generations into environmental fields of science, law and technology. This is based on the shortage of qualified engineers, scientists, technologists, managers and analysts needed to clean up the environment damaged by nuclear and hazardous waste materials.

At present, the high tech people are hired consultants whom are basically non-Indian. In all due respects, these staff members do an admirable job performance in the protection of treaty rights and recommendations for the restoration of environments for use of cultural practices. But they are among the first to agree that those best qualified to administer to the land and environment are the Yakama People, especially those whom understand the culture, and the relationship to the natural foods and medicines.

It will take many years to clean up certain parts of Hanford, and it would be in the best interest of the Yakama Nation to have qualified members to do so. This can be accomplished with the Environmental Excellence Scholarship.

Students must be an enrolled Yakama member, and be enrolled in an accredited 2 or 4 year college or University in a field relating to, or in pursuit of, a degree applicable to Environmental Restoration Waste Management. Student's must be enrolled full-time status to qualify. These will include all of the engineering disciplines, such as mathematics and many of the sciences can include chemistry, physics, computer science, biology, botany, archaeology, and earth sciences...

Selection process will be determined on whether a student is willing to bring their professional training back for the full benefit of the Yakama Nation. As does the Department of Energy, the Yakama Nation will expect recipients of these scholarships to dedicate like number of years for each year of award back to the tribe. There also will be opportunities for summer employment for students in the environmental fields, provided in the same scholarship.

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Application Checklist:

- _____ Application completed and signed
- _____ Personal Letter completed and signed
- _____ One Academic Recommendation Letter
- _____ One Personal Recommendation Letter
- _____ Essay "Environmental Restoration Waste Management and Treaty Rights-
The Challenges we face" (One page)
- _____ Authority of Release form signed
- _____ Terms and Conditions read and signed
- _____ Copy of Academic Calendar
- _____ Copy of Educational plan
- _____ Acceptance Letter
- _____ Transcripts or GED Scores
- _____ Copy of Tribal Enrollment Card
- _____ Copy of FAFSA
- _____ Needs Analysis



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Year: 20__ - 20__

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____ SS#:XXX-XX-_____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Tribe Enrolled: _____ Enrollment #: _____

Home Address: _____

P.O. Box #/Street City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Phone#:() _____ Mess#:() _____

Gender: ____ Male ____ Female Marital Status: _____ Dependents: _____

High School/GED: _____ Year Graduated: _____

College Status: **Freshman** **Sophomore** **Junior** **Senior** Major: _____

College/ University: _____ On-Campus ____ Off-Campus ____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Must provide copies of:

- Academic calendar
- Educational plan
- Transcripts and/or GED Scores

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires each Federal Agency that maintains a system of information of individuals to inform those individuals as to:

- A. The authority (whether created by statute, or by Executive Order of the President) which authorized the solicitation of the information and whether disclosure of such information is mandatory or voluntary;
- B. The principle purpose or purposes for which the information is intended to be used;
- C. The routine uses which may be made of the information, as published pursuant to paragraph (4), (D) of this subsection, and;
- D. The effects on him or her, if any, of not providing all or any part of the requested information.

The intent of collecting and maintaining this data is to determine eligibility. Failure on part of the applicant to provide the necessary information may preclude applicant eligibility.

I agree to use the Environmental Excellence Scholarship for educational purposes and understand it is my responsibility to send class registrations before each term and grade transcripts, immediately after each term to the Higher Education Office. I understand and agree that for each year funded, I will dedicate like number of years back to the Yakama Nation.

I have read the statement on privacy listed with application forms. I hereby provide the required information and authorize the use of such information academic or financial for determining my eligibility for educational assistance.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Personal Letter

Please indicate your educational and employment plans.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Terms and Conditions of the
Environmental Excellence Scholarship

1. Funds will be used exclusively for the basic costs of attending school. The basic costs limited to the standard school budget. These are: tuition & fees, room & board, books & supplies, personal, transportation, dependent (s), and childcare (if applicable). Any excess monies are to be returned to the Yakama Nation Higher Education Program. Funding is based on availability.

2. If a student receives an Environmental Excellence Scholarship and then withdraws from school, is suspended, and/or fails to complete the quarter/semester; the amount awarded shall be refunded to the Yakama Nation Higher Education Program.

3. Grades will be submitted to the Yakama Nation Higher Education at the end of the each quarter/semester. Grades will be used to monitor academic progress and status of scholarship recipients. Class registrations will be used to determine eligibility for full-time status.

I have read and understand the above terms and conditions of the Environmental Excellence Scholarship and agree to abide by them. I also agree to abide by the YN Higher Education Plan of Operation policy for governing student eligibility.

Applicant's Signature

Date