



The Mission of the Lummi Indian Business Council:

To preserve, promote and protect our Shelangen.

Lummi Higher Education Grant Award Application

Congratulations on your decision to pursue a vocational certificate or college/graduate degree. Education is a priority of the Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC). In 1989, as an act of self-determination LIBC took over the responsibility of administering the Lummi Higher Education Grant Award process from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This grant award assists students in fulfilling their goals, as well as, meeting the ever-growing needs of our dynamic community. To keep pace with the rising cost of college tuition they have augmented those BIA funds with tribal funding. This award is based on academic rather than financial need. Please read the directions carefully and submit a complete application.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to qualify for a LHE Grant Award:

- A. Enrolled Lummi Tribal member, or person of $\frac{1}{4}$ degree total blood quantum who is eligible for enrollment at Lummi, not enrolled in another tribe and had made application for Lummi enrollment.
- B. A high School graduate or have earned a GED.
- C. Enrolled, or accepted for admission in an accredited institution.
- D. Must maintain good academic standing of a 2.0 grade point average or better
- E. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit a signed "needs analysis" from the college or university's financial aid office.
- F. Vocational students- Student's pursuing a two-year certificate vocational program must apply for the Employment Assistance/Adult Vocational Training program, if available. To be eligible for assistance, the certificate program must be administered at an accredited institution. Students are eligible for Grant Assistance certificate programs up to 2-years in length after which time they are only eligible for 2-4 year degree programs.

Award Amounts

Community Colleges/ Technical Colleges \$3000 per year

Quarter system	\$1000 per quarter
Semester system	\$1500 per semester

Four Year Colleges and Universities \$4000 per year

Quarter system	\$1333 per quarter
Semester system	\$1666 per semester

Graduate School \$5000 per year

Quarter system	\$1666 per quarter
Semester system	\$2500 per semester

Application Deadlines:

- Fall quarter/Whole Academic Year
July 1 Priority funding
- Fall Funding deadline
September 1
- Winter quarter
December 1
- Spring quarter
March 1

Students applying for a Lummi Higher Education grant award are required to also seek outside sources of funding to keep up with the increasing cost of attending college. These outside sources of money can help reduce or eliminate the need for student loans.

Lummi Nation Career Development Office

Lummi Nation Administration Center
2665 Kwina Road Bellingham, WA 98226
Renee (360) 312-2162

In our transition to a paperless office, students are encouraged to email completed applications to: Reneesw@Lummi-nsn.gov



Document Checklist- **New Students**

In addition to completing and signing this application, the Lummi Higher Education (LHE) Grant Program requires applicants to provide the following information:

_____ **Letter of Acceptance**

Include a letter from your institution informing you that you have been accepted into a program or college.

_____ **High School Diploma and Transcripts/Equivalency Documentation**

Copy of Diploma/GED and Transcripts

_____ **250 Word Essay (minimum)**

Write a 250 word essay introducing yourself and stating your educational and career goals, and finally, how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. (Returning students will write an essay reflecting on how college / their schooling are impacting their educational and career goals.)

_____ **Lummi Tribal Enrollment Verification**

Copy of enrollment card or Certificate of Indian Blood.

_____ **Financial Needs Analysis Form**

Request the form to be completed by College/University Financial Aid Office. Information must be sent directly from the College/University Financial Aid Office. (This form must be submitted at the beginning of each academic year.)

_____ **Lummi Higher Education Funding Agreement**

Please read and initial each section of the funding agreement and sign at the bottom of the page.

_____ **College Registration/Schedule**

Students Registration/Schedule must reflect the number of credit hours of their courses and term. (Schedules must be submitted each quarter.)

_____ **College Grades/Transcripts**

Official Transcripts must reflect grades and grade point average (GPA) of previous terms(s). (Transcripts must be submitted at the end of quarter.)

_____ **Scholarship Verification Form**

Students must apply for a minimum of two outside scholarships for each academic year.

_____ **Release of Information.** All NWIC students must sign a FERPA

(Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) allowing the LHE office to review education records.

APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 1

In order to be considered, applications must be completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Priority is given to applicants who have met all deadlines.



Document Checklist- **Returning Students**

In addition to completing and signing this application, the Lummi Higher Education (LHE) Grant Program requires returning applicants to provide the following information:

_____ **500 Word Essay**

Write a 500 word essay reflecting on your education journey. How have you grown in the past year. What have you accomplished? What surprises you at school? What are you most proud of?

_____ **Financial Needs Analysis Form**

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_____ **Degree audit or student advising worksheet**

This document includes your degree requirements and tracks completed coursework towards degree completion.

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Applications Due July 1-September 1 **Priority will be given to those applications received by July 1**

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Education Grant Award Application

Term(s) applying for:

20____ Fall/Academic Year

Applications accepted July 1-September 1.

Priority given to applications received July 1

20____ Winter/Spring

Winter applications due by December 1

Spring Applications due by March 1

DEADLINES ARE FIRM

Date:		Applicant Name: (Last) (First) (Middle)			
Student ID #:		Tribal ID# Date of Birth		Phone No. (s) Home: Mobile:	
Mailing Address:			New Student: Yes:___ No: ___ Returning Student: Yes:___ No: ___		
City: State: Zip Code:			E-Mail Address:		
Optional: Information provided will not be used in a discriminatory manner.	Are you a Veteran? Yes:___ No:___	Are you handicapped/disabled ? Yes:___No___	Marital Status	No. of dependents	Gender: Male:___ Female___
High School or G.E.D. Center: (Name & Location)			H.S. Diploma or G.E.D. received: Month/Year:		
College or University You Will Attend: (Name, City, State, Zip)			Type Of Term: (Check one) ___ Semester ___ Quarter ___ Trimester		
			Online Institution: (Check one) ___ Yes ___ No		
Type of Degree you will earn while Attending College: (Check one)	Certificate:	Associates: ___ A.A./A.S.	Bachelors: ___ B.A. / B.S.	Masters: ___ M.A. / M.S.	Doctorate: ___ Ed.D/M.D./Ph.D./J.D.
College Classification: (Check one) ___ Freshmen ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate ___ Post - Graduate					
Certificate/Undergraduate: Major:			Anticipated Date of Completion/Graduation: Month / Year:		
Graduate Students ONLY: Program or Department Accepted Info:			Anticipated Date of Graduation Month / Year:		
My Enrollment Status will be: (Check one) ___ Part-Time ___ Undergraduate Full-Time ___ Graduate Part-time ___ Graduate Full-Time Less than 12 credits 12 credit hours or more less than 9 credit hours 9 Credit hours or more					

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received	Status Code	Term award	Award Amount	Fall Credits	Fall Grades	Winter Credits	Winter Grades	Spring Credits	Spring Grades	Check Mailed	Initial	Initial



Lummi Higher Education Award Funding Agreement

The Lummi Higher Education (LHE) Grant is an investment in the future. This is a reciprocal relationship; the following agreement is requested from you:

Initial each section after reading:

_____ I understand that if I am eligible, a LHE Grant Award will be made available to me through the financial aid office at the college I attend. I also understand that this grant award is to assist with my educational expenses while I am enrolled in a college/university and maintaining a **2.00 GPA** or better. **I further understand that I am responsible to submit a transcript at the end of each term and class schedule at the beginning of each term; if I fail to submit these documents by the deadline, I may lose my LHE Grant Award.**

_____ I further understand that if I fail to maintain a **2.00 GPA** I will be placed on **academic probation**. If I fail to meet a 2.0 GPA for two consecutive quarters I will be placed on **grant suspension**. In order to **re-establish** eligibility I must complete one full-time term with my own resources.

_____ I further understand that it is my responsibility to **inform** the LHE office if I **withdraw** for any reason or **dropout** before the end of the academic quarter/semester and **receive 0.0 GPA and 0 credits** for the grading period, and that I will be placed on **permanent** academic probation and may be required to reimburse all awarded funds.

_____ I understand that LHE does not pay for **repeat classes or F grades**. **Repeat classes and F grades will be deducted** from the award amount. I further understand that I may **appeal** the decision before the LHE Board.

_____ I understand that I must **apply and submit documentation** verifying that I have applied to a minimum of **two outside scholarships** for each academic year I am requesting funding. (full-time students and graduate students)

_____ I agree that I will provide a **degree audit** at the end of the first year for students and at the end of the third year for bachelor students.

_____ I understand that Lummi Higher Education is not responsible for the **repayment** of any student loans I may borrow.

_____ I understand that all awards are subject to availability of funds.

Signature

Date

Release of Information:

_____ I provide consent to the Lummi Higher Education Grant Program to release any information (which may include name and awards amount(s) received) to the college/university attended while receiving LHE Program Grant Award, and to the Lummi Indian Business Council, upon request. **Lastly, I GIVE consent to the college/university listed on this application to release** any information pertaining to my financial aid, student account or registration/degree status to the Lummi Higher Education Grant Program.

_____ **All of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

I understand that any information I provide is subject to federal review. I consent to the release of this and any other relevant information to my agency, College/University Financial Aid Officer, and the Lummi Nation Higher Education Scholarship Board, as applicable, in order to determine my aid and to serve the requirements of the LHE Grant Program.

Student Signature

Date

**All Northwest College Students must also complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which allows the sharing of information between NWIC and Lummi Higher Education.

Internships (returning students)

An internship is a short-term opportunity to gain hands on experience in a working environment within your field of study.

I am interested in gaining professional experience through a short-term internship.

_____yes _____no

Major _____



Student Financial Needs Analysis

2665 Kwina Road Bellingham, WA 98226 phone: (360) 312-2162
 email: reneesw@lummi-nsn.gov

I, (Print Name) _____, hereby authorize the release of my student financial information to the third party indicated above.

Student Signature _____ Social Security Number _____ Academic Year _____
BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED AND SENT BY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

STUDENT BUDGET		STUDENT RESOURCES	
Tuition and Fees	_____	Student Contribution	_____
Books and Supplies	_____	Parent Contribution	_____
Room and Board	_____	Other _____	_____
Personal Expenses	_____		
Child Care	_____		
Other _____	_____		
TOTAL	\$ _____	TOTAL	\$ _____

COLLEGE AID	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
Pell Grant	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
State Need Grant	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Scholarships	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Loans	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
				TOTAL	\$ _____

Comments: _____

TOTAL BUDGET \$ _____
 LESS RESOURCES \$ _____
 LESS AWARDS _____

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION _____ UNMET NEED \$ _____

REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____ Tentative Award Final Award

PRINTED NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Lummi Higher Education Grant Award-Scholarship Verification Form (All Full time undergraduate students , Graduate School)

It is the goal of the Lummi Higher Education Grant Award program to assist students in obtaining their college degree with as little debt as possible. With the increasing cost of attendance at most colleges and universities it is likely that students will be required to seek funding in addition to tribal funding to pay for the cost of attending college.

The LHE program is requiring students to apply for at least two outside scholarships so students will have the opportunity to receive “free” money that can be used toward their college expenses and may reduce or eliminate the need for student loans.

I _____, hereby agree to submit documentation verifying that I have applied for a minimum of two outside scholarships for each academic year I am requesting funding.

I agree that prior to the first day of classes for the academic year for which I receive funding I will provide documentation showing that I have applied to a minimum of two outside scholarships prior to the first day of the academic year.

This is a **NEW PROGRAM REQUIREMENT**. Implementation will take place in the fall of 2016. Verification will be required prior to students receiving funding beginning fall 2016.

The following items are acceptable forms of verification:

- Scholarship Award Letter
- Scholarship Denial Letter
- Scholarship Submission Confirmation Page

I understand that if I do not provide the above required information, **I will not** receive Tribal funding for the 2016-2017 academic year.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions the Scholarship Application Requirement.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

See attached sheet of Scholarship Web Sites

For more information and resources: contact the Career Services Director Renee Swan Waite at (360) 312-2162 or by email Reneesw@Lummi-nsn.gov.

Scholarship Web Sites

These are a few of the many scholarship sites available to college students.

1. **www.thewashboard.org (for Washington State Residents)**

Looking for scholarships? **theWashBoard.org** makes it simple. We connect Washington students of all types with Washington scholarship providers....for FREE.

2. **The American Indian College Fund**

Find out about how **The American Indian College Fund** has helped thousands of Native American Indian college students get the education they deserve.

http://www.collegefund.org/students_and_alumni/content/scholarships

3. **American Indian Graduate Center**

Established in 1969 to assist **American Indian** college **graduates** who wanted to continue their education at master's, doctorate and professional degree levels

<https://www.google.com/#q=the+american+indian+graduate+center>

4. **Cobell Scholarship**

Learn more about the availability of Cobell Scholarship funds, deadlines, eligibility and all related forms necessary to complete the application process as administered by Indigenous Education, INC

<https://www.google.com/#q=the+american+indian+graduate+center>

4. **American Indian Services**

As AIS scholarship provides more than education... it plants a seed of opportunity & hope.

<http://www.americanindianservices.org/>