



Tacoma Public Schools Indian Education Program

Native American & Alaska Native

Financial Resources for Higher Education 2024-2025

Tacoma Public Schools Indian Education Program Website
<https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/indian-education>

Native American Scholarship Information, Paying for College, & Opportunities

- **Tacoma Public Schools – My Future: College & Career Readiness** – Find information regarding the following and more -
 - Career Exploration & Preparation
 - Graduation Requirements
 - High School & Beyond Planning
 - College Readiness
 - Career Readiness
 - [College & Career Community Partners](#)
- **Washington College Access Network (WCAN) – College Knowledge Materials**
 - 9th and 10th Grade Packet
 - 11th Grade Packet
 - 12th Grade Packet
- **theWashBoard.org** – Looking for scholarships? theWashBoard.org makes it simple. We connect Washington students of all types with Washington scholarship providers...for Free. Create a scholarship profile that will match you with scholarships.
- **WA529 Washington College Savings Plans** – Includes WA529 Washington College Savings Plans, GET – Guaranteed Education Tuition, and Dream Ahead College Investment programs
- **Washington Student Achievement Council** – Washington State financial aid programs, participating institutions, need-based programs, merit-based programs, and much more.
- **Washington State Scholarships & Grants** - Washington State, like other states across the country, supports a wide range of scholarships, grants, and college loans for its resident students.
- **Financial Aid and College Preparation Resources for Native Americans**

Native Americans & College Research has found that American Indians and Alaska Natives have a much lower rate of college completion than the population as a whole. Why go to college? A degree or certificate from a college or trade school is a great advantage, leading to a much wider choice of occupations and, therefore, more likelihood of a fulfilling career and a chance to make a difference in your community. In this fact sheet, we suggest some places to find information about preparing for college and paying for college.

- **Best Colleges - Scholarships for Native American Students** - Learn about various financial aid programs available to Native American students.
 - Locate scholarship programs and details for Native American undergraduate learners.
 - Find scholarships for Native American women, graduate students, and program-specific applicants.
 - Gain information on grants and other financial aid support resources.
- **National Indian Education Association Scholarship Opportunities** – Provides list of general Native student scholarships, scholarships listed by Field of Study, background-based, school specific, state specific, by Tribal affiliation, and military scholarships.
- **Catching the Dream** - Founded in 1986, Catching the Dream strives to help improve the quality of life in Indian communities through the higher education of Indian people. We provide scholarship funds for students who demonstrate academic achievement, clearly defined goals, leadership, the determination to succeed, and the desire to return to their communities and help others realize their dreams. We assist Indian schools in preparing students for success in college.
- **Sallie Mae - Scholarships for Native American Students**
- **Scholarships.com – American Indian/Native American Scholarships**
- **Student Debt Relief – Grants, Internships and Scholarships for Native Americans**
- **College Financial Aid Advice – Native American Scholarships**
- **American Indian College Fund** - The American Indian College Fund provides scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native college students attending: Tribal colleges and universities, any non-profit and accredited college or university.
- **Native Forward Scholars Fund** – Scholarships for Native students. Find the scholarship that will support you and your education. Student resources, preparing for college, finding the right college, scholarship search/scholarship finder by level of education/area of study/scholarship type, scholarship FAQ.
- **The Cobell Scholarship** - Cobell Scholarship was established as the result of the Cobell v. Salazar settlement. It is competitive, awarded on merit first then disbursed based on unmet need, non-renewable, and available to any post-secondary (after high school) individual who is; an enrolled member of a US Federally Recognized Tribe, enrolled in full-time study and is degree seeking.
- **American Indian Science and Engineering Society** - AISES scholarships help students acquire skills and training that will help them meet the unique STEM needs of our communities.
 - December 15 - Scholarship applications open
 - April 30 – Scholarship applications close
- **American Indian: Environmental, Natural Resources, Forestry & Agriculture Scholarship** – A list of scholarships and fellowships related to environmental, natural resources, forestry, and agricultural professions. List provided by Northeastern State University, Oklahoma.

- **American Indian: Science, Math, Engineering & Computer Science Scholarships** - A list of scholarships and fellowships related to math, engineering & computer science professions. List provided by Northeastern State University, Oklahoma.
- **American Indian: Medicine & Health Related Fields Scholarships** - A list of scholarships and fellowships related to math, engineering & computer science professions. List provided by Northeastern State University, Oklahoma.
- **Association of American Indian Affairs – AAIA** - The Association on American Indian Affairs is the oldest non-profit serving Indian Country protecting sovereignty, preserving culture, and educating youth.
- **DAR American Indian Scholarships (Daughter of the American Revolution) –**
 - **DAR American Indian Scholarship** - This scholarship is awarded once a year to a Native American college and technical student of any age, any tribe and in any state who has financial need and a minimum GPA of 3.25 based on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scaled used by the applicable educational institution.
 - **Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship** - This scholarship is awarded once a year to one student. A candidate for this scholarship must be enrolled full time at a 2- or 4- year college or university.
 - **Anne Trevarthen Memorial Scholarship** - This one-time scholarship will be presented each April to a high-school senior who will be attending the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. Eligible applicants must demonstrate a personal connection to American Indian culture and traditions, as well as evidence of personal commitment to celebrating diversity and to bridging differences between disparate groups.
- **Boarding School Healing Scholarship –** The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition – As part of our mission to address the ongoing trauma caused by the U.S. Indian Boarding School policy and the effects on Indian education, we are excited to announce our Indian Boarding School Healing Scholarship. NABS believes that education is key to the advancement of Tribal Nations, caring for our communities, and closing the gap of racial disparities in health and wealth attainment for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). In support of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) students, NABS has created the Indian Boarding School Healing Scholarship for Descendants of Indian Boarding School Survivors.
- **National Tribal Gaming Commissions & Regulators (NTGCR) Scholarship** - The National Tribal Gaming Commissions & Regulators® (NTGCR) will be awarding two (2) \$2,500 Scholarships to graduating high school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students pursuing a degree in higher education at an accredited college or university as a full-time student. Application is due: December 31, 2023

In honor of the late Jess Green, a Chickasaw Attorney who helped pave the way for Indian gaming in Oklahoma and who fought for Native American rights/tribal sovereignty; the NTGCR is awarding one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 for students currently enrolled in law school, pursuing a Juris Doctorate. Application is due: December 31, 2023

- **Intertribal Timber Council Scholarship Opportunities - ITC** - Established in 1976, the ITC is a nonprofit nation-wide consortium of Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and individuals dedicated to improving the management of natural resources of importance to Native American communities. The ITC works cooperatively with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), private industry, and academia to explore issues and identify practical strategies and initiatives to promote social, economic, and ecological values while protecting and utilizing forests, soil, water, and wildlife.

- **Phoenix Two-Spirit Native & First Nations Scholarship** - This scholarship is available for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students of Native American or First Nations heritage who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT). Applicants must demonstrate leadership and a commitment to community service and LGBT advocacy.
- **AIANTA Hospitality and Tourism Scholarship** - AIANTA is proud to offer the **Tourism & Hospitality Scholarship**, which provides American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students with financial assistance towards a degree or certificate in hospitality, tourism, recreation, culinary arts, or related fields.
 - **Applications due: April 25, 2025 (Academic School Year 2025 – 2026)**
- **NWIHA Northwest Indian Housing Association – Brook Kristovich Memorial Scholarship Fund**
- **Udall Undergraduate Scholarship** – The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment.
 - Tribal Policy – For Native Americans and Alaska Natives working on an array of policy issues in Indian country
 - Native Health Care – For Native Americans and Alaska Natives pursuing health-related careers
 - Environment – For all undergraduates interested in conservation and environmental issues

Washington State Scholarships

- **WIGA – Washington Indian Gaming Association – WIGA College Scholarships** - The Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA) Scholarship Program provides scholarships to Native American and Alaska Native students pursuing opportunities in higher education. Awards generally range from \$900 to \$3,000 for each academic year. Since its inception, the WIGA Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$1.1 million in scholarships. To learn more, view the [WIGA Scholarship Program playlist](#) on Youtube.
 - * Applicants must be enrolled members of one of Washington’s 29 federally recognized tribes or American Indian/Alaska Native students enrolled in a federally recognized tribe who are attending or plan to attend a higher education institution in the state of Washington.
 - Applications for the 2025–2026 school year will open in March of 2025
- **WWNAEC – Western Washington Native American Education Consortium Spring Merit Awards** are offered to Native American High School Seniors each spring to students planning on attending an accredited two or four-year College, Tribal College, or University, including Career Technical Institutes. WWNAEC is an organization dedicated to furthering the educational goals of Native Youth in Western Washington, therefore, recipients must be tribally affiliated or direct descendants. A minimum 2.00 GPA is required, and the student must be in a school where a native Education Counselor is a member of WWNAEC. WWNAEC offers several awards at \$574.00 – 574 being the number of Federally Recognized Tribes.
- **Washington Student Achievement Council – American Indian Endowed Scholarship – AIES** The American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) helps financially needy students with close social and cultural ties to an American Indian community in the state of Washington. Students can use the scholarships at public colleges and many independent colleges in Washington. The program prioritizes upper division and graduate level students, however, all applicants receive award consideration.

Anthropology Scholarships

- **Plains Anthropological Society Native American Student Award** – The **Native American Student Award** is a grant of up to \$1000, intended to help defray the costs of tuition, books, room and board or other expenses for qualifying Native American student(s).

Archaeology Scholarships

- **Society for American Archaeology** - The Native American Scholarships endowment fund was established in 1988 to foster a sense of shared purpose and positive interaction between archaeologists and Native Americans. Since 1998, the SAA has used endowment income to award the Arthur C. Parker Scholarship. In 2009, the Society added two new awards to support undergraduate and graduate education in archaeology and, in 2021, a new award for Native American women. These scholarships are funded through individual donations, a silent auction held at the SAA Annual Meeting, and external grants. 5 different scholarships are offered. **Deadline to apply is January 31st.**

Healthcare Scholarships

- **NSCDA – The American Indian Medical Scholarship Program** - The American Indian Medical Scholarship (AIMS) gives students of American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Hawaiian Native descent the opportunity to pursue careers in nursing, healthcare, and health education. The scholarship is specifically designed to assist students who, following graduation, plan to work on reservations or in hospitals that serve Native populations with the goal of improving healthcare within those communities. The current goal is to grant a \$1,500 scholarship each semester, as long as the student remains in academic good standing. The scholarship money is restricted to tuition and specific academic expenses. To meet the financial demands of their education, many students seek additional government grants and subsidies and maintain part-time jobs.
- **Indian Health Service – IHS Scholarship Program**
The IHS Scholarship Program provides qualified American Indian and Alaska Native health professions students an opportunity to establish an educational foundation for each stage of your pre-professional careers.
 - **Applications open December 15, 2024 Apply**
- **Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID) Scholarships** - SAID offers several scholarships and awards to current SAID student members who meet eligibility requirements.

Environmental Science and Related Fields, Natural Resource Management Scholarships

- **The Dick French Memorial (DFM) Scholarship**
This program is open to residents of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho who are 1) at least one-quarter American Indian or Alaskan Native (or a member of a federally-recognized tribe); 2) planning to be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited 4-year college or university or a full-time student at a 2-year college enrolled in a program leading to an academic degree; 3) planning to major in an environmentally-related discipline (biology, forestry, natural resource management, chemistry, entomology, environmental science, hydrology, or a related discipline); and 4) current members of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

Hospitality, Tourism, Recreation, Culinary Arts, or Related Fields

- **AIANTA Hospitality and Tourism Scholarship**
The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) is proud to sponsor the AIANTA Tourism and Hospitality Scholarship, which provides American Indian, Alaska Native and Native

Hawaiian students with financial assistance towards a degree or certificate in hospitality, tourism, recreation, culinary arts, museum studies or related fields.

- **Applications Due: April 25, 2025** (Academic School Year 2025 – 2026)

Land Conservation and Indigenous Languages Scholarship

- **Native Forward Land Conservation and Indigenous Languages Scholarship** - The purpose of the Land Conservation and Indigenous Languages Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to eligible American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate and graduate students enrolled full-time at an accredited institution and pursuing degrees with a focus in Indigenous languages, natural resources, land management, and conservation or cultural preservation. Applicants must hold a current GPA of 3.0 or higher.

This opportunity is a need-based award.

Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Math Scholarships

AISES Scholarships for Native Students in STEM Fields – Advanced Indigenous People in STEM (AISES) recognizes education as a means of empowerment, personal growth, and fosters the diversity Indigenous students will bring to STEM landscapes. We provide financial aid to Indigenous students in STEM through scholarships funded by our dedicated donors and partners.

- December 15 – Scholarships applications open
- April 30 – Scholarship applications close

Vocational, Career, & Technical Scholarships

- **Vocational School Scholarships** – Not every student that advances into higher education signs up for a four-year curriculum. Some high school graduates seek job training that lasts a year or two, and then places them in the workforce. Technical, trade and vocational schools do not always bask in the financial aid limelight attracted by high-profile universities, but scholarships and grants are available for trade school too.
- **Career and Technical Scholarship (CTS) - Washington State Opportunity Scholarship** – WSOS prepares Washington students to meet our state's workforce shortages by reducing barriers to education and training in high-demand trade, health care or STEM fields. WSOS supports students with flexible financial aid funding and student support services such as mentorship, professional development and networking. We help students achieve success from their first day on campus to the launch of their professional career in Washington state.
- **Washington State Elks Association (WSEA) Vocational Grants** - Scholarships offered by the Washington State Elks Association to members of our community and high school seniors who demonstrate scholarship, leadership and financial need.

Scholarships, Tuition Assistance, and Higher Education Programs by Tribal Affiliation

Not all tribes are listed. We will continue to build this list. Please visit your tribe's website for more information regarding higher education programs. Search using your Tribe's name + Higher Education

Washington State Tribes

- [Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation – Higher Education](#) – Scroll down a select the Higher Education title from the list.
- [Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation – Higher Education](#)
- [Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation – Higher Education](#)
- [Cowlitz Indian Tribe Tribal Education](#)
- [Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Kalispel Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Lummi Nation – Higher Education](#)
- [Muckleshoot Indian Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Nisqually Indian Tribe - Education](#)
- [Nooksack Indian Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Puyallup Tribe of Indians – Higher Education](#)
- [Quileute Nation - Higher Education](#)
- [Quinault Indian Nation – Higher Education](#)
- [Samish Indian Nation – Higher Education](#)
- [Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe – Higher Education](#)
 - Find higher education opportunities under the heading - Application Forms & Policies
- [Shoalwater Bay Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Skokomish Indian Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Snoqualmie Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Spokane Tribe of Indians – Higher Education](#)
- [Squaxin Island Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians – Higher Education](#)
- [Suquamish Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Swinomish Indian Tribe – Higher Education](#)
- [Tulalip Tribes – Higher Education](#)
- [Upper Skagit Indian Tribe – Higher Education](#)

Alaska

- [Alaskan Native Scholarships](#) – A list of scholarships from University of Alaska organized by Native Corporation regions.
- [The Alaska Community Foundation Scholarships](#) - over 40 scholarships available, some of which you may be eligible for. Scroll down to the Application Resources tab for a step-by-step checklist to help you navigate the scholarship process – start to finish
- [The Alaska Community Foundation Alaska Native Students in Arts and Media Fund](#) - The Alaska Native Students In Arts & Media Fund was established by Chris Arend Photography to support Alaska Native students who want to pursue a career in visual & creative arts and media. This includes photography, videography, journalism, creative writing, graphic/digital design and traditional or fine arts. This annual scholarship will provide \$5,000 to help students acquire and build the skills to tell their own personal and cultural stories through visual and other media. Two scholarships will be offered in 2024 to be used for university-level courses or professional development workshops and training in these areas.
- [Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium \(ANTHC\) Scholarship Opportunities](#) - The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium awards ten (10) competitive \$5,000 scholarships to qualified Alaska Native and American Indian students statewide to increase Alaska Native and American Indian people working in health care fields.

- [Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association – Higher Education](#) - Communities/Tribes served - Akutan, Belkofski, False Pass, Nikolski, Nelson Lagoon, Pauloff Harbor, and Unga and reside on island or in any Alaskan community or U.S. city.
- [Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska – Higher Education](#)
- [Tanana Chiefs Conference TCC – Higher Education](#)

California Tribes

- [The Wi'áaşal \(Great Oak\) Future Leaders Scholarship Fund – For most enrolled California Tribal Members](#) - Established in 2019, The Wi'áaşal (Great Oak) Future Leaders Scholarship Fund was born out of the longstanding traditions, values, and vision of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians – who have demonstrated their commitment to education and economic development, time and time again. Today, their impact is expanded through the Wi'áaşal (Great Oak) Future Leaders Scholarship, which provides greatly needed support to Native students across the state of California.

The Wi'áaşal (Great Oak) Future Leaders Scholarship Fund is open to most enrolled California tribal members.

Up to \$20,000 is available each year to students seeking vocational, associates or bachelors degrees at any accredited, nonprofit college, university or vocational program.

Eligibility:

- *Enrolled in a certificate, associate or bachelor's degree program at an accredited, non-profit college or university*
- *Full-time enrollment*
- *Registered as an enrolled member of an eligible California tribe (see list on website)*

Other U. S. Tribes

- **Apache –**
 - [San Carlos Apache Tribe - Higher Education](#)
- **Blackfeet Nation -**
 - [Blackfeet Nation Higher Education](#) - Scroll down the directory to Higher Education for contact information
- **Cherokee Nation**
 - [Cherokee Nation Higher Education](#) – Scholarship applications open March 1, 2024 and close June 15, 2024
 - [Cherokee Nation College Resources Information](#)
- **Chickasaw Nation –**
 - [Higher Education Grants, Scholarships and Incentives](#)
- **Choctaw Nation**
 - [Choctaw Nation – Higher Education](#)
 - [Chahta Foundation Scholarships](#) - Discover Chahta Foundation scholarships available to Choctaw students. The Chahta Foundation connects students with funding from the Chahta Foundation, Choctaw Nation and third party organizations that help cover college expenses. Many scholarships listed. One application. Unlimited opportunity. This universal application process automatically matches you with every scholarship you qualify for. Application date – Open: January 15th / Close: March 31st
- [Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes – Higher Education](#)
- [Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Higher Education](#)
- [Fort Peck Tribes Higher Education](#) - Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribe – Scroll down the directory to Education
- [Hopi Tribe Grants & Scholarships Program](#)
- [La Jolla Band of Luseno Indians Higher Education](#)

- **Minnesota Chippewa Tribe** – Education Division Scholarship Information – Each enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe should contact the band where they are enrolled for application and information. Contact information is included on this site for the following bands –
 - Bois Forte/Nett Lake
 - Fond du Lac
 - Grand Portage
 - Leech Lake
 - Mille Lacs
 - White Earth
- **Navajo Nation**
 - **Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance**
- **Northern Cheyenne Higher Education Scholarship Program** - Northern Cheyenne Nation scholarship program, higher education, job placement and training
- **Osage Nation Higher Education Scholarships**
- **Potawatomi Nation Higher Education**
 - **Potawatomi Nation Higher Education Informational Brochure**
- **Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians – Higher Education**
- **Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Higher Education Scholarships** - Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Specific Colleges

- **Arizona State University – Center for Indian Education** - Throughout its 60-plus-year history, the Center for Indian Education has led research, teacher training, community outreach, policy advisement, leadership development, counseling, and capacity building to promote local Indigenous education justice efforts and enhance Indigenous education outcomes nationally.
- **Bacone College** - Bacone College is the nation's oldest American Indian institution of higher learning and the oldest higher education institution in Oklahoma. Furthermore, **Bacone is the most affordable university option for American Indian students in the State of Oklahoma.** No institution of higher education has a longer standing connection to the education of American Indian people than Bacone College!
- **Fort Lewis College – Durango, Colorado.** Native American Scholarships and Tuition Waiver **Qualified Native American students can attend Fort Lewis College tuition free.** However, they are still responsible for paying their student fees, room, and board expenses, purchasing books, and any other educational expenses they may have.
- **Montana State University Tribal Homelands Waiver (Non-Resident)** The Tribal Homelands Waiver significantly reduces the amount of out-of-state tuition and is available to eligible Native American students who are not Montana residents. Recipients of the Tribal Homelands Scholarship **pay the in-state tuition rate**; the out-of-state tuition portion is paid by the scholarship.
- **NYU – New York University – Lenape Scholarship** - In honor of the Lenape people and their lands on which New York University was founded, the Lenape Scholarship will be awarded to applicants with a demonstrated participation in or engagement with Native American culture and communities regardless of tribal membership. Preference will be given to members of the Lenape tribal nation, which students may self-certify.
- **University of Colorado – Boulder First Nations Scholarship** - The University of Colorado Boulder recognizes the history and significance of how the plains and mountain tribes and cultures have shaped our state. We foster and support native culture through scholarships, academic programs, research, events and celebration of native contributions.

CU Boulder offers a limited number of scholarships to academically promising new first-year students who are members of a [federally recognized](#) tribe. For those who are a member of one of the [48 tribes with historical and present ties to Colorado](#), we also offer [in-state tuition rates](#) whether you are a resident of Colorado or not. Must submit a completed application for admission no later than January 15th.

Tacoma Area College, Trade/Vocation School Resources

- **Tacoma Community College** – From our long tradition of education South Sound students to our affordability and high-quality programs, there are many reasons why TCC makes sense for you. Since 1965, TCC has offered students the opportunity to receive top-notch college education close to home-and at an affordable cost. We've educated more than 500,000 students since we started, adding programs, expanding our campus and ensuring that we grow right along with our students.
 - **Scholarships**
 - **TCC Foundation Scholarships** - With a TCC Foundation scholarship, you can pay for tuition and fees without having to take on a loan. Each year over 200 scholarships, totaling more than \$450,000, are awarded to TCC students to help with the cost of school. A TCC Foundation scholarship is a gift, not a loan, so you won't have to worry about paying it back. Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 academic year will be accepted starting January 1, 2024 and the **deadline is March 31, 2024**. It's simple: To apply, login to [Award Spring](#) and create a profile. You'll then be asked to complete a one-page application, include one reference, upload your transcript, and answer two essay questions. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required to be eligible.

- **Pierce College** – With an education from Pierce College, your possibilities are limitless. Earn your associate's degree. Get on the fast track to transferring to a four-year school. Earn a professional or technical certification in a number of high-demand career fields. Or, become a lifelong learner with our continuing education opportunities.
 - **Pierce College Foundation Grants and Scholarships**

- **University of Washington Tacoma** –

“UW Tacoma is one of three campuses that make up the University of Washington: the 156-year-old Seattle campus, and the Tacoma and Bothell campuses, both founded in 1990. We offer many of the same educational qualities as our sister universities — a vibrant campus setting; top-drawer faculty known for their teaching ability; a rigorous, interdisciplinary curriculum; and high standards of social responsibility.”

“At UW Tacoma, students learn in small classes, getting to know their faculty while participating in research and service projects. First-year students complete an innovative core curriculum, which blends different fields of study into interdisciplinary classes. Courses might mix art and ecology, or business and social science. The result is a rich learning environment where students are encouraged to challenge themselves.”

The University of Washington American Indian Studies Minor - Grounded by a strong commitment to the histories, representations, and political struggles of Indigenous peoples, the intellectual focus of the American Indian Studies minor will use interdisciplinary methods of critical inquiry as a means through which students engage research and scholarship in their major fields of studies.

- **Evergreen State College** –
 - **Olympia Campus**
 - **Tacoma Campus**
 - **Evergreen State College – Native Pathways Program**

Native American and Indigenous Studies at Evergreen is an interdisciplinary field that examines the histories, cultures, politics, and contemporary experiences of Indigenous peoples in the Northwest and beyond. Founded upon visionary leadership and long-term relationships between Pacific Northwest tribes and Evergreen, programs in Native studies embrace indigenous knowledge as a field of multidisciplinary study. Faculty develop culturally relevant curriculum that strengthens the college's connection to indigenous peoples of the United States, Canada, Aotearoa, and the Pacific Rim. Classes take place both on the Olympia campus and at area tribal centers.

- **Washington State University** –
 - **WSU Scholarships for Native American Students**
 - **State, Regional, and National Scholarships for Native American Students**

Tribal College Finder

- **American Indian College Fund – Tribal Colleges & Universities**

“For nearly 50 years, Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) have provided a path for American Indian students to access a higher education and the opportunities it provides. TCUs allow Native students to take their first steps towards earning a degree on or near the reservation communities they call home. In addition to receiving an accredited higher education, students thrive in a learning environment in which the culture, traditions, and experiences of Native people are woven into the DNA of the institutions—providing a space for them to learn and be understood.”
Tribal College Map and Finder
- **Tribal College Journal of American Indian Higher Education**
Tribal College Map and Finder
- **Northwest Indian College**

With its main campus located on the Lummi Indian Reservation in Washington State, 20 miles south of the Canadian border, Northwest Indian College is the only accredited tribal college serving the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. NWIC grew from the Lummi Indian School of Aquaculture, founded in 1973, a single-purpose training program developed to prepare technicians for employment in Indian-owned and operated fish and shellfish hatcheries throughout the United States and Canada.
Locations: In addition to the main campus, located on the Lummi Reservation, the College has six full service extended campus sites located at Muckleshoot, Nez Perce, Nisqually, Port Gamble S’Klallam, Swinomish, and Tulalip.

Winds of Change – The Top 200 Colleges for Indigenous Students

- **Winds of Change – The Top 200 Colleges for Indigenous Students** - Use this list of 200 colleges and universities to research where Indigenous students are going to school in significant numbers and where the community, Native programs, and support are strong enough for these students to enjoy college and stay on to graduation.
 - **Computer / laptop version**
 - **Mobile-friendly version**

RESUMES, COVER LETTERS, & JOB APPLICATIONS

- **Free Online Resume Builder – Resume.org** is your go-to destination for writing a resume, offering:
 - An innovative resume-builder app with AI and expert support

- Professionally designed templates and examples from certified resume writers
- Insights and tips from experienced recruiters

Our app guides you in creating an outstanding resume by highlighting essential keywords and showcasing your skills effectively.

- **Resume Templates** – ResumeTemplates.com offers a wide variety of free, customizable templates. You can download a resume template free as a PDF, DOCX, or Google Docs file.
- **Resume Builder *** - A Quick and Easy Way to Create Your Professional Resume. 30+ Professional Resume Templates Choose from over thirty modern and professional templates. All of which can be customized to your liking. Fast and Easy to Use Our resume builder lets you easily and quickly create a resume using our resume wizard. Resume Builder's free resources and tools aim to help high schoolers create resumes that can frame their current life experiences in a way that highlights them as well rounded, quality individuals for their college and scholarship applications. ***To download a PDF version of your resume, there is a fee**
 - [High School Resume Examples](#)
 - [Create a Resume](#)
 - [How to Write a Cover Letter](#)
- **How to Apply for a Job** – Glassdoor.com - A guide for navigating each step of the job application process
- **Entry-Level Interviewing Success** from CollegeGrad.com
 - Interview Preparation
 - Mastering the Interview
 - On-Campus Interview
 - Phone Interview
 - Company-Site Interview
- **10 Tough Interview Questions and 10 Great Answers** from CollegeGrad.com

EXPLORE CAREERS

- **Washington Career Bridge** – Find the education & training you need to get the job you want
 - Explore careers – Which careers fit your interests? Take a quiz.
 - View job trends – Which jobs are in demand?
 - Find education – How programs perform?
- **Workforce Central Career Pathways** – Explore your career options -
Whether you're new to the job market or looking for a fresh start after years in the same line of work, Pierce County is full of career path options that offer more than just a pay- check. Explore the industries below to learn about different job types and how you can grow your skill set to earn more over the course of your career.
- **Tacoma Public Schools – Explore College & Career Pathways**
 - [Apprenticeships](#)
 - [Armed Services](#)
 - [Technical College](#)
 - [College](#)
 - [Direct to Work](#)

- **U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics – Explore Careers** – includes -
 - Occupational Outlook Handbook
 - Career Information for Students
 - Career Outlook
 - And more!

- **WA Career Paths** - There are so many great career and education resources in Washington State, it would be easy to get lost trying to find the best one for you. Whether you are still in high school, changing careers, or getting back into the workforce, WA Career Paths is designed to quickly connect you to the best resources on YOUR road to success.
 - [Find a job or career](#)
 - [Find education or training](#)
 - [Career exploration](#)
 - [Explore career roadmaps](#)

- **Department of Labor – Indian and Native American Programs** - Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 166 grantees and the Department of Labor share a vision of providing quality employment and training services to tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian controlled organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations serving unemployed and low-income Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

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