Truman D. Picard Scholarship Announcement

For Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students

Submit Online

Submission Deadline: Friday, **January 22, 2027**, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Early Submission Incentive: Complete applications received by Friday**, January 8, 2027**, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time will earn **one (1) additional point** toward the final application score (**maximum score: 25 points**).

The **Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program** is dedicated to supporting Native American students pursuing higher education in Natural Resources. Preference is given to students whose degree or area of study directly involves management of Forest Resources or Fire. The $4,000 award is contingent upon college and graduate students being accepted in a Forestry or Fire program.

Award Categories and Accepted Majors:

College Students, Graduate Students & Graduating College Seniors (Applying/Accepted For Graduate School)

- **$4,000** — Eligible majors: **Forestry or Fire**
- **$3,000** — Must be majoring in **Natural Resources**

Graduating High School Seniors (Applying/Accepted for College)

- **$2,000** — Eligible majors: **Natural Resources, Forestry, or Fire**

Status Requirements:

- Full-time college students enrolled in **12 or more credits**
- Graduate college students enrolled in **6 or more credits**
- Graduating high school seniors entering full-time college **(12 or more credits)**

Award: The number of awards varies each year. **Funds** are issued in **summer 2027** to support students for **fall 2027.** Awards cannot be deferred to the following year.

Requirements: Selected recipients must **upload an acceptance video** according to **Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) instructions** and **deadlines**. Videos will be shown during the **Annual Awards Banquet** and shared on **social media**.

View last year's YouTube videos **@intertribaltimbercouncil**: https://youtu.be/_4UhsOD-xlo?si=rTPIHHT3ZEfxu5ZS

Financial Aid Agreements

The ITC has cooperative financial aid agreements with the **University of Washington, Oregon State University, Salish Kootenai College,** and **Yale University**. Picard Scholarship recipients attending one of these institutions are eligible for additional scholarships, including tuition waivers.

For more info visit the ITC website at www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html or contact the colleges directly.

About Truman D. Picard (1946-1986)

The ITC established this scholarship program in honor of Truman D. Picard, who served on the ITC Board from 1982–1985. He attended the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University while working for the BIA Colville Presales program and became one of the first from the agency to complete the program.

In 1977, Truman transferred to Colville Tribal Forestry as a Supervisory Forest Technician overseeing woods operations, later advancing to Assistant Supervisor of Forestry Operations. Driven to complete his education, he returned to Oregon State University and earned a B.S. in Forest Management, subsequently becoming Colville Forestry Director.

Truman's legacy is defined by his efforts to strengthen collaboration between BIA Forestry and Colville Tribal Forestry, improving forest management across the reservation—work that continues to be remembered and honored today.

Truman D. Picard Scholarship Checklist

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Online Application

☐ **Complete the form at** https://ezfd.app/a9db86/picard-2027 **and upload all required documents.** No account is required. The form will not save your progress; therefore, you must have all required documents prior to starting the application. The Education Committee will review and rank applicants who completely address each section.

- Name, Tribe, email, phone, best method for contacting you, and permanent mailing address
- Award category, school you are currently enrolled in or applied/accepted to, major category, declared major, school you will attend in fall 2027, expected graduation date, full-time status requirement, and GPA

Required Documents

☐ **Write a 1–2-page essay** discussing the following **three (3) questions**. Be specific and avoid using AI to write.

1. Academic interest in Forestry, Wildland Fire Management, and/or Natural Resources
2. Commitment to education, community, and your culture
3. Financial need

☐ **Resume**

☐ **You must provide three (3) letters of reference on letterhead, signed,** and **dated** (read requirements carefully).

- If no letterhead is available through the reference's organization, they must create their own.
- Digital and electronic signature accepted. Typed signatures designed to look handwritten are not accepted.
- The letter must be dated within the last six months.
- Open any sealed documents, if applicable. Reference letters are not accepted directly from referrals.
- Forged documents are strictly prohibited. If any materials are found to be inauthentic, you will not be allowed to apply for future scholarships. Letters cannot be recycled from previous scholarships.
- Referrals should address letters as follows:

  Education Committee
  Intertribal Timber Council
  PO Box 11790
  Portland, OR 97211

☐ **Evidence of validated enrollment or descendant enrollment in a federally recognized Tribe or Alaska Native Corporation,** as established by the U.S. Government. Proof of parent enrollment or birth certificate is NOT accepted; applicant must submit a copy of the applicant's enrollment.

- Accepted documents include a copy of applicant's enrollment card or descendant card, front and back;
- Or completed BIA Form 4432 Verification of Indian Preference for Employment https://bit.ly/BIAForm4432.

☐ **Transcripts and GPA:** ALL students must include unofficial or official transcripts.

- **High school students** must provide a **college acceptance letter** and **class schedule** to verify before a check is released.
- **College students** must provide proof of their **declared major and current class schedule**.

☐ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA):** ALL students must complete the FASFA and the Submission Summary. If it has not been completed, include last year's report. **View your FAFSA Submission Summary** by logging in to your StudentAid.gov account Dashboard at https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing, select your processed FAFSA submission from the "My Activity" section, and click "View FAFSA Submission Summary" or contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 and request a mailed copy (10–14 days).

☐ **Submission Deadline:** Applications must be submitted **before** the close of business (5:00 p.m. Pacific Time) Friday, **January 22, 2027**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

☐ **Questions:** Contact the ITC office by email intertribaltimbercouncil@gmail.com or by phone (503) 282-4296.