



The Mission of the Lummi Indian Business Council
To preserve, promote and protect our Shelangen.

Lummi Higher Education Grant Award Application 2024- 2025

Congratulations on your decision to pursue a vocational certificate or college/graduate degree. Education is a priority of the Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC). In 1989, as an act of self-determination, LIBC took over the responsibility of administering the Lummi Higher Education Grant Award process from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This grant award assists students in fulfilling their educational goals, as well as meeting the ever-growing needs of our dynamic economy. To keep pace with the rising cost of college tuition, LIBC has augmented those BIA funds with tribal funding to make the LHE grant award available. This award is based on academic rather than financial needs. Please read the directions carefully and submit a complete application. Students are responsible for turning in grades and new class schedules at the end of each term.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must meet the following requirements to qualify for an LHE Grant Award:

- A. Enrolled Lummi Tribal member.
- B. A high School graduate or have earned a GED.
- C. Enrolled, or accepted for admission in an accredited institution.
- D. Must maintain good academic standing of a 2.0-grade point average or better.
- E. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- F. Submit a signed “needs analysis” from the college or university’s financial aid office.
- G. Vocational students who wish to pursue a certificate program must be enrolled in an accredited institution and be able to apply for FAFSA assistance. You can receive LHE grant assistance for certificate programs that last up to 2 years. Once you complete the 2-year program, you will only be eligible for LHE financial assistance if you enroll in a 2–4 year degree program.

2024 Lummi Higher Education Award

Community Colleges/ Technical Colleges \$5,000 per year

Full-time students	12-18 credits
Quarter system	\$1,666 per 3 quarters-Fall, Winter, Spring
Semester system	\$2,600 per semester approx. 6 months
Year-round	\$1,250 full-time per 4 quarters-Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring

Four Year Colleges and Universities \$6,000 per year

Full-time students	12-18 credits
Quarter system	\$2,000 per 3 quarters-Fall, Winter, Spring
Semester system	\$3,000 per semester approx. 6 months
Year-round	\$1,500 full-time per 4 quarters-Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring

Graduate School \$7,000 per year

Full-time students	8 credits (determined by the institution)
Quarter system	\$2,333 per 3 quarters-Fall, Winter, Spring
Semester system	\$3,500 per semester approx. 6 months
Year-round	\$1,750 per 4 quarters-Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring

Application Deadlines:

- Fall quarter/Whole Academic Year
Opens June thru September
- Fall funding are prioritized in the order documents are received.
- Winter funding are prioritized in the order documents are received.
- Spring funding are prioritized in the order documents are received.

Students applying for a Lummi Higher Education grant award are required also to seek outside sources of funding to cover the rising cost of college fees. These outside sources of external funding can help reduce or eliminate the need for student loans.

Lummi Nation Workforce Development Office

Lummi Indian Business Council
2665 Kwina Road Bellingham, WA 98226
Kathleen V. Solomon
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Lummi Higher Education Grant Award Application

Term(s) applying for:

20____ Fall/Academic Year

20_____ Winter/Spring

Date:		Applicant Name: (Last) (First) (Middle)			
Student ID #:		Tribal ID# Date of Birth		Phone No. (s) Home: Mobile:	
Mailing Address:			New Student: Yes:____ No: ____ Returning Student: Yes:____ No: ____		
City: State: Zip Code:			E-Mail Address:		
Optional: Information provided will not be used in a discriminatory manner.	Are you a Veteran? Yes:____ No:____	Are you handicapped/disabled? Yes:____No____	Marital Status	No. of dependents	Gender: Male: ____ Female____
College or University You Will Attend: (Name, City, State, Zip)			H.S. Diploma or G.E.D. received: Month/Year:		
Other College or University you previous attended (Name, City, State, Zip)			Type Of Term: (Check one) __ Semester __ Quarter __ Trimester		
High School or G.E.D. Center you earned your diploma (Name, City, State, Zip)			Online Institution: (Check one) __ Yes __ No		
Type of Degree you will earn while Attending College: (Check one)	Certificate:	Associates: ____ A.A./A.S.	Bachelors: ____ B.A. / B.S.	Masters: ____ M.A. / M.S.	Doctorate: ____ Ed.D/M.D./Ph.D./J.D.
College Classification: (Check one) __ Freshmen __ Sophomore __ Junior __ Senior __ Graduate __ Post - Graduate					
Certificate/Undergraduate: Major:			Anticipated Date of Completion/Graduation: Month / Year:		
Graduate Students ONLY: Program or Department Accepted Info:			Anticipated Date of Graduation Month / Year:		
My Enrollment Status will be: (Check one) ____ Part-Time Less than 12 credits ____ Undergraduate Full-Time 12 credit hours or more ____ Graduate Part-time less than 8 credit hours ____ Graduate Full-Time 8 credit hours or more					

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received	Status Code	Term award	Award Amount	Fall Credits	Fall Grades	Winter Credits	Winter Grades	Spring Credits	Spring Grades	Check Mailed	Initial	Initial



Document Checklist- New Students

In addition to completing and signing this application, the Lummi Higher Education (LHE) Grant Program requires applicants to provide the following information:

_____ **Letter of Acceptance**

Include a letter from your institution informing you that you have been accepted into a program or college.

_____ **High School Diploma and Transcripts/Equivalency Documentation**

Copy of Diploma/GED and Transcripts

_____ **250 Word Essay (minimum)**

Write a 250-word essay introducing yourself and stating your educational and career goals, and finally, how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. (Returning students will write an essay reflecting on how the college / their schooling are impacting their educational and career goals.)

_____ **Lummi Tribal Enrollment Verification**

Copy of enrollment card or Certificate of Indian Blood.

_____ **Financial Needs Analysis Form**

Request the form to be completed by College/University Financial Aid Office. The information must be sent directly from the College/University Financial Aid Office. (This form must be submitted at the beginning of each academic year.)

_____ **Lummi Higher Education Funding Agreement**

Please read and initial each section of the funding agreement and sign at the bottom of the page.

_____ **College Registration/Schedule**

Students' Registration/Schedule must reflect the number of credit hours of their courses and term. (Schedules must be submitted each quarter.)

_____ **College Grades/Transcripts**

Official Transcripts must reflect grades and grade point average (GPA) of previous terms(s). (Transcripts must be submitted at the end of the quarter.)

_____ **Scholarship Verification Form**

Students must apply for a minimum of two outside scholarships for each academic year.

_____ **Release of Information. All NWIC students must sign a FERPA**

(Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) allowing the LHE office to review education records.

LHE annual applications are accepted between

June 1 – September 30

Grant priority will be given to the student's applications that are completed first. To be considered, applications must be completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The deadline for annual verification September 30th



Document Checklist – Returning Students

In addition to completing and signing this application, the Lummi Higher Education (LHE) Grant Program requires returning applicants to provide the following information:

___ **500 Word Essay**

Write a 500-word essay reflecting on your education journey. How have you grown in the past year? What have you accomplished? What surprises you at school? What are you most proud of?

___ **Financial Needs Analysis Form**

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___ **Degree audit or student advising worksheet**

This document includes your degree requirements and tracks completed coursework towards degree completion.

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Lummi Higher Education Award Funding Agreement

The Lummi Higher Education (LHE) Grant is an investment in the future. This is a reciprocal relationship; the following agreement is requested from you:

Initial each section after reading:

_____ I understand that if I am eligible, an LHE Grant Award will be made available to me through the financial aid office at the college I attend. I also understand that this grant award is to assist with my educational expenses while I am enrolled in a college/university and maintaining a **2.00 GPA** or better. **I further understand that I am responsible to submit a transcript at the end of each term and a class schedule at the beginning of each term; if I fail to submit these documents by the deadline, I may lose my LHE Grant Award.**

_____ I further understand that if I fail to maintain a **2.00 GPA** I will be placed on **academic probation**. If I fail to meet a 2.0 GPA for two consecutive quarters, I will be placed on **grant suspension**. To **re-establish** eligibility, I must complete one full-time term with my own resources.

_____ I further understand that it is my responsibility to **inform** the LHE office if I **withdraw** for any reason or **drop out** before the end of the academic quarter/semester and **receive 0.0 GPA and 0 credits** for the grading period and that I will be placed on **permanent** academic probation and may be required to reimburse all awarded funds.

_____ I understand that LHE does not pay for **repeat classes or F grades**. **Repeat classes and F grades will be deducted** from the award amount. I further understand that I may **appeal** the decision before the Lummi Nation Higher Education Board (LNHESB).

_____ I understand that I must **apply and submit documentation** verifying that I have applied to a minimum of **two outside scholarships** for each academic year I am requesting funding. (full-time students)

_____ I agree that I will provide a **degree audit** at the end of the first year for students and at the end of the third year for bachelor students.

_____ I understand that Lummi Higher Education is not responsible for the **repayment** of any student loans I may borrow.

_____ I understand that all awards are subject to the availability of funds.

Release of Information:

_____ I provide consent to the Lummi Higher Education Grant Program to release any information (which may include name and awards amount(s) received) to the college/university attended while receiving LHE Program Grant Award, and to the Lummi Indian Business Council, upon request. **Lastly, I GIVE consent to the college/university listed on this application to release** any information pertaining to my financial aid, student account, or registration/degree status to the Lummi Higher Education Grant Program.

_____ **All of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

I understand that any information I provide is subject to federal review. I consent to the release of this and any other relevant information to my agency, College/University Financial Aid Officer, and the Lummi Nation Higher Education Scholarship Board, as applicable, to determine my aid and to serve the requirements of the LHE Grant Program.

Student Signature

Date

All-Northwest College Students must also complete the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which allows the sharing of information between NWIC and Lummi Higher Education.



Student Financial Needs Analysis

2665 Kwina Road Bellingham, WA 98226
 email: LummiHigherEd@lummi-nsn.gov

I, (Print Name) _____, hereby authorize the release of my student financial information to the third party indicated above.

 Student Signature Social Security Number Academic Year

BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED AND SENT BY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

STUDENT BUDGET

STUDENT RESOURCES

Tuition and Fees _____
 Books and Supplies _____
 Room and Board _____
 Personal Expenses _____
 Child Care _____
 Other _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

Student Contribution _____
 Parent Contribution _____
 Other _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

COLLEGE AID	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	TOTAL
Pell Grant	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
State Need Grant	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Scholarships	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Loans	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
				TOTAL	\$ _____

Comments: TOTAL BUDGET \$ _____
 FEWER RESOURCES \$ _____
 FEWER AWARDS _____

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION _____ UNMET NEED \$ _____

REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____ Tentative Award Final Award

PRINTED NAME _____ PHONE # _____

Lummi Higher Education Grant Award-Scholarship Verification Form (Undergraduate-Full time)

It is the goal of the Lummi Higher Education Grant Award program to assist students in obtaining their college degrees with as little debt as possible. With the increasing cost of attendance at most colleges and universities it is likely that students will be required to seek funding in addition to tribal funding to pay for the cost of attending college.

The LHE program is requiring students to apply for at least two outside scholarships so students will have the opportunity to receive “free” money that can be used toward their college expenses and may reduce or eliminate the need for student loans.

I _____, hereby agree to submit documentation verifying that I have applied for a minimum of two outside scholarships for each academic year I am requesting funding.

I agree that before the first day of classes for the academic year for which I receive funding I will provide documentation showing that I have applied to a minimum of two outside scholarships before the first day of the academic year.

The following items are acceptable forms of verification:

- Scholarship Award Letter
- Scholarship Denial Letter
- Scholarship Submission Confirmation Page

I understand that if I do not provide the above-required information, **I may not** receive Tribal funding for the 2024-2025 academic year.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Application Requirement.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

See attached sheet of Scholarship Web Sites

For more information and resources: contact the Lummi Higher Education Manager at

LummiHigherEd@Lummi-nsn.gov

Scholarship Web Sites

Here are a few of the many scholarship sites available

<http://www.thewashboard.org>

TheWashBoard.org connects Washington students of all types with Washington scholarship providers.... for FREE for Washington State Residents. Whether you'll be attending in-state or out, you can save time by entering your profile once and letting TheWashBoard.org find the scholarship opportunities that fit your profile.



<http://www.collegefund.org/student-resources>

The American Indian College Fund has helped thousands of Native American Indian college students with information on college preparation and help to get the affordable education you deserve.



<http://www.theresamike.org>

Theresa Andrea Mike Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships for Native Americans that was established by the Mike Family in memory of their daughter Theresa.



<http://www.aigcs.org>

American Indian Graduate Center was established in 1969 to assist American Indian college graduates who wanted to continue their education at master's, doctorate, and professional degree levels.



<https://www.cobellscholar.org>

Cobell Scholarship opportunities are accessible online. you can learn more about the availability of Cobell Scholarship funds, deadlines, eligibility, and all related forms necessary to complete. The application process is administered by Indigenous Education, INC Scholarships



<http://www.americanindianservices.org>

American Indian Services

AIS scholarship assists Native Americans with financial support to attend college.

