

Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA)

2018 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Sports camps, science camps, music camps or the like are not eligible for scholarships.

CHECKLIST

This checklist is to aid you in your application process: you do not need to include it with your submission, however, in order to be considered, please read the checklist thoroughly before submission and include all necessary items:

- A completed **Youth Scholarship Application Form** (pages 2-4 below) including an essay of no more than 500 words typed within the space provided on page 3.
- The sponsorship letter must be from a voting member of NWIHA in good standing as a dues paying member (this includes a tribal department, an Indian housing authority or TDHE). Sponsorship letter must be signed by the housing office manager, executive director, or other such title for the person in charge of housing. Letter must be on letterhead of the tribe, authority, or TDHE signing the sponsorship letter. Go to www.nwiha.org for a list of Voting Members and contact information.
- Provide signed letters from two (2) individuals on references; references may **not** be related to you or your family.
- Applicant must be an enrolled Tribal member of an NWIHA Voting Member Tribe. Application must include written documentation of your tribal enrollment by the enrollment officer from applicant's Tribe.
- Applicant must be less than 24 years old as of the deadline submission date. Therefore, provide a verification of age (which could include a copy of your Tribal Identification; birth certificate; or driver's license—for example).
- Application must include transcripts from the college or high school you are attending, or GED certification.

All application materials must be attached as scanned images, PDFs, or the like, in ONE email with the subject line "2018 NWIHA Scholarship Application Materials" to info@nwiha.org; please include name, tribe and contact information of the applicant in the body of the email. Applications **must be submitted by March 31st of 2018**, or the Application will be automatically rejected.

2018 Applications are only to be accepted via email in the manner described above.

Winners will be announced in summer 2018.

Please contact us at info@nwiha.org with any questions or changes to submissions.

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Scholarship applications will be reviewed to meet the following minimum eligibility before any further review of the application will be done. Applicant must either have an application pending or a letter of acceptance from a higher education institution such as a four (4) year college or a two (2) year community college prior to the funds being sent to the higher educational institution. Applicant must not have reached their 24th birthday by the deadline submission date. Applicant must be an enrolled member from one of the NWIHA member Tribes and their sponsoring tribe must be in good standing with the NWIHA (i.e., current with NWIHA dues) by the application deadline. **IMPORTANT TIP: Fill in all information requested; any blanks or incomplete sections may result in the rejection of your application.**

Payments are made directly to the school, organization, etc. and not to the Applicant or their families. All Applications become the property of NWIHA. NWIHA reserves the right to publish essays.

Step 1. Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Male Female Non-binary Prefer not to answer

Residence Address (not P. O. Box): _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel: _____

E-mail: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Current Status: Full time student. Part time student Non-student

If an award is made, to which college should the funds be sent? _____

Step 2. Write an Essay

Type in the space below, in **500 words or fewer**, your need for funds, how the funds will be used, and how the educational activity or training will improve your (the applicant's) life:

Amount of Scholarship Requested: \$_____.

Essay:

Step 3. Document Support for Your Application

*Applications without the appropriate documentation scanned or clearly photographed and emailed, will be considered incomplete.

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- Provide signed and dated letters from two (2) individuals as references; references may not be related to you or your family. References may not be older than one year from submission date.
- Application must include written documentation of your tribal enrollment by the enrollment officer from applicant’s Tribe. Applicant must be an enrolled Tribal member of an NWIHA Voting Member Tribe.
- Application must include transcripts from the college or high school they are attending, or GED certification. Transcripts must include all prior year classes, i.e., if a sophomore in college, the transcript must be through your freshmen college courses, if a senior in high school it must be through your junior year. All transcripts must be certified by the high school or college you attended. If transcripts are only available online, please enclose documentation which identifies the school’s website link (URL) that was used.
- You must verify your age or date of birth, as described on the Checklist.

Step 4. Sign, Date, Scan or Clearly Photograph and Email the Application

Sign this page by typing your name below and including today's date. This will serve as your digital signature, assuring us that all information you have provided is fair and honest.

All of these items **must be submitted by March 31st of 2018**, or the Application will be automatically rejected. Only properly completed and scanned/photographed documents that are emailed to info@nwiha.org as described on page 1 of this application will be accepted.

Make sure that your scans or uploaded photographs of necessary documents are clear and visible. We will email you with any questions should your scans/photo uploads not meet our standards.

Please update us with any address changes or other changes if they occur after submission.

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***Application by Prior Award Winners:** Only those previous award winners who are *currently* enrolled in a program of higher education will be considered for another award for this program year (2018).

Signed (Applicant): _____ **Date:** _____