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#### HIGHER ED FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- Complete Higher Ed Application.
- Provide proof of enrollment as a Tulalip Tribal member.
- Provide High School Diploma or GED If you do not have either you must sign a 6 month agreement.
- Running start students must provide a letter from their high school counselor.
- Provide results of Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) annually. http://www.fafsa.edu.gov.
- Provide a complete educational program plan of courses for your degree from the college/institution.
- Goal letter—State your academic goals and how you plan to achieve those goals and projected outcomes.
- Must sign the agreement acknowledging receipt and understanding of the Higher Education Policy regarding student responsibilities and probationary status.
- Class schedule.
- Tuition invoice from college/institution.
- Diving or other (physical requirement) certificate program Proper documentation must be provided.
- Room & Board—students must provide a lease agreement and W-9 from landlord and live 35 miles from home.

This documentation must be provided to Higher Ed staff at least two (2) weeks prior to school start date.

## Essential elements required

on schedules, grades & tuition invoices

- Name of School
- Term: i.e. SPRING 2016
- Student Name
- SID#: Your student ID number

(Finance requires this information as back up for check order.)

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## **Education Empowers**

Knowledge empowers! Education means more than acquiring knowledge. It gives people the means to develop personally. Even Chief Seattle, Duwamish (1780-1866) knew the power of purpose that education gives you. He said , "When you know who you are; when your mis-

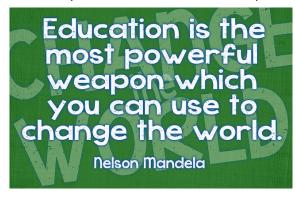
sion is clear and you burn with the inner fire of unbreakable will; no cold can touch your heart; no deluge can dampen your purpose. You know that you are alive." In fact, education is that important. It can be that empowering force in your life.



Education is the condition that has to be engaged in before political development, democracy and social justice can occur. We saw this condition occur in our own republic 200 years ago during our country's Revolutionary period.

Education provides economic benefits not only to us but also benefits society. Well educated citizens become better equipped with knowledge and skills to perform higher level employment roles. Other benefits of education include improved health, more stable families, improved environments and lower crime rates.

People with higher levels of education tend to get jobs with better benefit plans. Education also improves a person's ability to build successful relationships.





## **Unclaimed Scholarships**



Millions of dollars in scholarships go unclaimed each year. This may seem unbelievable but it is true. As a student, you are probably worrying about how to make your dollars stretch? Are you working to make ends meet? Well, this might be the answer to your prayers.

Students throughout the nation often assume that there are not any scholarship dollars available to them. It could be that they are looking in the wrong direction. There are many scholarships that are off the beaten path and are not found in a simple scholarship search.

It's is not easy and there is work involved. However, the return on your investment of time can result in thousands of **EXTRA** dollars for college. Students always have a choice to work a minimum wage job for extra cash or letting your fingers search out the money you need. How about spending the extra time on your studies and not incurring more debt? Those are additional benefits.

Most of the unused scholarships are not traditional in terms of how you qualify. They are looking for unique characteristics and your favorite hobbies rather than top grades, sports etc. I just ran across a golf scholarship which would probably interest lots of students. Readers will want to check out the American Library Association and your local Friends of the Library groups for scholarship opportunities.

Why not look at the bizarre and see if there is a scholarship available for you.

If you look at less than popular interests or family roots which are unique and different, a scholarship may be in the offing. Just the act of being born entitles you to many of those unclaimed scholarship dollars. How about being sons and daughters of various backgrounds. Here is a couple of interesting examples, daughters of US Navy Submariners, children of military parents and one particular field of study or another. A number of unclaimed scholarships are sponsored by ethnic heritages or nationalities for their descendants.

The Mary Francis Beckley Scholarship Foundation has a scholarship for being left-handed. It is weird but wonderful, just let your mind wander and you will most likely find a scholarship in that direction. Look for the obscure! The possibilities are endless. So if you take pleasure in model building, ham radio operation, bird watching, gardening or even basket weaving you can also enjoy the benefits of free money to pay for college.

A lot of times students are so busy trying to juggle school and work that they do not really have any time left over to do these searches. So the dollars are left unclaimed.



If you like the sound of free coins jingling into your pockets, try googling for those off beat scholarships. And if you are having some difficulties figuring out the right direction to look in ... call us at the Higher ED Department. We can help point the way.

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## FAFSA 2017 –18 Student Aid Report

#### FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID is limited.

Submit your FAFSA 2017-18 between October 1, 2016 - February 1, 2017 (www.fafsa.gov). Please send a PDF copy of your STUDENT AID REPORT 2017-18 to Higher ED.

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