

December 5, 2019

Applications are due to WSAC
postmarked by **February 1, 2020.**

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**

American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) applications for the 2020-21 academic year awards are available now on the ReadySetGrad website at: <http://www.readysetgrad.org/college/american-indian-endowed-scholarship>. We ask that you forward this correspondence to individuals who may be interested in applying for this scholarship. Click the application and instruction links just below the "How do I apply?" caption to open and download the materials (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader software version 11.0 or newer).

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) will accept applications beginning January 1, 2020. Signed applications, with all required attachments, are due to the WSAC postmarked by **February 1, 2020.**

Applicants must:

- Have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community in Washington
- Intend to use his or her education to benefit the American Indian community in state
- Be enrolled full-time by fall term 2020 at a participating in-state public or private college or university
- Have demonstrated financial need (determined by their college's 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 determined by the interest earnings available from the endowment. Finalists will be announced in the spring. Scholarships generally range from \$500 to \$2,000 each for the academic year.

Mail the signed application, with required attachments, postmarked by **February 1, 2020**, to:

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

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

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