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COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

TO: Tribal Council Chairs and Higher Education Directors; Student Financial Aid Directors; Scholarship Coordinators; and Interested Parties

FROM: Ann M. Voiles, Program Manager

SUBJECT: American Indian Endowed Scholarship Applications

The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) is now accepting applications for the 2010-11 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) awards. Applications must be mailed to the HECB postmarked by **February 1, 2010**.

Who can apply?

Applicants must demonstrate financial need, and be Washington resident students with close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe. Applicants also must be enrolled at an in-state public or independent college or university as a full-time student by fall term 2010.

All qualified applicants will be considered; however, priority is given to upper-division and graduate-level students. Application materials must be submitted as one complete packet. Required attachments include:

- The applicant's statement describing his or her close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe and/or community in Washington state.
- The applicant's statement of intent to return service to the state's American Indian community.
- Three letters of recommendation. Two letters must verify the applicant's social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or Native community within the state, and one letter must address the applicant's character and commitment to return service to the state's American Indian community.
- High school, GED, and/or college transcripts, as applicable.
- The signed release of information form, as printed on the application.

How are qualified recipients selected?

A screening committee comprised of representatives from the state's American Indian community will review and score the applications.



How do students apply?

1. Complete an application. The application is available in electronic PDF format on the HECB Web site at: www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaidprgm/aies.asp. The application may be completed online, using Adobe Acrobat Reader, Version 9.0 or newer. A hard copy must be printed, **signed** and mailed to the HECB.
2. Mail the completed application, with attachments, to the HECB at the address shown below, postmarked by **February 1, 2010**:

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Student Financial Assistance Division
917 Lakeridge Way SW
P.O. Box 43430
Olympia, WA 98504-3430

When will applicants know if they have been selected?

The HECB will notify recipients in March 2010 of contingent awards for the 2010-11 academic year. Scholarships awarded will remain contingent until the HECB completes verification of the recipient's financial need (as determined by the college student financial aid office) and full-time enrollment for fall term 2010.

Additional questions?

Please contact me by e-mail at annv@hecb.wa.gov (or aies@hecb.wa.gov), or call 360.753.7843.