

# Higher Education **E-News**



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## “NEW” Higher ED Policy Changes

Higher ED’s new Policy was *approved AUGUST 21, 2015*. These changes are from the June and August 21 policy revisions. You can receive a copy by emailing us at [highered@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](mailto:highered@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov), calling us at 360-716-4888 .

These are the major changes:

- Complete and pass all credits for which you are registered.
- 2nd chance: You have another chance to receive tuition, room & board, books and stipend in 3 equal installments.
- Room and board available to students who move from their main place of residence to a college/ university 35/+ miles away.
- Funding is provided year around.
- If you are eligible for a transportation allowance, it will be disbursed at \$100 per month.
- Increase in Tuition/Book amounts

Running Start	\$800/\$500 (F/T) & \$250 (F/T)
Vocational	\$4500/\$600
Associates	\$4500/\$600
Bachelor’s	\$5500/\$600
	(Quarter/Session/Term)
Bachelor’s (semesters)	\$6500/\$700
	(Semester/Session/Term)
Graduate (Quarter)	\$8500/\$850
	(Masters, Psy.D., Ph.D., J.D., M.D.)
Graduate (Semester)	\$8500/\$850
	(Masters, Psy.D., Ph.D., J.D., M.D.)

- Study Abroad: Funding amount allowable will be determined on our tuition allowance.
- Graduation Bonus:

GED/HS Diploma	\$500
Associates Degree	\$750
Bachelor’s Degree	\$1500
Master’s Degree	\$2000
PHD/Doctoral Degree	\$2500
Vocational/Technical	\$350

\*\*\* NO FUNDING WILL BE DISBURSED UNTIL ALL DOCUMENTS ARE PROVIDED TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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## EDUCATIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT

Requirements for educational funding.

- 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 — students must pass a UA and Physical. 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**.

THE BEAUTIFUL THING  
ABOUT LEARNING  
IS THAT  
NO ONE CAN TAKE IT AWAY  
FROM YOU. **BB KING**



## Financial Aid for Graduate Students

There are several types of financial aid for graduate students. If you are eligible, you can receive more than one (1) type of aid.

Most students get a combination of grants and loans. Some students may receive scholarships in addition to grants and loans. There are multiple sources of funding for graduate students. Graduate students generally finance their education through fellowships and assistantships in addition to grants and loans.



**Grants:** Grants are gifts that you do not need to repay. There are several different types of grants available to students. Students may receive grants from the government or through private sources of funding. Usually government grants are given to students with need, such as a low household income. Government grants do require students to maintain a specific (GPA) grade point average throughout their academic career to continue to receive aid. Private grants usually come in the form of scholarships and have their own guidelines. The amount being offered varies for each individual based on different criteria. In graduate school, grants can be used towards travel, research, experiments or projects in addition to funding tuition, books and living expenses.

**Scholarships:** Scholarships are awards given to students based on academic excellence and/or talent. Also, students may receive scholarships based on other criteria such as ethnic background, field of study or financial need.

Scholarships vary in their amounts and the number of years given aid. They can be awarded as a one-time payment or aid can be received annually for a certain number of years, i.e. \$1000 scholarship or \$5000 per year for four years. Like a grant, scholarships do not need to be paid back.



Scholarships can be awarded through the school or through private sources. Institutions offer various scholarships based on merit, talent, and/or need. Contact your school - for a list of scholarships offered to students. Private scholarships are offered through organizations or companies. Some organizations make students compete for awards through performance or essay writing while some look for students that best fit specific requirements and standards. You can search for private scholarships on the internet through online scholarship search engines, i.e. Fastweb, scholarship books or by contacting the school.

**Fellowships:** Fellowships are granted to graduate and post-grad students. They are like scholarships and do not require repayment. Fellowships are awarded by private organizations, institutions and the government. Fellowships vary in the amount being awarded and can be used towards research or education. Students can be given a 1 to 4 year stipend with or without a tuition waiver. The type of fellowship awarded is based on merit, need and the institution's/faculty's grant. Some schools allow you to directly apply for the fellowships offered through the schools while other schools only award the fellowships to students who have been recommended by a faculty member.



**Assistantships:** Assistantships are similar to internships or work study awarded during your undergraduate years. Assistantships require students to usually work as assistant teachers (TA), research assistants (RA) to professors or perform other duties on campus. The amount awarded varies based on faculty/institution grants, state or federal aid. Research positions are paid through grants while teaching positions are paid through the institution. The research and teaching positions acquired are in your field of study or department.

**Loans:** A loan is money that is awarded to a student based on need. Unlike a grant or scholarship, **loans must be repaid**. Tulalip Tribes Higher ED Department does not recommend that our students take out loans unless it is absolutely necessary.

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Submit your FAFSA 2016-17 between January - March 2016 ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)). Please send a PDF copy of your STUDENT AID REPORT 2016-17 to Higher ED at [highered@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](mailto:highered@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov).

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