

TRUMAN D. PICARD SCHOLARSHIP

FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS
IN NATURAL RESOURCE MAJORS



BACKGROUND

- First awarded in 1988 in honor of Truman Picard, Colville forester and member of ITC Board of Directors
- Enrolled tribal members pursuing natural resource degrees
- Over 500 recipients to date
- Just over \$1,000,000 awarded
- \$2,500 for undergraduate and graduate students
- \$2,000 high school students



ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe
- College students: Must be a natural resource major (examples: forestry, hydrology, wildlife & fisheries, natural resource management or environmental studies)
- High school students: Must be enrolled in natural resource courses
- College seniors not eligible unless they are applying to graduate school
- All natural resources degrees accepted, but forestry students especially encouraged to apply
- Award given in late spring or early summer and intended to support student for *following year*

THE PROCESS

- Members of the ITC Education Committee will review applications
- Each reviewer grades applications on a 1-5 point basis for each of 5 categories (25 points total). Scores for all reviewers are added together and candidates ranked.
- Categories are: 1) Application letter 2) resume 3) academic merit 4) financial need 5) letters of reference

REQUIRED MATERIALS-

I) LETTER OF APPLICATION

- This is required and is worth up to 5 points- it is a great opportunity to introduce yourself to the reviewers
- The letter of application must include: your name, permanent mailing address, email address, and phone number. It should be a maximum of two pages in length
- Successful applicants frequently talk not only about themselves, but their tribe and the applicant's relationship to the land, culture and how it relates to their field of study in natural resources
- Career goals and family are often also mentioned- tell the story of why you are in college and why you want assistance from an intertribal forestry group
- Discuss why you need the financial assistance and how you would use it

REQUIRED MATERIALS- 2) RESUME

- Also worth up to 5 points.
- There is no required “correct” format- just make it easy to read and well organized
- Highlight education and work experience. If you have natural resource work and/or volunteer experience, make sure you detail it
- If you don’t, no worries, list any work and volunteer experience
- Membership in clubs or groups, awards etc. are all worth mentioning

REQUIRED MATERIALS-

3) THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE

- Three letters required- worth in total up to 5 points
- Letters should be signed (digital & electronic signature accepted), dated, and on letterhead (or reference the organization that the person represents). General letters of reference are ok, but need to be less than 6 months old
- Think strategically about who you will ask, and give them a bit of time. When possible get a mix of academic and work references. Personal references (friends of the family, a pastor etc.) are also acceptable, but in general solid references from instructors and employers tend to carry the most weight
- Open sealed documents, if applicable
- Reference letters will not be accepted directly from references. They should be included in your complete application, step 7

REQUIRED MATERIALS-

4) PROOF OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

- This is not a graded category, but in order to have your application accepted by ITC you must prove that you are a member of a federally recognized tribe
- This can be as simple as photocopying the **front and back** of a tribal ID, providing a photo-copy of a CIB or other enrollment document

REQUIRED MATERIALS- 5) TRANSCRIPTS

- This is the major piece of evidence for the Academic merit (1-5 points) category
- Transcripts can be unofficial- you can print copies available to you through you College and include them in the packet
- If you have attended multiple institutions, it is always good to include all transcripts
- Provide proof of declared major and current class schedule

REQUIRED MATERIALS-
6) FREE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID
(FAFSA)

- NOTE- ALL applicants must submit a FAFSA report to demonstrate need. You don't have to have "unmet need" in the FAFSA- just include it (reviewers rate financial need on a 1-5 scale)
- If it has not been completed, include last year's report

**REQUIRED MATERIALS-
7) DELIVERY OF APPLICATION-
(3) STEPS**

- **First, create one complete email** (PDF attachment preferred) **including:** letter of application, resume, three letters of reference, evidence of validated enrollment, transcripts, college acceptance letter (high school) or declared major, current class schedule (college), and FASFA student aid report
- **Second, submit via email** (intertribaltimbercouncil@gmail.com) up until the close of business (5:00 p.m. PST) **March 12, 2021**
- **Last, mail hard (paper copy) to be postmarked by March 12, 2021.** Be sure to check your local post office hours. ITC staff will be working remotely and will not be onsite at the ITC office to sign for deliveries

Inquiries and applications should be directed to:

ATTN: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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