



## Cowlitz Indian Tribe Tuition Assistance Award - Application

**2025-26 Academic Year- May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026**

Tuition and tuition related fees are awarded under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 to enrolled Cowlitz tribal members attending an accredited vocational school, college, or university.

- Award funds must be used in the 2025-26 academic year.
- Applications are approved and funds are awarded in the order received.
- Payment of the award funds are made directly to the school each quarter/semester/education term.
- All award recipients must submit a copy of their grades at the end of each Cowlitz funded term.

**E-mail your completed application and required documents to [tuitionassistance@cowlitz.org](mailto:tuitionassistance@cowlitz.org).**

**An incomplete application packet is not eligible for consideration and will be returned via e-mail.**

**Contacts: Amanda Fitzpatrick- 360-575-6224, Melanie Mariano - 360-353-9497 or Carol Burnison 360-353-9588**

Required Documents:

- ◇ Application.
- ◇ Education Goals Form.
- ◇ Copy of your Cowlitz Tribal Identification Card.
- ◇ Transcript- Unofficial transcripts meet this requirement. High school transcript for graduating seniors. Or a GED Certificate or most recent College transcript for all other applicants.
- ◇ Copy of 2025-26 FAFSA Submission Summary showing Pell grant eligibility and SAI number

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cowlitz Tribal Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code), \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail (All communication will be to this e-mail address): \_\_\_\_\_

Mark all categories that describe you:

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Vocational Student | <input type="radio"/> Undergraduate Student | <input type="radio"/> Graduate Student   |
| <input type="radio"/> Part-Time Student  | <input type="radio"/> Full-Time Student     | <input type="radio"/> Past recipient of a Cowlitz Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Award |

Vocational school, college, or university you will attend. If undecided, List all the schools you are considering.

I am requesting tuition and tuition related fees for the 2024-25 academic year in the following amount. Mark one.

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Up to \$12,000 for a Vocational Certificate | <input type="radio"/> Up to \$6,500 for an Associate Degree | <input type="radio"/> Up to \$13,000 for a Bachelor Degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Up to \$19,500 for a Master Degree          | <input type="radio"/> Up to \$19,500 for a Doctorate Degree |  |

**By accepting this award, I confirm I have reviewed the Instructions and the Policies and Procedures of the Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Award Program and agree to comply with them.**

I agree to respond to all e-mails from the Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Office.

I agree all funds will be used in the academic year requested for tuition and tuition related fees.

I agree all refunds and unused funds of this Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Award will be returned to the Tribe.

I authorize the Cowlitz Indian Tribe interoffice use of my personal information.

I certify all the information I have submitted is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

January 7, 2025



**Cowlitz Indian Tribe**  
**Tuition Assistance Award - Educational Goals**  
**2025-26 Academic Year - May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cowlitz Tribal Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending on-line, in person or both?

I will begin my 2025-26 academic year in \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year or Quarter, Semester (Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring) or Education Term

☐ Vocational Student **OR** College/University: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate Student

Certificate program or degree you are enrolled in:

☐ Vocational Certificate ☐ Associate Degree ☐ Bachelor Degree ☐ Master Degree ☐ Doctorate Degree

Vocational Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Date of Completion  
Month/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate or Bachelor Degree (if undecided, write "undecided"):  
Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Date of Graduation  
Month/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Master or Doctorate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Date of Graduation  
Graduate Program or Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Responding to the prompt below; submit an original essay - 150 words or less.

**First-time applicant:** Introduce yourself to your Cowlitz family. Include your educational and career goals and how this award will help you achieve your goals.

**Previous recipient of this award:** Provide an update on the progress you have made toward achieving your education goals.

January 7, 2025