

**Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA)**

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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

**CHECKLIST**

Here is a helpful checklist of what every submission must contain, in order to be considered:

- A completed SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM (Form #1, pages 2-4) including a HANDWRITTEN (not typed) essay 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](http://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.
- You must be less than 24 years old as of the deadline submission date. Therefore, provide a verification of your 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 of these items must be postmarked on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, or the Application will be automatically rejected. Faxed applications will NOT be accepted.

Mail completed Applications and supporting materials to:

Northwest Indian Housing Association  
P. O. Box 603  
Anacortes, WA 98221

Please update us with any address changes when they occur!

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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. **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 of these items must be postmarked on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, or the Application will be automatically rejected. Faxed applications will NOT be accepted. 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

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.**

HAND WRITE – do NOT type - in the space below, the need for funds, how the funds will be used, and how the educational activity or training will improve the Applicant’s life. Write legibly in this outlined space only:

Amount of Scholarship Requested: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Essay:

**Step 3. Document Support for Your Application.**

Applications without the appropriate documentation will be considered incomplete.

- 🍏 A sponsorship letter must be submitted with each application. 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.
- 🍏 Provide signed letters from two (2) individuals on references; references may not be related to you or your family. References must not be more than one year old.
- 🍏 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 on-line, please enclose the print-out which identifies the school's web site link that was used.
- 🍏 You must verify your age or date of birth, as described on the Checklist.

**Step 4. Sign, Date and Mail the Application.**

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All scholarship awards, if not disbursed, expire six months from the date of the award letter.

Application by Prior Award Winners. Only those previous award winners who are *currently* enrolled in a four-year degree program will be considered for another award for this program year.

**Signed (Applicant):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_