



Western Washington Native American Education Consortium Spring 2010 Merit Award Application

Merit Awards are offered to Native American High School Seniors each spring. Awards are presented to students planning on attending an accredited two or four year college, tribal college or university, to include vocational or technical institutes. Recipients must be Native American, have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and enrolled in a school where Native Education Counselor is a member of WWNAEC. WWNAEC is an organization dedicated to furthering the educational goals of Native Youth in Western Washington. WWNAEC offers up to six awards at \$500.00 each. Exact dollar amount and number of awards are contingent on that year's fundraising efforts.

INSTRUCTIONS

An Application form is attached with this announcement. In addition to the application form you must submit the following (check items off to ensure a complete application) in one packet or envelope:

1. An Official High School Transcript.
2. Two Letters of Recommendations from Teachers, Community Leaders, or other who know you personally, but are not related to you and can confirm your abilities and leadership qualities. Letters are required to be included with this application.
3. A copy of the Acceptance Letter to the college, university or institute you will attend or copy of the Application or other proof of application.
4. A **250 word (minimum)** essay answering each of the following questions:
 - *In what ways has your Title VII Indian Education Program improved the educational experience for Native Students in your school district and inspired you to pursue higher education?*
 - *Write a note to your potential college roommate describing yourself, your family, where you come from, likes/dislikes, what you expect in sharing a living space, etc?*

Award selection is based on completion of application, content, originality, overall appearance, grammar of essays, GPA progression in grades 9-12, attendance and community involvement.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2010-USPS Post Marked

Applications will be reviewed in May by a multi-member panel. Award announcements will be made at the May WWNAEC General meeting. If selected, verification of Fall registration will be required. The award will be made in the Fall of 2010 and will go directly to the recipient. It is the recipient's responsibility to contact Maxine Alex in the Fall. Please remember to be complete and accurate in your application. Word count will be taken. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Good luck to all!! You have made an important decision in choosing to continue your education!

Mail completed application & all attachments in one envelope to:

Maxine Alex

Native Education Coordinator-Federal Way Public Schools

32020 1st Ave S #109

Federal Way, WA 98003

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Please type or print with black ink and/or attach additional sheet(s). Thank You!

Name: _____ **SSN#:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Cell Number:** _____

Birth Date: _____ **Tribal Affiliation:** _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Name of Native Education Coordinator: _____ **School District:** _____

Extra-Curricular Involvement (attach additional pages, if necessary):

Personal Interest/Hobbies:

Participation in Community:

Honors/Awards in & out of School:

Work & Volunteer Experience:

Anything else you think is important for us to know about you:

List Institutions of Higher Learning you have applied to in order of preference:

Planned area of study: _____

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