

## **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKAN NATIVE ADMISSION GUIDELINES**

The University of Washington recognizes the unique “government to government” relationship that exists between the tribes and federal government. UW departments and programs are encouraged to consider tribal or corporate enrollment or affiliation as a positive factor in admission, financial aid, and outreach programs. An American Indian or Native American person who has origins in any of the original peoples of North, South, and Central America and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

### **AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKAN NATIVE VERIFICATION GUIDELINES**

Verification or tribal affiliation, which is required in order to benefit, consists of one of the following:

**A student may establish eligibility when he/she meets one of the following criteria:**

- A person who is a member of a tribe, band or community of Native Americans. This includes Eskimo, Aleut, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiians.
- A descendant of a tribal member.

**Verification can consist of one of the following:**

- Official tribal verification – Tribal enrollment card, treaty fishing card, or Bureau of Indian Affairs document.
- Certificate of Membership verification or Letter of Lineage by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a tribal enrollment officer, or community official (in cases where a formal enrollment process does not exist.)
- Where student is not a member, but a descendent: verification of member accompanied by birth certificates establishing heritage is acceptable.

### **RESIDENT TUITION FOR AMERICAN INDIANS**

#### **Eligibility**

American Indian students are eligible to pay resident tuition rates if they meet the following two conditions:

- For a period of one year immediately prior to enrollment at a state institution of higher education the student was domiciled in one or a combination of the following states: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, or Washington.
- The student must be a member of one of the federally recognized Indian tribes, as determined under 25 C.F.R., whose traditional and customary tribal boundaries included portions of the state of Washington, or whose tribe has reserved lands within the state of Washington.

**Out of state tribes & in-state tuition:**

- The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
- The Nez Perce Tribe
- The Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- The Kootenai Tribe

**Washington state Tribes:**

Colville Confederated Tribes  
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis  
Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
Hoh Indian Tribe  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Kalispel Tribe of Indians  
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe  
Lummi Nation  
Makah Indian Tribe  
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
Nisqually Indian Tribe  
Nooksack Indian Tribe  
Port Gamble S'Klallam  
Puyallup Tribe of Indians  
Quileute Tribe

Quinault Indian Nation  
Confederated Tribes of Salish Kootenai  
Sauk Suiattle Indian Nation  
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe  
Skokomish Indian Tribe  
Snoqualmie Tribe  
Spokane Tribe of Indians  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
Stillaguamish Tribe  
Suquamish Tribe  
Swinomish Indian Community  
Tulalip Tribes  
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe  
Yakama Indian Nation

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