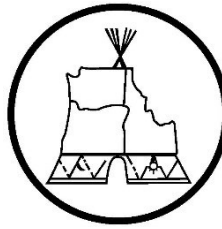


**Youth Scholarship Program
Documentation Checklist
DEADLINE April 30, 2021**



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Applications must be submitted EXACTLY as prescribed, and must include all of the following (use this to check off items as you complete them):

A completed 2021 Youth Scholarship Application Form. **Prior year or incomplete Application Forms will not be accepted.**

Evidence that the Applicant is an enrolled member of an NWIHA Voting Member, such as written documentation of tribal enrollment by the tribal enrollment officer.

A signed Sponsorship Letter from an NWIHA voting member in good standing (current in dues). This letter may be from a different Voting Member than the tribe in which the applicant is enrolled, as specified above. The sponsorship letter must be signed by the Housing Manager, Executive Director, or other such person in charge of the Voting Member's housing program. The Sponsorship Letter must be on the letterhead of the Voting Member.

Two current (less than 60 days old) reference letters signed by persons not related to the Applicant or the Applicant's family. Unsigned or outdated letters are unacceptable.

Documentation that the Applicant will be less than 24 years of age as of the deadline submission date, such as a copy of the Applicant's tribal identification, birth certificate, or driver's license.

Evidence that the Applicant is, or will be, eligible for a higher education program during the program year. This may include transcripts from the school the Applicant is currently attending, or if not currently in school, a copy of the Applicant's high school diploma or GED.

Each application must include an essay of 500 words or less, describing the Applicant's need for funds, how the funds will be used, and how the educational activity or training will better the Applicant's life. Save the Essay Document and submit with the Application Form.

All application materials must be in the form of scanned images, PDFs, or the like, and attached to ONE email with the subject line "2021 NWIHA Scholarship Application" and emailed to info@nwiha.org. The name and contact information of the applicant must be included in the body of the email. Applications must be submitted via email on or before 5:00 PM PDT, April 30, 2021. Applications received after this deadline will be rejected.

The decision to award a scholarship will be determined at least in part on the applicant's following the submission instructions EXACTLY as described. Missing, unsigned, or otherwise unacceptable documentation will result in the application being rejected. Please contact NWIHA at info@nwiha.org with any questions regarding this process.

**Youth Scholarship Program
Application Form
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Note: This is a fillable form. Before completing be sure to save it with a different filename.

Step 1. Complete the following Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Residence Address (not P. O. Box): _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Tribe in which Enrolled: _____

Name of Sponsoring Tribe: _____

Current Status: Full-Time Student Part-Time Student Not Currently Enrolled

School planning to attend, or write "unknown": _____

Step 2. Document Support for Your Application

Using the Checklist provided on the previous page, collect and/or compose all documentation required with this Application. Emailed applications without the required documentation will be considered incomplete and will be rejected.

Step 3. Sign and Date the Application Form

Sign this page by typing or signing your name below and including today's date. Digital signatures are acceptable. This will serve as your (digital/normal) signature, assuring us that all information you have provided is fair and honest.

Signature

Date

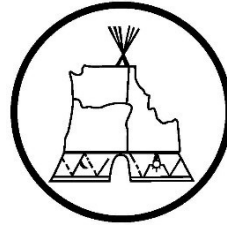
Step 4. Submit the Application Form prior to the Deadline of April 30, 2021

Attach all required documentation with the Application Form. It is the Applicant's responsibility to notify the NWIHA with any address changes or other changes if they occur after submission.

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Other Information

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1. **Application by Prior Award Winners:** Only those previous awardees who are currently enrolled in a program of higher education (not high school) will be considered for another award for this program year (2021).
2. **Notification of Receipt:** The NWIHA will send a reply to all applicants when an Application has been received. The notification will not provide any information as to whether the application is complete or not.
3. **Missing, Unreadable, or Incomplete Documents:** Applicants will not be contacted if the Application received has missing, unreadable, or otherwise unacceptable documentation, such as unsigned letters. An important criteria for granting scholarship awards is the responsiveness of the Applicant as demonstrated by the completeness and accuracy of the Application Form and the submission of the required documentation.
4. **Award Notification:** All applicants, successful or not, will be notified via email of the NWIHA Executive Committee decision. Scholarship awards will also be announced at the Spring Meeting May 18-19, 2021.
5. **Successful Applications:** Following the application deadline successful applicants will be required to provide the name and address of the school where the funds are to be sent. Eligible educational institutions shall include accredited universities, graduate schools, community colleges, and trade schools. Award Payments (estimated at \$1,000 depending on funds available and number of successful applicants) will be made directly to the school, not to the Applicant or their family. Awarded scholarships will expire if the school information is not provided on or before December 31, 2021.
6. All Applications become the property of NWIHA and NWIHA reserves the right to publish essays and the names of the awardees on its website.