Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship Application (WTR/SP 17)

1. Introduction

Active Scholarship Recipients:
If you were funded for one term in 2016/17 school year, with continuous attendance, DO NOT complete another online application. In your award letter, you were directed to submit your grades and class schedules to continue funding.

New/Transfer students:
For Winter Quarter 2016 and Spring Semester 2017, we are taking applications starting on October 1. The final deadline is January 15.

For Spring Quarter 2017, we are taking applications starting on December 1. The final deadline is March 15.

Late applications: Applications received after the deadline will be given consideration based on the availability of funds. If funds are available, late applications may result in delayed receipt of funds by student and school.

All students apply with an online application. You will complete this application once a year. After you are accepted, then within the school year, you will submit your grades and schedule(s) to continue.

Please read your award letters you get with your scholarship checks! Many students neglect to do this and miss important instructions, including how to continue one's scholarship and about one's academic standing.

Please note that full transcripts, not a single term grade report, are required with the annual application.

It is recommended that a student complete the FAFSA before doing this application. The student would then have more accurate information to answer financial aid questions.

If you want to view a hard copy of the application or get a copy of the Nez Perce Higher Education

Scholarship Plan of Operation, go to: www.nezperce.org/Official/highereducation.htm

On the certification page, you verify that you will read and adhere to the Scholarship Plan of Operation. This is your responsibility and expectation as a scholarship recipient. Besides the online copy (see above), hard copies (for review only) can be requested from the tribal Higher Education staff.

For assistance or questions, please contact:

Joyce McFarland, Education Manager

Mailing Address: PO Box 365, Lapwai, ID 83540
Physical Address: Education Services building, 116 Veteran's Drive, Lapwai, ID
Phone: (208) 621-4610
Email: education@nezperce.org

Qe' ci yew' yew' and good luck with your studies this year!

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2. Instructions:

SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

(1) Once you start the online application, you must complete it in the same session, so it's good to review a copy of the application in advance.

(2) It's important to complete the full page and push "Next" or "Done," because this will save your information. If you push "Previous" or exit survey before you get to the last page, your information will not be saved.

(3) All questions with an * (astericks) are required to answer.

(4) The last page is a "Frequently Asked Questions" page. This has information on when checks will be processed and other important details that students often ask.

(5) If you have any problems completing the survey, please contact the Education Manager for assistance.

OTHER DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT
You can submit other required application documents to the Education Manager by hand delivery, mail, fax, or email. A document checklist is included in this application.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

3. Eligibility

Verify your eligibility for the "Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship."

KEY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:
(1) Nez Perce Tribal Member:
a. Currently enrolled in the Nez Perce Tribe. Proof of enrollment must be in the student's file.

* 1. Are you an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe?

◯ Yes

◯ No

If yes, provide your Nez Perce Tribal ID Number:

4. Eligibility

Verify your eligibility for the "Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship."

KEY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:
(2) Accredited Schools:
a. Applicant must be accepted for enrollment in a state or regionally accredited college or university (includes accredited online colleges or universities).
b. Trade schools that offer certification are allowed.

* 1. Are you enrolled in an accredited college or university (including online) or trade school that offers certificates? Note: see section 5 and 10 of scholarship Plan of Operation.

- ◯ Accredited college or university (Traditional)
- ◯ Accredited college or university (Online)
- ◯ Trade School that offers certificates
- ◯ Not enrolled in any of the above

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5. Eligibility

Verify your eligibility for the "Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship."

KEY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:
(3) Academic Standing with Tribal Scholarship Program:
a. If one is disqualified or suspended from the tribal scholarship program due to academic standing (GPA, credits, withdrawals), then one must check with the Education Manager to verify one's status before applying.

* 1. What is your Academic Standing with the Tribal Scholarship Program? Note: See section 9 and 10 of Scholarship Plan of Operation.

◯ Good Standing

◯ Probation

◯ Disqualification or Suspension

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6. Eligibility

Verify your eligibility for the "Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship."

KEY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:
(4) Time limits:
a. Students cannot exceed the following time limits for their degree:
Five (5) semesters (7.5 quarters) for a two year degree
Ten (10)semesters (15 quarters) for a four year degree
Six (6) semesters (9 quarters) for a Masters degree
Ten (10) semesters (15 quarters) for Doctorate/Professional degree

* 1. Do you still having funding time limit available for the following degree types? Note: see section 3 and 10 of the scholarship Plan of Operation.

◯ OK. Associates Degree (5 sem. or 7.5 qtrs or less)

◯ OK. Bachelors Degree (10 sem. or 15 qtrs or less)

◯ OK. Masters Degree (6 sem. or 9 qtrs or less)

◯ OK. Doctorate/Professional Degree (10 sem. or 15 qtrs or less)

◯ OK. Vocational Technical Degree (5 sem. or 7.5 qtrs or less)

◯ NO. I exceeded my funding time limit.

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7. Eligibility

Verify your eligibility for the "Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship."

KEY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:
(5) First degrees:
a. Students are only funded for their first degree in each of the following types:
1st Associates
1st Bachelors
1st Masters
1st Doctorate/Professional
1st Vocational Technical

* 1. Are you working on your first degree in the following degree types? Note: see section 4 and 10 of scholarship Plan of Operation.

- ◯ OK. 1st Associates
- ◯ OK. 1st Bachelors
- ◯ OK. 1st Masters
- ◯ OK. 1st Doctorate/Professional
- ◯ OK. 1st Vocational Technical
- ◯ NO. I am requesting funding for a 2nd degree in a degree type that I was previously funded.

8. Eligibility

Verify your eligibility for the "Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship."

KEY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:
(6) Minimum Credits:
Undergraduates:
a. Full-time (12 credits and up)
b. 3/4 time (9-11 credits)
c. 1/2 time (6-8 credits)

Graduates: As determined by college Financial Aid office. Must provide documentation.
a. Full-time
b. 3/4 time
c. 1/2 time

Scholarships are not awarded for credits less than 1/2 time (1-5 credits). Individuals are referred to NPTEC Educational Assistance.

* 1. What will be your credit enrollment status be? See definitions above for Undergraduate and Graduate students.

  ( ) Full-time

  ( ) 3/4 time

  ( ) 1/2 time

  ( ) Less than 1/2 time

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9. Personal Background

Please provide us updated personal background information for the 2016-17 school year.

* 1. Provide the following information:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Maiden Name &/or Aliases (if applicable):

Current Age:

Hometown:

High School or GED Program Name:

High School or GED Graduation Date (Mos/Yr, e.g. 06/2012):

Degree Start Date (Mos/Yr, e.g. 03/2012):

* 2. Are you a first generation college student? Definition: an individual whose parent or parents did not receive a college degree. If raised by a single parent, then only consider that parent's status.

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Not sure

* 3. Provide the following contact information.

Important to provide the most accurate information. We will use the mailing address to send you official documents (including tribal check) or your phone number or email address to request information or send updates.

Mailing Address:

City/Town:

State: -- select state --

ZIP:

Personal Email Address:

Personal Phone Number:

Parents or Message Phone Number:

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10. College and Degree Information

Please provide us updated information for your college and degree.

* 1. Please list all previous colleges you have attended. Write "N/A" in line 1, if you have no previous college experience.

1st College & Years attended:

2nd College & Years attended:

3rd College & Years attended:

4th College & Years attended:

5th College & Years attended:

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* 2. What is your Projected Degree Completion Timeline? Select from list below.

○ Winter 2017

○ Spring 2017

○ Fall 2017

○ Winter 2018

○ Spring 2018

○ Fall 2018

○ Winter 2019

○ Spring 2019

○ Fall 2019

○ Winter 2020

○ Spring 2020

○ Fall 2020

○ Winter 2021

○ Spring 2021

○ Fall 2021

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* 3. Please select your Degree Type:

Note: Two-year students, double check how your degree is classified by your college, i.e. Associates (Academic degrees) or Vocational Technical (aka Professional Technical).

○ Associates

○ Bachelors

○ Masters

○ Doctorate/Professional

○ Vocational Technical

* 4. Please list your Major(s) and Minor(s), if applicable: (e.g. Direct Transfer, Business, Education, etc.)

Major(s): [   ]

Minor(s) [   ]

* 5. Provide updated information on your college and start date:

College: [   ]

Official Address: [   ]

City/Town: [   ]

State: -- select state -- ▼

ZIP: [   ]

Date classes start: [   ]

* 6. How long have you been working on your current degree?

First Year= Completed under 2 semesters or 3 quarters

Second Year= Completed 2 semesters or 3 quarters, but under 4 semesters or 6 quarters

Third Year= Completed 4 semesters or 6 quarters, but under 6 semesters or 9 quarters
(Reminder: Third Year Students Need a Degree Audit with their application)

Fourth Year= Completed 6 semesters or 9 quarters, but under 8 semesters or 12 quarters

Fifth Year= Completed 8 semesters or 12 quarters, but under 10 semesters or 15 quarters

◯ First Year

◯ Second Year

◯ Third Year

◯ Fourth Year

◯ Fifth Year

7. Are you going to graduate in the 2016/17 school year?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Maybe

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* 8. What terms are you applying for? Check all that apply.

☐ Winter Quarter only

☐ Spring Semester only

☐ Spring Quarter only

☐ Both Winter/Spring Quarter

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11. Student Type

READ THIS ENTIRE DESCRIPTION TO AVOID ERRORS IN SELECTING YOUR STUDENT TYPE!

Depending on the "type" of student you are (see below), you will answer a different set of questions and will submit a different set of documents.

Please review the following definitions carefully. If you are not sure how to answer, contact the Education Manager.

DEFINITIONS:

1) New Student:
a. First time student
b. Student returning after a break in study
c. Student who completed one degree and is moving on to the next level degree (i.e. AA to Bachelors, Bachelors to Masters, etc.)

(2) Transfer Student:
a. Student transferring from one academic or vocational technical institution to another

Note: Active Scholarship Recipients (funded for one term in 2016/17 school year with continuous attendance) DO NOT need to complete another online application, so this student type is not listed.

* 1. What is your student type (per definitions above)?

  ◯ New

  ◯ Transfer

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12. New and Transfer Students

Please complete the following information.

* 1. Provide information on the last school you attended. (High School, GED Program, or College/University)

School Name:

Official Address:

City/Town:

State: -- select state --

ZIP:

Phone Number:

* 2. References [Three (3) people, who are not related to you, who may be contacted as a reference about your character, personality, leadership, and scholastic qualities]

REFERENCE #1:

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State: -- select state --

ZIP:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

* 3. References [Three (3) people, who are not related to you, who may be contacted as a reference about your character, personality, leadership, and scholastic qualities]

REFERENCE #2:

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State: -- select state --

ZIP:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

* 4. References [Three (3) people, who are not related to you, who may be contacted as a reference about your character, personality, leadership, and scholastic qualities]

REFERENCE #3:

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State: -- select state --

ZIP:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

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13. New and Transfer Students: Submission of Required Documents

REQUIRED DOCUMENT CHECKLIST:

Please verify if you have submitted the following required scholarships documents to the Nez Perce Education Department Manager's Office.

YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED.

Request that documents be submitted at one time.

* 1. Have you submitted your previous school's transcript(s)? Includes high school, GED, or college(s). College transcript must reflect: student name, institution(s) name, semester/quarter, grades, and credits attempted/completed.

○ Yes

○ No

If "Yes," please specify date:

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* 2. If you are entering your third year, have you submitted a Degree Audit?

○ Yes

○ No

○ I am not entering my Junior (3rd) Year

Explain:

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* 3. Have you submitted your Admission Letter?

  ◯ Yes

  ◯ No

If "Yes," please specify date:

* 4. Have you submitted your class schedule for your upcoming semester or quarter? Schedule must reflect: student name, institution name, number of hours registered, schedule of classes.

  ◯ Yes

  ◯ No

If "Yes," please specify date:

* 5. Have you submitted a copy of your Tribal ID or CIB?

  ◯ Yes

  ◯ No

If "Yes," please specify date:

* 6. Have you submitted a Personal Letter stating educational goals?

  ◯ Yes

  ◯ No

If "Yes," please specify date:

14. Self-Report on Financial Aid

We want to ensure that each student understands his or her responsibility to FULLY FUND his or her own education. This involves meeting application deadlines and working with one's school Financial Aid office. Tribal scholarships will only cover part of the cost.

* 1. Have you submitted your FAFSA?

◯ Yes

◯ No

If "Yes," please list date:

* 2. Have you been awarded other financial aid resources?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Pending

If "Yes" or "Pending," please list other financial aid awards:

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* 3. Fill in your expected costs for the 2016/17 school year. Note: One can access these costs on your school's website under Financial Aid.

Note: Not fully completing this section will result in a delay in processing your scholarship.

Tuition, Fees:

Room & Board:

Books & Supplies:

Transportation:

Personal Expenses:

Other

Total Costs:

* 4. Fill in your expected income for the 2016/17 school year. Note: One can use his or her financial aid award letters and reports.

Note: Not fully completing this section will result in a delay in processing your scholarship.

Scholarships:

Grants (e.g. Pell):

Employment (e.g. Work Study):

Loans (e.g. Stafford):

Parent Contribution:

Student Contribution:

Total Income:

* 5. Based on your self-assessment, of your financial aid resources for the upcoming school year, what percentage of your full education costs do you have funded?

- ◯ 0%
- ◯ 10%
- ◯ 20%
- ◯ 30%
- ◯ 40%
- ◯ 50%
- ◯ 60%
- ◯ 70%
- ◯ 80%
- ◯ 90%
- ◯ 100%

* 6. If you are not currently 100% funded for the upcoming school year, what Plan of Action do you have to reach this goal? Write N/A if you are fully funded.

15. Release Information to Potential Employers

Verify if you would like background on your higher education degree released to potential employers within the Nez Perce tribal government, enterprises, affiliates, or partners. In the instance, where they are searching for candidates for jobs and are looking for tribal members in certain degree or major programs.

* 1. I approve releasing my name, degree, major, college, year in school, and contact information to the following selected entities for purpose of employment recruitment only:

☐ None. Do not release information.

☐ Nez Perce Tribal Government

☐ Nez Perce Enterprises

☐ Nez Perce Housing Authority

☐ Nimiipuu Health

☐ Nez Perce National Historical Park

☐ Northern Idaho Agency (BIA)

☐ Other

Other (please specify)

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16. Certifications

To receive the Nez Perce Tribal Higher Education Scholarships, all tribal students must agree to the following certifications. Indicate your acceptance of the certification by clicking on "Yes" and by supplying an electronic signature.

* 1. I certify that the information I provided for this electronic scholarship renewal are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information may cause my application to be disqualified.

◯ YES

* 2. I understand that "successful completion of a term" is maintaining a 2.0 GPA or better and completing the credit hours required for the scholarships awarded.

◯ YES

* 3. I verify that I will read and adhere to the Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship Plan of Operation.

◯ YES

* 4. If I do not successfully complete the funded quarters/semesters or I knowingly provided false information to secure funding, I agree to repay the amount funded through a contract repayment plan or shall forfeit all per capita payments, lease, or rental monies to which I may be entitled until the total amount is repaid. I authorize the appropriate Tribal and Federal agencies to withhold and release such funds to the Nez Perce Tribe in order to satisfy my repayment obligation. I further understand that I will not be eligible for funding until I have met this repayment obligation.

◯ YES

* 5. I understand that these certifications will apply to my entire academic career.

◯ YES

* 6. Student electronic signature:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Tribal ID #:

Student ID #:

Date of Birth:

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17. Frequently Asked Questions

If you do not want to read these now, scroll down to the bottom to click on "Done" to complete the application.

Print this page, if needed.

(1) What is the Application Deadline for the tribal Scholarship Program? (Note: Priority Deadline means when applications are first accepted)

Fall Quarter/Semester:
Priority Deadline: June 1
Final Deadline: September 15

Winter Quarter/Spring Semester:
Priority Deadline: October 1
Final Deadline: January 15

Spring Quarter:
Priority Deadline: December 1
Final Deadline: March 15

(2) When will checks be issued?
The scholarshop Plan of Operation establishes the following timelines:

Winter Quarter/Spring Semester
Checks issued by: January 5**

Spring Quarter
Checks issued by: March 5**

**Checks may be issued sooner or later depending on when complete applications are turned in.

Note: Completed applications means submitting all the required documents, not just partial submission of required documents.

(3) How much scholarship funding am I eligible for each school year?

Based on full-time enrollment:

a. A. Tribal Scholarship Fund (Isaac Broncheau Memorial, Nez Perce Tribal Gaming Revenue, and Higher Education Scholarship Endowment Funds): $3,200 per school year (excluding summer school) for an undergraduate degree and $6,000 per school year (excluding summer school) for a graduate degree.

Vocational technical students are eligible for tribal scholarship only.

b. Higher Education Scholarship Fund (BIA PL 93-638): $3,120 per school year for undergraduate degrees. Graduate funding is not guaranteed and is based on availability of funding after all undergraduate degrees funding is processed.

(4) Will incomplete applications be accepted?
No, incomplete applications will not be processed. Contact the Education Manager for assistance and confirmation the application is complete.

(5) Can I request an early check?
Special consideration will be given to students who will begin school at an earlier date. This often involves students who have to travel out of the area for school. One must submit a memo to the Education Manager requesting an early check release and outline one's circumstances.

(6) Where will the checks be sent?
Tribal scholarship checks will be given directly to the student. Higher Education checks will be sent directly to the school's Financial Aid or Business office.

(7) Can I submit a late application?
Late applications may result in delayed receipt of funds by student and school. Applications received after the deadline will be given consideration based on the availability of funds

(8) Do I need to fill out a new application for the next term(s), i.e. Winter Quarter, Spring Semester or Quarter?
Complete applications are only filled out once a year. During the school year, once a term is completed, then you will submit your grades and schedule for upcoming term

(9) Do I need to submit an official transcript and schedule?
Official documents are not required. We do need a transcript or schedule that has some type of school identification, such as a PDF copy saved from the school's website. Transcripts or schedules that are copied/pasted into an email will not be accepted.

(10) If I have to repeat a class, will these credits be funded?
Repeat credits cannot be funded. This could affect the student's level of scholarship award in subsequent terms.

(11) What are the minimum requirements for me to maintain "Good Standing" for the tribal scholarship program?
a. Completion of minimum credits to maintain enrollment status per term, e.g. for full-time status, one must complete a minimum of 12 credits.
b. Maintain a minimum of a "C" (2.00 GPA)
c. Not "dropout" or fully withdraw from school

(12) How does a student become disqualified or suspended for tribal scholarship funds?
Students who have been on ACADEMIC PROBATION (for credits or GPA) and fail to meet the minimum requirements the following term will forfeit all scholarship funding and will be on SUSPENSION. Depending on the circumstances, scholarship repayment could result in disqualification.

(13) Is there an Appeals Process?
See section 10 of the scholarship Plan of Operation. There are some issues that can't be appealed.

(14) Where can I get more information?
Contact the tribal Education Department Manager at education@nezperce.org or get a copy of the tribal Scholarship Plan of Operation at http://www.nezperce.org/Official/highereducation.htm