



May 19, 2026

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS (CTWS) HIGHER EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS:

Attached are the 2026-2027 Guidelines and Application for CTWS Tribal Scholarship. Please read the guidelines carefully and make sure the application is filled completely. Incomplete or illegible applications will be returned and may delay funding.

New to CTWS Higher Education is a \$1200 annual scholarship to be paid in increments throughout the academic year. All students will qualify for this if they meet all the attached guidelines. Payments will be mailed after students are in compliance with the application. Please note that you are required to complete and confirm with documentation, the FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>), the Oregon Tribal Student grant (<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/oregon-tribal-student-grant/>) and a minimum of five other scholarships.

The Higher Education Staff are committed to helping you in any way possible to make your transition to college life a little easier and to ensure successful completion. Success depends on your commitment to cooperate and to communicate with us.

The deadline for the Educational Scholarship is **June 30, 2026**. If you have any questions please call Gerald Smith, Higher Education Coordinator-553-3311 or gerald.smith@wstribes.org.

Sincerely,

5/21/26

Valerie Switzler, General Manager, Education Department
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Higher Education Scholarship Application 2026-2027

Please complete all questions and attach appropriate documents to this application. If you do not comply with or meet the deadline date, your application will be incomplete and cannot be reviewed.

Full Name _____ Date _____

Date of Birth					
CTWS Enrollment #					
Mailing Address					
City, State, Zip Code					
Phone Number					
Email Address					
Male Female	Single	Married	Number of dependents		
High School Name and Year Graduated or GED Certificate with scores					
Name of College/Technical School, Address and Phone Number					
Major					
Academic Year	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Graduate
Projected Start Date:	Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ (Based on availability of funding and academic status)				

Student Checklist

No financial payments provided without required documentation to CTWS Higher Education

Name _____ Date _____

- ☐ Official High School Transcript and copy of Diploma or GED with test scores
- ☐ Apply for FAFSA and submit Confirmation Number and Award letter
- ☐ Apply for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant with confirmation
- ☐ Apply for five other scholarships and copies of denial or confirmation letters
- ☐ Copy of your college/university/technical school acceptance letter
- ☐ Personal Statement on your educational and career goals with signature and date.
- ☐ College Transcripts are due at the completion of each term/semester. Official Transcripts are due at the completion of Spring Quarter/Semester.
- ☐ Provide a copy of the students' next quarter/semester classes.
- ☐ Projected Graduation Date Term/Year
- ☐ Tribal Enrollment Verification Form
- ☐ Complete and signed Needs Analysis Statement from Financial Aid Office.

After Graduation Checklist

- ☐ Submit a copy of your Associate's Degree
- ☐ Submit a copy of your Bachelor's Degree
- ☐ Submit a copy of your Vocational Certificate/Diploma

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT ON EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS: Outline your educational and career goals. Describe how you plan on accomplishing these goals, including steps you've taken to work towards these goals. State any relevant work experience and academic preparation. Letters of Reference may be submitted.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Student's Full Name

Permission is granted to the CTWS Higher Education Department to request information that includes grade report, official transcripts of my academic record, financial information and other information deemed necessary. 2) Print my name in the tribal local newspaper/newsletter/social media and on a published master graduate listing
3) Provide a report on Student Name/Major/Name of College to supervisor, S/T-COO, Education Committee and Tribal Council
4) Provide approved information to Credit, Human Resources, Comp and Benefits and IHS Health and Wellness Center

To release information/documents/check to:

- Parent's Names: _____
- Guardian Name: _____
- Spouse Name: _____
- Another Name: _____

Tribal Scholarship Application Release of Information

I Hereby Authorize Registrar's Office of:

College/University Name: _____:

Student Full Name: _____

Tribal ID or Social Security Number: _____

Student Signature and Date: _____

STUDENT CONTRACT

1. I have received a copy of the guidelines governing the CTWS Tribal Education Scholarship and agree to follow such guidelines as I pursue my Higher Education Degree. In accepting funding from the CTWS Tribal Education Higher Education Department, I agree to join in a partnership with CTWS Higher Education and will follow the rules governing the program.
2. I understand that, as a student, I must apply for the FAFSA, Oregon Student Tribal Grant and at least five other scholarships and submit confirmation or denial award letters to the Higher Education Office. Out-of-State students must apply for seven other scholarships and submit confirmation or denial letters.
3. I agree to communicate with Higher Education once per quarter/semester to update records and discuss changes and progress.
4. I agree to provide the Higher Education Department with a copy of my transcripts at the end of each quarter/semester of study. I further agree to provide a full official transcript or e-transcript at the completion of the academic year. Failure to do so may delay or suspend subsequent awards and may affect my eligibility.
5. I agree to submit after graduation/completion of my educational degree a copy of degree/diploma with official transcripts.

I understand that as a Tribal Scholarship Recipient, I am required to meet Tribal Minimum Academic Standards each term. These include:

First Year Student completion of 12 credits per quarter/ 8 credits per semester with a minimum of 2.25 GPA.

All other students must complete 15 credits per quarter/10 credits per semester with a minimum of 2.25 GPA.

Some athletic or post-degree programs may have different requirements; please contact the Higher Education Program Coordinator to provide this information and for questions.

Funding will be for a maximum of fifteen (15) quarters or ten (10) semesters with a minimum of a 2.25 GPA.

Graduate students shall maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Master's Program: Funding will be for a maximum of nine (9) quarters or six (6) semesters.

Doctorate's Program: there is NO funding available for Doctorate's Degrees.

Vocational/Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs:

It is important that a career choice be seriously considered when requesting financial assistance for Vocational/Apprenticeship programs. This program is **ONE TIME ONLY** funding. Students who are funded for vocational education are not eligible for additional funding in other fields. Funding will be considered for related fields (upgrading to existing certification).

Tribal Distance Learning Programs part-time/online

The Distance Learning/On-line is for Full-time permanent employees and community members and coordinates through the tribal distance education and partnerships. (Intended for employees who are close to obtaining a degree.)

- Employees who wish to seek funding are required to initially meet with their director to outline educational goals.
- A personal education plan will be developed at the initial meeting and finalized as student progresses toward completion of degree.
- Maximum 3-6 credit hours.
- Department will be required to provide matching funds for employees' educational expenses.
- Employees must have written agreement signed by supervisor and submitted to Higher Education.
- An invoice for purchased book(s), original receipts or an e-receipt is required.
- Funding for part-time employees is not intended to replace departmental training funds.

Probation: Failure to meet minimum academic standards.

If you fail to meet Tribal Minimum Academic Standards while on probation, you will be placed on Academic Suspension.

Academic Suspension: If you fail to meet Tribal Minimum Academic Standards while on probation, you will be placed on Academic Suspension. Failure to use Tribal funding for specified educational purposes is cause for Automatic Academic Suspension and probation is not available. For example, if you accept Tribal Monies but do not enroll, do not attend, earn 0 credits or 0.00 GPA

Academic Suspension Regaining Eligibility Status: Students on Academic Probation/Suspension may regain eligibility status by:

- Meeting the Higher Education Coordinator and developing a Personal Education Plan immediately after Academic Probation and/or Suspension.
- Must self-fund 12 quarter credits if Freshmen or 15 quarter credits above Freshmen status with 2.25 GPA or higher.
- Must submit grades/official transcripts.

Repeated misuse of funding will result in a one-year suspension of any monies.

Hardship Withdrawal: If you cease attending classes because of a death in your immediate family (Spouse, Father, Mother, Grandparents, Son, Daughter, Sister, Brother) you must contact the Higher Education Office immediately to discuss your circumstances and possible continuation of tribal financial assistance. Extreme Medical Conditions- Student will be required to submit medical verification for withdrawal and submit a release to return to class.

I understand that if I withdraw or have a 0.00 GPA and/or zero credit in any term for insufficient reasons. I will refund the CTWS Tribal Scholarship. I agree to repay the CTWS Higher Education Scholarship fund for all monies advanced to me if it is determined that I am obligated to, due to failure to complete a college/vocational program.

I understand that the accounts receivable policies of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs govern repayment of delinquent accounts. Repayment must be fully completed before any consideration is made for any CTWS scholarship assistance.

Any Student Loans acquired are the responsibility of the student. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will bear no responsibility for repayments.

I am responsible for any Federal income tax liability for educational assistance.

I have read and understood all the above information and agree with the conditions set forth. Any deliberate submission of false information or omission of relevant information will be grounds for immediate suspension from the CTWS Higher Education Program for a period of two (2) years. I will be obligated to reimburse the CTWS Higher Education Department any monies that I received by submitting a false application.

I understand that my CTWS tribal scholarship amount is \$1200 for the academic year. \$400 per quarter or \$600 per semester will be sent directly to the student after all required documentation has been received by the Higher Education Department. The scholarship funds must be applied towards the cost of tuition and fees first and any remaining funds may be disbursed for student academic needs.

Printed Name of Student: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature (if under 18 years of age)

Date: _____

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Education Administration

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Higher Education

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1110 Wasco St, PO Box C
Warm Springs, OR 97761
Office: 541-553-3311
FAX: 541-553-2203

Education Committee

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Education Committee
1233 Veterans Way, PO Box C
Warm Springs, OR 97761
Tribal Council Office: 541-553-3257
Tribal Council FAX: 541-553-2241

Medical/Dental Assistance

Please contact the Managed Care Program if there are any questions regarding medical coverage.

ATTN: Managed Care Program
1270 Kot-Num, PO Box 1620
Warm Springs, OR 97761
Call: 1-800-880-2499 or 541-553-4948
FAX: 541-553-2476



Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon
PO Box C
Warm Springs, OR 97761
Phone: 541-553-1161
Fax: 541-553-1924

NEEDS ANALYSIS SUMMARY (NAS) 2026-2027

1) THIS BOX TO BE FILLED OUT AND SIGN BY STUDENT

Print Student Name	
Student Soc. Sec. # or College ID #	
Student Mailing Address	
I Hereby authorized (name of College/University)	
To Release to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Higher Education, Warm Springs, OR 97761, information that may be requested, including grants, scholarships, tuition waiver, grade reports, official transcripts of my academic record, financial information, and other information deemed necessary for the 2026-2027 school year.	
Student Signature:	Date:

2) THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

ANNUAL COST OF ATTENDANCE		ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, ECT.	
Tuition	\$	Pell Grant	\$
Fees	\$	Oregon Opportunity	\$
Books	\$	State Need Grant	\$
Room/Dorms/area	\$	Athletic scholarship	\$
Meals	\$	Tuition Waiver	\$
Transportation	\$	2024-25 Oregon Tribal Grant	\$
Personal	\$	Scholarship	\$
Misc	\$	Scholarship	\$

Comments:

College		Address	
City, State, Zip:		Website address	
Phone #		Fax #	
Signature & Title		Date	

3) Financial Aid Officer after completing return to:

Gerald L. Smith, Higher Education Coordinator

1110 Wasco Street, PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761

Phone: (541) 553-3311 Fax: (541) 553-2203 or email to gerald.smith@wstribes.org ;

Valerie.Switzler@wstribes.org





Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Office of Student Access and Completion

3225 25th Street SE

Salem, OR 97302

www.oregon.gov/HigherEd

www.OregonStudentAid.gov

STUDENT COMPLETE THIS SECTION

After completing the top portion of this form, please submit it to your tribe's office of enrollment for verification of enrollment. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Office of Student Access and Completion will only share membership verification status information with eligible Oregon colleges or universities for the purpose of determining eligibility and awarding for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant.

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Former Name(s): _____

Address/City/State/Zip Code: _____

Birthdate: _____ Tribal Enrollment Number, if known: _____

"I authorize my tribal office to release my tribal information to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Office of Student Access and Completion for the purposes of determining eligibility for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION

To be completed by tribe's office of enrollment

ENROLLMENT OFFICER COMPLETE THIS SECTION

The above named student is applying for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant from the Office of Student Access and Completion, an office of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. OSAC is requesting verification of tribal enrollment from your office. Please return this form within 2 weeks of receiving it from the student. OSAC reserves the right to validate all enrollments.

Name of Tribe: THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS RES OF OREGON

Is this applicant an enrolled member of the tribe? Yes ☐ No ☐

**Please do not supply blood quantum or CDIB or roll numbers. We only need verification of enrollment.*

Enrollment Officer Name (please print): Lucille Suppah

Address: _____ Title: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Date: _____

Office Phone: () _____ Office Email: lucille.suppah@wstribes.org

Supplying an email allows us to send an electronic version of this form directly to the enrollment office, if acceptable.

_____ Initial here if you would like to participate in OSAC's electronic verification system in the future.

Signature: _____

If applicable, affix the tribal seal here:

Completed forms can be submitted by:

- The student through the OSAC Student Portal
- Emailed as an attachment to PublicPrograms@hecc.oregon.gov
- Mailed to the Office of Student Access and Completion, 3225 25th Street SE, Salem, OR 97302

Date received at OSAC: _____

Oregon Tribal Student Grant

Funding is now available for undergraduate and graduate student college costs for enrolled members of:

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Klamath Tribes

Eligibility

The **Oregon Tribal Student Grant** is available to new and existing students. Eligibility requirements are:

- Must be an enrolled member of an Oregon federally recognized tribe
- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an Oregon college or university
- Working towards earning first associate, bachelor's or graduate degree

Application

- Complete a grant application
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA)
- Priority consideration for applications and FAFSA/ORSAA received by August 1st at 5pm
- See website for additional information

Funding is available for the 2022-2023 academic year for undergraduate and graduate students. Grant renewal is dependent on funding being allocated for the 2023-2024 academic year by the Oregon State Legislature.

Awards

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is expected to pay for most or all public college-related expenses not covered by other grants for students pursuing their first **Associate, Bachelor's, or Graduate degree**. Award amounts will vary depending on where the student attends school and the degree pursuing.

Undergraduate Public Colleges or Universities:

Award will be calculated based on the Average Cost of Attendance (COA) reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships

Undergraduate Private Universities:

Award will be calculated based on the average COA at the highest cost public university reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships

Undergraduate Other Private Institutions:

Award will be calculated based on the average COA at the highest cost public community college reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships

Graduate Student Awards:

Award will be calculated based on the average undergraduate COA at the highest cost public institution reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships

Award amounts cannot exceed the student's actual cost of attendance.

