

# Application Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in the 2023-2024 Washington Indian Gaming (WIGA) Scholarship. This year WIGA will award up to \$100,000 for both enrolled members of the WIGA Tribes and Indian students in Washington State. The scholarships generally range from \$900 to \$3,000 for each academic year. The scholarship may be used to attend two-year and four-year colleges and universities, as well as for advanced degrees. Scholarship recipients from the previous year are also eligible to re-apply under a reduced format.

This sheet will assist you when filling out the Scholarship Application. Read the entire information sheet before completing the application. Print a copy for your records.

## **Instructions for completing the application**

Please read all instructions carefully. In order for an application to be considered it must be completed with all attachments including financial need statements, personal recommendations, etc. Please submit all paperwork single-sided with no staples. See check list and application for details. **Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.**

**Postmark your application no later than March 31, 2023.**

*(Late or incomplete applications are not considered.)*

## **Applicant checklist**

- SECTION I:** Applicant Information –Fill out your personal information/Tribal affiliation along with proof of enrollment or statement from a Tribal Enrollment Officer.
- SECTION II:** Current Education Plan-Tell us which academic institution that you will attend, major, field of study and when you expect to complete the program.
- SECTION III:** Educational Background –List your educational history. Include a copy of your most recent and up-to-date transcripts. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
- SECTION IV:** Extracurricular Activity – List your extracurricular activities, awards or experience; attach additional sheets if needed.
- SECTION V:** Two Letters of Recommendation –You must submit two (2) letters of recommendation. If a renewing applicant, please see the renewing application guidelines.
- SECTION VI:** Personal Essay-Submit a personal essay that is between 250-500 words. If a renewing applicant, please see renewing application guidelines.
- SECTION VII:** Statement of Need-Please submit on a separate sheet of paper indicating your anticipated financial situation for the academic year including: all sources of income, Tribal contributions (Tribal policy must be included, contact your tribe’s education department for a copy), other scholarships, student loans, grants, etc. As well as, estimated expenditures for: tuition, books, house, misc., etc.

### **Renewing Application Guidelines**

**Please read carefully.** For those students who received the WIGA scholarship in 2022-23 **and** are continuing in the current level of study may apply under a reduced format. This applies only to students who received the 2022-23 scholarship and are continuing in their current level of study (Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, etc.). For example, the 2022-23 WIGA Scholarship awardees that attended a community college and are continuing at a community college are eligible to re-apply under the reduced format. However, if you received the WIGA scholarship last year and are now moving into a new degree, you will need to apply as a new student. For example, if you attended a four-year college last year and completed your Bachelor's degree and are now applying for a Master's degree you will need to apply as a new student.

For those who qualify as a renewal applicant, please complete the application under the reduced format. Under the reduced format a copy of your Tribal ID and your Tribe's Education Policy is not required. The two letters of recommendation are optional. For section VI include a 250-word statement of progress.

Finally, a policy set by the Scholarship Selection Committee requires all returning students to maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher.

### **Additional Information**

The Scholarship Committee has discretion in determining the amount of each award and the number of student recipients, depending on the availability of funds and the pool of applicants each year. The Scholarship Committee may award up to \$100,000 for the 2023-24 school year. Scholarship amounts will be based on the number of awardees and generally range from \$900 to \$3,000. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email in May 2023.

### **Award Distribution**

Scholarship awards will be made either directly to the student or to the financial aid office of the institution for which the recipient is attending, in the name of the student, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Checks will be distributed in August 2023. Proof of class enrollment is required for all new scholarship recipients before checks will be distributed.

### **Application Submission**

Please submit the entire application as a single unit (including all attachments), single sided and no staples, signed/dated and mail to:

Washington Indian Gaming Association  
525 Pear St SE  
Olympia, WA 98501-2251

### **Questions**

Contact Rosina DePoe at (360) 352-3248 or by email at [deputy@washingtonindiangaming.org](mailto:deputy@washingtonindiangaming.org).

**Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2023**



**Scholarship Application**

*Application must be completed in full to be considered. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.  
Only submit single-sided, staple free applications.*

**SECTION I: Applicant Information**

First time applicant? Or  previous scholarship recipient, renewing application

1. Last name	First name	M.I.	2. Social Security#:		
3. Current address:	Street	City	State	Zip	4. Phone (    )
5. Permanent address (if different):	Street	City	State	Zip	6. Alternate phone (    )
7. E-mail address:				8. Preferred Pronouns ( <i>Optional</i> ):	
9. Tribal affiliation:			Membership/Enrollment#:		
<i>(Proof of enrollment is required. Please attach copy of enrollment card or statement from Tribal Enrollment Officer)</i>					

**SECTION II: Current Educational Plan**

10. Academic Institution you will attend:			11. Class level & degree next fall (indicate degree pursuing): (i.e., frosh, soph, junior, senior, & associates, bachelors or advanced degree)		
12. College mailing address:	Street	City	State	Zip	Phone (    )
13. Intended field of study:			14. Date expected for program completion:		

**SECTION III: Educational Background**

15. Date of high school graduation or GED received: Month                      Year			16. School/Institution name:		
17. Education information. List schools in order of attendance (most recent first; you must attach your most recent transcripts or GED certification, they may be unofficial).					
Name of school	City/State	Dates of attendance	Degree, if any	Cumulative GPA	

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**SECTION IV: Extracurricular Activities**

18. Extracurricular activities/awards/experience (List honors, awards, elected positions, volunteer or work experience in order of importance to you. Attach extra sheet(s) if desired).

Activity	Position	Year

**SECTION V: Two letters of recommendation: (Optional for renewal applicants)**

19. You must submit two letters of recommendation written by someone who is not related to you. The person can be a teacher, counselor, community leader, Tribal leader, etc.

**SECTION VI: Personal Essay**

20. In addition to this application, students should submit a Personal Essay. The statement of purpose is a very important part of this application. Applicants should be as specific as possible about their academic and professional interests for consideration by the Scholarship Committee. The statement should be approximately 250 words in length, but not more than 500 words. For scholarship renewals, a statement progress under 250 words will suffice.

**Essay topic:** Why are you considering your intended major and how will it help you reach future career objectives? How will your education benefit your home community, whether urban or rural?

**SECTION VII: Statement of Need**

21. Please indicate on a separate sheet of paper, your anticipated financial situation for the 2023-2024 academic year including the following incomes and expenditures:

A. Student income-all sources:

- Income (including family contributions)
- Tribal contribution (Attach policy) Required - Attach a copy of your Tribe’s Educational Assistance Policy.  
(Not required for renewing applicants.)
- Scholarships (total)
- Student loans (total)
- Grants (total)

B. Educational expenditures:

- Tuition
- Books
- Housing
- Misc.

**Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed application by **March 31, 2023** (postmark deadline)  
to: Washington Indian Gaming Association  
525 Pear St SE Olympia, WA 98501  
Ph: 360-352-3248 Fax: 360-352-4819 Website: [www.washingtonindiangaming.org](http://www.washingtonindiangaming.org)