



Truman D. Picard Scholarship Announcement For Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students

Deadline: Friday, January 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m. PT

Award: \$2,500 for college students (number of awards varies per year)
\$2,500 for grad students and graduating college seniors that are applying/accepted for grad school
\$2,000 for graduating senior high school students

Purpose: The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources. Preference will be given to students whose degree or area of study directly involves management of Forest Resources.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The Education Selection Committee will review and rank only those applicants who completely address each area. Please be specific. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **Letter of application:** The letter must include your name, permanent mailing address, email address, and phone number. It should be a maximum of two pages in length, and discuss the following:
 - a. Interest in Forestry and/or Wildland Fire Management.
 - b. Commitment to education, community, and your culture.
 - c. Financial need.
2. **Resume**
3. **Three letters of reference:** Must be on letterhead, signed and dated:
 - a. If no letterhead is available through the reference's organization the referrer should create their own.
 - b. Digital and electronic signature accepted.
 - c. Dated within the last six months.
 - d. Open sealed documents, if applicable.
 - e. Reference letters are not accepted directly from referrals, submit with your completed application.
4. **Evidence of validated enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation**, as established by the U. S. Government. Accepted documents include a photocopy of your member or descendent enrollment card, front and back. If you are unable to provide your member or descent card, have BIA Form 4432 Verification of Indian Preference for Employment completed by the appropriate official and include with your submitted application, download at:
https://www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/dup/assets/public/raca/online_forms/pdf/1076-0160_INDIAN-PREF_Expires-10.31.24_508.pdf.
5. **Transcripts:** ALL students must include transcripts. Unofficial or official both accepted. Please open sealed transcripts.
 - a. **High school students** must also provide a **college acceptance letter** and class schedule to verify their major before a check is released.
 - b. **College students** must also provide proof of their **declared major & current class schedule**.
6. **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** ALL students must complete the FAFSA and attach the Student Aid Report. If it has not been completed, include last year's report.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Letter of application
- Resume
- Reference letter #1 (on letterhead, signed and dated)
- Reference letter #2 (on letterhead, signed and dated)
- Reference letter #3 (on letterhead, signed and dated)
- A photocopy of your member or descendant enrollment card in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation, or completed BIA Form 4432 Verification of Indian Preference for Employment
- Transcripts
- College acceptance letter (high school) or declared major & current class schedule (college)
- FAFSA student aid report

DELIVERY OF APPLICATION

Applications are accepted by Email or Mail, please choose ONE option for Delivery.

Option #1 Email: Create one email attaching all required documents from the application checklist and submit to intertribaltimbercouncil@gmail.com up until the close of business (5:00 p.m. PT) **January 26, 2024**. PDF attachment(s) preferred, download free Adobe Acrobat reader at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> to view and print PDF documents. Google docs are not accepted.

Option #2 Mail: Mail all required documents from the application checklist to arrive at the ITC office on or before **January 26, 2024**. Be sure to check local post office hours and transit time if mailing your application. ITC will not be onsite to sign for package deliveries. FedEx and UPS require a physical address for delivery, please contact ITC before using one of these services.

Inquiries and mailed applications should be directed to the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) office:

Attn: Education Committee
Intertribal Timber Council
PO Box 11790
Portland, OR 97211
(503) 282-4296 phone

FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS

The ITC has cooperative financial aid agreements with the University of Washington, Oregon State University, Salish Kootenai College, Northern Arizona University and Yale University. Recipients of the ITC Truman Picard Scholarship are eligible to receive additional scholarships including tuition waivers, if attending one of these colleges. For more information, visit the ITC website at https://www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html or contact the colleges directly.

TRUMAN D. PICARD (1946-1986)

To honor Truman D. Picard the ITC established a scholarship program in his name. Truman served on the ITC Board of Directors from 1982 to 1985. While working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colville Agency, in presales he attended the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University becoming one of the first people from the agency to complete this program. In 1977, Truman transferred to the Colville Tribal Forestry organization taking a position as Supervisory Forest Technician in charge of woods operations. Later he was promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Forestry Operations. Because of his drive and determination to complete his education Truman returned to Oregon State University earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Management. Upon his return from college, he was appointed Director of Colville Tribal Forestry. His work for the Tribe will always be remembered by his individual efforts to bring BIA Forestry and Colville Tribal Forestry together in a joint effort to improve the level of Forest Management on the reservation – truly a lasting legacy.