Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Tuition Assistance Award – Application

2025-26 Academic Year – May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

Tuition and tuition related fees are awarded under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 to enrolled Cowlitz tribal members attending an accredited vocational school, college, or university. To be eligible for tuition assistance for an academic term, a complete application must be submitted by the student and approved by the Education Committee before the start of the academic term.

- Award funds must be used in the **2025-26** academic year.
- Applications are approved and funds are awarded in the order received.
- Payment of the award funds are made directly to the school each quarter/semester/education term.
- All award recipients must submit a copy of their grades at the end of each Cowlitz funded term.

E-mail your completed application and required documents to tuitionassistance@cowlitz.org

An incomplete application packet is not eligible for consideration and will be returned via e-mail.

If you are unable to submit your Tuition Assistance Application packet via e-mail, contact Carol Burnison at 360-353-9588.

Required Documents:

- Application.
- Educational Goals Form.
- Copy of your Cowlitz Tribal Identification Card.
- Transcript-Unofficial transcripts meet this requirement. High school transcript for graduating seniors. A GED Certificate or most recent college transcript for all other applicants.
- Copy of 2025-26 FAFSA Submission Summary showing Pell Grant eligibility and SAI number.

Date: _____ Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Cowlitz Tribal Enrollment #: _____

Address: _____
Street, PO Box, City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____
All communication will be to this e-mail address.

Mark all categories that describe you:

☐ Vocational Student ☐ Undergraduate Student ☐ Graduate Student
☐ Part-Time Student ☐ Full-Time Student ☐ Past recipient of a Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Award

Vocational school, college, or university you will attend. If undecided, list all the schools you are considering.

_____

I am requesting tuition and tuition related fees for the 2025-26 academic year in the following amount. Mark one.

☐ Up to $12,000 - Vocational Certificate ☐ Up to $6,500 - Associate Degree ☐ Up to $13,000 - Bachelor Degree

☐ Up to $19,500 - Master Degree ☐ Up to 19,500 - Doctorate Degree

By accepting this award, I confirm I have reviewed the Instructions and Policies and Procedures of the Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Award Program and agree to comply with them.

- ✓ I agree to respond to all e-mails from the Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Office.
- ✓ I agree all funds will be used in the academic year requested for tuition and tuition related fees.
- ✓ I agree all refunds and unused funds of this Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Award will be returned to the Tribe.
- ✓ I authorize the Cowlitz Indian Tribe interoffice use of my personal information.
- ✓ I certify all the information I have submitted is true and correct.

_____ _____
Signature Date

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Date: _____

Name: _____Cowlitz Tribal Enrollment #: _____

Will you be attending on-line, in person, or both?

_____

I will begin my **2025-26** academic year in _____
Month and Year or Quarter, Semester (Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring) or Education Term

☐ Vocational Student OR College/University: ☐ Freshman ☐Sophomore ☐Junior ☐Senior ☐Graduate Student

Certificate program or degree you are enrolled in:

☐ Vocational Certificate ☐ Associate Degree ☐ Bachelor Degree ☐ Master Degree ☐ Doctorate Degree

Vocational Certificate: _____ Anticipated Date of Completion:

_____
Month/Year

Associate or Bachelor Degree:

Degree: _____Major: _____ Anticipated Date of Completion:

_____
Month/Year

Master of Doctorate Degree: _____ Anticipated Date of Completion:

Graduate Program or Department: _____ _____
Month/Year

Respond to the prompt below. Submit an original essay – 150 words or less.

First-time applicant: Introduce yourself to your Cowlitz family. Include your educational and career goals and how this award will help you achieve your goals.

Previous recipient of this award: Provide an update on the progress you have made toward achieving your goals.