



Truman D. Picard Scholarship Announcement For Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students

Deadline: Friday, March 21, 2025, 5:00 p.m. PT

Award: **\$3,000** for college students studying Natural Resources (number of awards varies per year)
\$4,000 for college students studying Forestry or Fire
\$3,000 for grad students & graduating college seniors applying/accepted for grad school studying Natural Resources
\$4,000 for grad students & graduating college seniors applying/accepted for grad school studying Forestry or Fire
\$2,000 for graduating senior high school students studying Natural Resources, Forestry or Fire

Purpose: The **Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program** is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources. Preference will be given to students whose degree or area of study directly involves management of Forest Resources. The \$4,000 award is contingent upon college and graduate students being accepted in a school for a Forestry or Fire degree.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The Education Selection Committee will review and rank only those applicants who completely address each area. Please be specific. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

1. **Letter of application:** Should be a maximum of 2 pages in length, and discuss the following:
 - a. Your name, permanent mailing address, email address, and phone number.
 - b. School currently enrolled in or accepted to, declared major, and expected graduation date.
 - c. Academic interest in Forestry and/or Wildland Fire Management.
 - d. Commitment to education, community, and your culture.
 - e. Financial need.
2. **Resume**
3. **Three letters of reference:** Must be on letterhead, signed and dated:
 - a. If no letterhead is available through the reference's organization the referrer should create their own.
 - b. Digital and electronic signature accepted.
 - c. Dated within the last six months.
 - d. Open sealed documents, if applicable.
 - e. Reference letters are not accepted directly from referrals, submit with your completed application.
4. **Evidence of validated enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation**, as established by the U.S. Government. Accepted documents include a copy of your member or descendent enrollment card, front and back, or completed BIA Form 4432 Verification of Indian Preference for Employment, download at <https://bit.ly/BIAForm4432>.
5. **Transcripts:** ALL students must include transcripts. Unofficial or official both accepted. Please open sealed transcripts.
 - a. **High school students** must also provide a **college acceptance letter** and class schedule to verify their major before a check is released.
 - b. **College students** must also provide proof of their **declared major & current class schedule**.
6. **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** ALL students must complete the FAFSA and attach the Student Aid Report (SAR). If it has not been completed, include last year's report. **How to get a copy of your SAR:** Once your FAFSA has been processed, you can get a copy of your SAR by logging in to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> using your FSA ID and selecting the "View SAR" option on the "My FAFSA" page; or contacting the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 and requesting a copy be sent to you via U.S. mail (allow 10–14 days for delivery).

2025 TRUMAN D. PICARD SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Letter of application (2 pages maximum), discussing the following:
 - Your name, permanent mailing address, email address, and phone number.
 - School currently enrolled in or accepted to, declared major, and expected graduation date.
 - Academic interest in Forestry and/or Wildland Fire Management.
 - Commitment to education, community, and your culture.
 - Financial need.
- 2. Resume
- 3. Reference letter #1 (on letterhead, signed and dated)
- 4. Reference letter #2 (on letterhead, signed and dated)
- 5. Reference letter #3 (on letterhead, signed and dated)
- 6. Evidence of validated enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation
 - A copy of your member or descendant enrollment card in a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation
 - Or completed BIA Form 4432 Verification of Indian Preference for Employment
- 7. Transcripts
- 8. College acceptance letter (high school) or declared major & current class schedule (college)
- 9. FAFSA student aid report

DELIVERY OF APPLICATION

Applications are accepted by Email (preferred method) or Mail, please choose ONE option for Delivery.

Option #1 Email: Create one email attaching all required documents from the application checklist and submit to intertribaltimbercouncil@gmail.com up until the close of business (5:00 p.m. PT) **March 21, 2025**. PDF attachment(s) preferred, download free Adobe Acrobat reader at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> Files must be PDF or MS Word. Google docs and screenshots (PNG or JPEG files) are not accepted.

Option #2 Mail: Mail all required documents from the application checklist to arrive at the ITC office on or before **March 21, 2025**. Be sure to check local post office hours and transit time if mailing your application. FedEx and UPS require a physical address for delivery, please contact ITC before using these services.

Questions and mailed applications should be directed to the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) office:

Attn: Education Committee
Intertribal Timber Council
PO Box 11790
Portland, OR 97211
intertribaltimbercouncil@gmail.com
(503) 282-4296 phone

FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS

The ITC has cooperative financial aid agreements with the University of Washington, Oregon State University, Salish Kootenai College, Northern Arizona University and Yale University. Recipients of the ITC Truman Picard Scholarship are eligible to receive additional scholarships including tuition waivers, if attending one of these colleges. For more information, visit the ITC website at https://www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html or contact the colleges directly.

TRUMAN D. PICARD (1946-1986)

To honor Truman D. Picard the ITC established a scholarship program in his name. Truman served on the ITC Board from 1982 to 1985. While working for the BIA, Colville Agency, in presales he attended the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University becoming one of the first people from the agency to complete this program. In 1977, Truman transferred to the Colville Tribal Forestry taking a position as Supervisory Forest Technician in charge of woods operations. Later he was promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Forestry Operations. Because of his drive to complete his education Truman returned to Oregon State University earning a B.S. Degree in Forest Management. Upon his return from college, he was appointed Colville Forestry Director. His work for the Tribe will always be remembered by his individual efforts to bring BIA Forestry and Colville Tribal Forestry together in a joint effort to improve the level of Forest Management on the reservation – truly a lasting legacy.