



Higher Education Programs
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2018 – 2019
Natural Resources Scholarship
*“For the protection, enhancement, and preservation of our
sacred Natural Resources...”*
Renewable Each Year
July 1st Deadline

Application Checklist

	Student: Name.	Office Use Only (date rec'd)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Yakama Nation Tribal Scholarship (Application, Tribal ID, FAFSA, Transcripts, College Acceptance, FNA)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Resources Scholarship Application	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed Personal NRS Statement	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of Natural Resource Interest & STEM background	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class Schedule showing Full-Time Status (Due August 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verification of Major in Natural Resources or related field	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Outline for 2018-2019	



YAKAMA NATION HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS NATURAL RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIPS

N.R.S. PURPOSE: The program is an educational opportunity for enrolled Yakama Tribal members to pursue a bachelors or graduate degree in the Natural Resources field. The program promotes the training, education and career development of enrolled members to ensure that there will be an adequate number of qualified enrolled professionals in natural resources. The N.R.S. shall coincide with the Yakama Nation Higher Education “Plan of Operation” in all aspects of attaining a post-secondary education including limitations on terms eligible for funding.

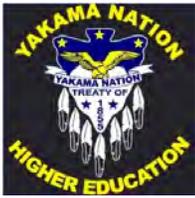
PURPOSE: The primary purpose of the N.R.S. program is to assist tribal members to return back to the Yakama Nation and provide their educational and professional expertise for the protection, enhancement and preservation of our sacred Natural Resources. The Higher Education Programs in collaboration with other Department of Natural Resources programs will provide a comprehensive, appropriate and well-organized educational approach to ensuring such services are for the benefit of those sacred resources. And provide the necessary recruitment, mentoring, advising and counseling for our Youth as identified our greatest resource for tomorrow’s professionals to care for our natural resources through education.

ELIGIBILITY: Any enrolled Yakama Nation Member who is interested and committed to pursuing a post-secondary or graduate degree in any natural resources related field of study. And is committed, devoted and dedicated to return upon graduation to the Yakama Homelands to assist the tribe in the protection, preservation and enhancement of our natural resources.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: Financial Assistance will be provided for the following and may be subject limitations at the discretion of the Higher Education Programs depending on employment, marital, and degree status, (undergraduate – graduate).

- Unmet Need for tuition, books, and college fees
- Monthly stipends for nine months during the academic year. Additional three months for summer classes upon authorization from the Tribal Council Committees per the Higher Education Programs
- Monitoring, guidance counseling and advising through completion of program
- Employment during summer breaks to gain work experience as a professional
- Job placement upon completion of degree requirements
- Assistance in gaining other outside scholarships

STUDENT AGREEMENT: Each student is required to sign the agreement within the NR scholarship application. The agreement shall be a part of each annual application submitted and commits the student to returning upon completion of their degree requirements to the Yakama Nation to coincide with the total number of terms funded by the N.R.S. Failure to meet the terms of the agreement, including academic performance, will result in termination of funding and the student will be required to reimburse the amount funded to that date.



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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: Students are required to meet the same academic requirements as listed in the Yakama Nation Higher Education Plan of Operations Manual. Including submission of grades at the end of each term to ensure funds are disbursed in a timely manner and not to cause hardship on the student(s). Undergraduate students must achieve and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and carry a minimum 12 credits per term. Graduates must maintain and carry a 3.0 GPA and minimum credits as identified full-time by the institution. Exceptions to the academic requirement must be reviewed and approved. It is the responsibility of the student to communicate with the Yakama Nation Higher Education Program and notify us *immediately* if you are having any issues in school.

EMPLOYMENT: The Higher Education Programs in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources programs will provide employment for each student in their field of study. Students will be paid on the Yakama Nation pay scale and pay will be based on each individual’s qualifications, program’s job availability, grade level status, and position with which the student is placed under.

Positions for summer internships and/or employment placement will be according to the following:

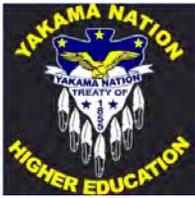
1. Initial appointment to the Scholarship program
2. Completion of freshman year
3. Completion of sophomore year
4. Completion of junior year
5. Following graduation – DOQ (means entering or returning to work for the Yakama Nation full-time to fulfill your education agreement). Other positions are DOQ or dependent on program and/or funding availability. It is the responsibility of each Yakama Nation Department of Natural Resources Programs to have funding for the new incoming employee.

If there are students that already work in the DNR program(s) and request their same pay upon approval, it is at the Program’s discretion to pay their salary rate from their budget(s).

MONTHLY STIPEND: Eligible students receive assistance for their unmet needs for tuition & fees, books, not to include room & board, and a supplemental stipend award for living expenses. (*Employed Students do not receive monthly stipend awards*). *Stipends are as follows:*

1. Single student.....\$1,000.00
2. Single Parent w/dependents.....\$1,500.00
3. Married w/no dependents.....\$1,250.00
4. Married w/dependents.....\$1,500.00

When the school term starts/ends, stipends may be prorated to cover the actual time in school.



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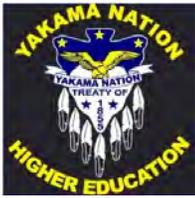
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SELECTION PROCESS: After the July 1st deadline has been met for complete applications, the Higher Education Programs reviews each applicant as follows:

1. Her/his educational background – specifically Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math coursework.
2. Her/his interest in natural resources based on internships, jobs, presentations, organizations, etc.
3. Academic record, primarily in the subjects of their selected major of study.
4. Personal letter indicating educational and professional career goals/plan.

Each student application will be reviewed, approved/disapproved by the following:

1. Tribal Council Education and Fish & Wildlife Committee Member(s). [Quorum: of at least (3) members of the committee will be present].
2. Pending budget funding and after each individual applicant has been met on, reviewed and approved they shall be notified. If for any reason the student selected does or cannot fulfill or attend, the next applicant in line will be met on and take the place of that student.



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Yakama Nation NR Scholarship Application

Applying for (circle all that apply): **Fall** **Winter** **Spring** **Summer** **New** **Returning**

Name: _____ SS# _____ Year: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Tribe: _____ Enrollment# _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone:(____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone:(____) _____

Marital Status: Married () Single () Head of Household: () Yes () No

of Dependents: _____ Email Address: _____

College Status: __ Freshman __ Sophomore __ Junior __ Senior __ Masters __ PhD

High School/GED: _____ Year Graduated: _____ Cum GPA: _____

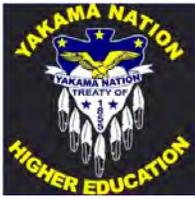
College/University: _____ Cum GPA: _____

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

Major: _____ Total College Credits Earned to Date: _____

The information provided in this application is true, correct, and complete. I understand that if accepted for the NR Scholarship and if I earn less than a 2.00 GPA and/or less than full-time status during the term, I will be placed on probation, and if deficiency continues suspension to follow. I also understand that if I withdraw for insufficient reasons, or earn 0.00 GPA/0 Credits; I will refund the NR Scholarship awarded to me. I also understand that it is my responsibility to submit-class registration along with required book lists before each term and submit transcripts-to the Higher Education office, immediately after each term. I hereby provide the required information and authorize the use of such information for determining my eligibility for educational assistance, and agree to the Plan of Operations governing student eligibility.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____



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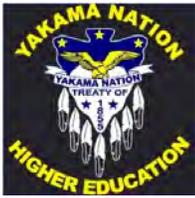
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PERSONAL LETTER

Please indicate your educational and employment plans.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Educational Background

Please list all STEM courses taken in the previous academic year 2017-2018 that were above a 2.0

Evidence of Natural Resources Interest

Please provide information applicable to your interest in Natural Resources

Natural Resources Jobs:

Natural Resources Internships:

Natural Resources Teaching Assistant:

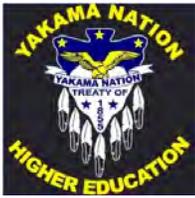
Natural Resources Research, Presentation, &/or Publication:

Natural Resource Organization or Club:

Natural Resource Cultural Activity:

Other (specify):

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Higher Education AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FORM

I, _____, authorize _____
to release any and all information concerning my academic performance and campus based financial aid status to the Yakama Nation Higher Education Program. This release may be based upon either a verbal, electronic, and/or written request directed to either myself or the college by the Higher Education Program. I understand that the Higher Education Program will maintain confidentiality of such information and that the Higher Education Program Plan of Operation policies will be used in governing applicant eligibility.

Signature of Student

Date