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

Lummi Higher Education
Grant Award Application 2022-2023

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- Students pursuing a two-year certificate vocational program should apply for the Employment Assistance/Adult Vocational Training program, if available. To be eligible for assistance, the certificate program must be administered at an accredited institution. Students are eligible for Grant Assistance certificate programs up to 2-years in length after which time they are only eligible for 2-4 year degree programs.

Community Colleges/ Technical Colleges $4000 per year
        Quarter system $1333 per 3 quarters-Fall, Winter, Spring
        Semester system $2000 per semester
        Full-time students   12-18 credits
        Year-round $1000 per 4 quarters-Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring

Four Year Colleges and Universities $5000 per year
        Quarter system $1666 per 3 quarters-Fall, Winter, Spring
        Semester system $2500 per semester
        Year-round $1250 per 4 quarters-Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring

Graduate School $6000 per year
        Quarter system $2000 per 3 quarters-Fall, Winter, Spring
        Semester system $3000 per semester
        Full-time students 8 credits (determined by the institution)
        Year-round $1,500 per 4 quarters-Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring

Application Deadlines:
- Fall quarter/Whole Academic Year
          September 30
- Fall Funding deadline
          September 30
- Winter quarter
          December 31
- Spring quarter
          March 31

Students applying for a Lummi Higher Education grant award are required to also seek outside sources of funding to keep up with the increasing cost of attending college. These outside sources of money can help reduce or eliminate the need for student loans.

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Lummi Indian Business Council
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(360) 312-2162
LummiHigherEd@Lummi-nsn.gov

Lummi Higher Education Grant Award Application

Term(s) applying for:

20_____ ____Fall/Academic Year
Applications accepted July 1-Sept 30.
Priority given to applications received in July for annual funding,

20_____ Winter/Spring
Winter applications are due by Dec 31
Spring Applications are due by March 31

DEADLINES ARE FIRM

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
July 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 is September 30

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**
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**
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(Transcripts must be submitted at the end of the quarter.)

____ **Degree audit or student advising worksheet**
This document includes your degree requirements and tracks completed coursework towards degree completion.

____ **Scholarship Verification Form**
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____ **Release of Information**
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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 LHE Board.

_____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.

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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.

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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

STUDENT BUDGET   STUDENT RESOURCES

Tuition and Fees   _____   Student Contribution   _____
Books and Supplies   _____   Parent Contribution   _____
Room and Board   _____   Other _____   _____
Personal Expenses   _____
Child Care   _____
Other _____   _____
                 TOTAL $_____   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 #

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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 will not** receive Tribal funding for the 2019-2020 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.