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Applications are due to the
HECB postmarked by
February 1, 2012.

TO: Tribal Council Chairs and Higher Education
Directors; Financial Aid Directors; Scholarship Coordinators; and Interested Parties

FROM: Ann M. Voyles, Program Manager

SUBJECT: American Indian Endowed Scholarship Applications

The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) is now accepting applications for the 2012-13 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) awards. Applications must be postmarked by **February 1, 2012.**

Who can apply?

Applicants must demonstrate financial need, and be Washington resident students with close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe. Applicants also must be enrolled as a full-time student at an in-state public or independent college or university by fall term 2012.

All qualified applicants will be considered; however, priority is given to upper-division and graduate-level students. Application materials must be submitted as one complete packet. Required attachments include:

- The applicant's statement describing his or her close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe and/or community in the state of Washington.
- The applicant's statement of intent to return service to the state's American Indian community.
- Three letters of recommendation. Two letters must verify the applicant's social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or Native community within the state, and one letter must address the applicant's character and commitment to return service to the state's American Indian community.
- High school, GED, and/or college transcripts, as applicable.
- The signed release of information form, as printed on the application.

How are qualified recipients selected?

A screening committee comprised of representatives from the state's American Indian community will review and score the applications.

How do students apply?

1. Complete an application. The application is in electronic PDF fillable-form format at: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/PayingForCollege/StateAid/AmericanIndian>. Click the underlined program name under “How do I apply?” to open the document. The application may be completed online, using Adobe Acrobat Reader, Version 10.0 or newer. A hard copy must be printed, **signed** and mailed to the HECB.
2. Mail the application, with all attachments, to HECB at the address shown below, postmarked by **February 1, 2012**:

Higher Education Coordinating Board
Student Financial Assistance Division
917 Lakeridge Way SW, Olympia, WA 98502 (if using UPS or FedEx delivery)
P.O. Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 (if using US Postal Service delivery)

When will applicants know if they have been selected?

The HECB will notify recipients in spring 2012 of awards identified for the 2012-13 academic year. Scholarships will be contingent until the HECB completes verification of eligibility through the college financial aid office (the recipient’s level of financial need and full-time enrollment for fall term 2012).

Additional questions?

I am available most weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. You may contact me by calling 360.753.7843 or by emailing annv@hecb.wa.gov (or aies@hecb.wa.gov).