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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
- Running start students must provide a letter from their high school counselor on school letterhead.
- 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 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.
- Change in Higher ED Policy: All students will receive Books & Tuition. Students 18—25 years of age (born between 1995—2002) will receive in addition stipend and room & board if eligible.

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

The fillable Higher ED Required Documents are located at: www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/Dept/HigherEducation

Essential elements required

on schedules, grades & tuition invoices

- Student Name
- SID#: Your student ID number
- Name of School
- Term: i.e. FALL 2020

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

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7 Things You Need Before You fill out the 2021-22 FAFSA® Form

https://blog.ed.gov/2018/09/7-things-you-need-2019-20-fafsa/

The 2021-22 FAFSA will become available on October 1, 2020. This is for the award year which begins July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Student desiring Tulalip Tribes Higher Education Funding must fill out the free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. You should fill out the application as soon as possible on or after **Oct. 1** at the official government site: **www.fafsa.gov**.

It will be easier to complete the form if you gather the documents you need ahead of time. Below is what you will need.

OCTOBER 1

when application opens

first come, first serve

Best to fill out the

FAFSA sooner rather

than later.

- 1. Your FSA ID*
 (your username & password)
- 2. Your Social Security Number
- 3. Your driver's license number
- 4. Your 2019 tax records
- 5. Records of your untaxed income
- 6. Records of your assets (money) includes savings, checking account and the value of investments such as stocks, bonds and real estate (but not the home in which your family lives).
- **7.** List of the school(s) you are interested in attending. To be considered for state aid, list your in state schools first.

The Student Aid Report must be provided to Higher Ed staff at least <u>two (2) weeks prior to school start date</u>.

Early Eligibility Indicator Tool: *FAFS4CASTER FAFSA4caster* helps a potential applicant/student determine what is their estimated federal student aid eligibility. It also helps students understand their options for paying for college. Learn about *FAFSA4caster* at StudentAid.gov/ understand-aid/estimate.





Based on surveys of students at large public universities in the United States, as sited in the Journal of Public Economics, the impact of Covid-19 on higher education shows, numerous negative effects in many general areas. "Due to Covid-19: 13% of students have delayed graduation, 40% lost a job, internship, or job offer, and 29% expect to earn less at age 35." In addition, lower income students are more likely to experience delayed graduation compared to higher income students.

Making the switch to virtual online classes had to be done quickly by teachers this past Spring 2020. Teachers had to transition their in-class instruction to an online format in a mere couple of weeks due to the rapid spread of Covid-19 and sheltering at home, mandated by most states.

From the students point of view, some had already been utilizing some online instruction, so this is not new to them. However, a lot students really miss that face to face interaction with fellow students and their teachers.

Abroad study students were immediately sent home in the middle of their term, as the transmission of the virus gained steadily across the world and international borders were closing. In other cases, many students have been stuck in other countries, unable to go home worrying about spreading the virus to older parents.

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How is the pandemic effecting degree programs? We have heard that students have not been able to complete their research for their dissertation. Students studying the natural sciences, medicine, dentistry and engineering do not have access to the needed for research, since the schools are either closed or in a wait and see moment depending if the virus explodes in the fall of this year. In addition, libraries and archives are inaccessible during the pandemic. And during this crazy time, even if you graduate, are you able to get a job in your field?



All the changes created by the virus have had a significant impact on fall enrollment across the nation. High school students who were planning to go

away to school have had second thoughts and are either attending community colleges close to home, engaging in distance learning at state universities and colleges or have decided to put school on hold for the time being.

Schools have been forced to limit the number of courses they are teaching. This is causing concern for students wondering if they will be able to get the classes they need to graduate in a timely manner.

The answer to all questions really depends on if and when we can get a handle on the virus by everyone cooperating with wearing masks, handwashing and social distancing and developing a credible, viable vaccine.

"EDUCATION IS THE TICKET TO SUCCESS "Jamie Escalante



FAFSA 2022 –21 Student Aid Report

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID <u>is limited.</u> Submit your FAFSA 2021-22 beginning October 1, 2020 (www.fafsa.gov). Please send a PDF copy of your **STUDENT AID REPORT 2021-22** to the Higher ED Department at highered@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

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