

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Bureau of Indian Affairs | Adult Vocational Training Scholarship Policies & Procedures

I.

Eligibility Requirements for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education and AVT Programs

- a.) Only enrolled Bishop Paiute Tribal members are eligible to apply.
 - b.) Applicants must submit all documentation by the stated deadline or their application will not be considered for funding.
 - c.) Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited institution as a full-time student or as defined full-time by the school/institution they are attending.
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II.

Required Documents for the B.I.A and AVT Scholarship Programs

Unsigned and/or incomplete documents will delay funding

- a.) Completed B.I.A Grant Application
 - b.) Proof of Tribal Enrollment (i.e., copy of enrollment resolution; or valid Tribal I.D. card)
 - c.) Proof of college or vocational institution enrollment
 - d.) Completion of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - e.) Personal essay
 - f.) Grades and/or transcripts for the last semester completed, if applicable.
 - g.) A completed and signed Financial Needs Analysis Form by the Financial Aid Office at the school/institution student is attending.
 - h.) Signed Student Agreement Form
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III.

Funding Criteria for the B.I.A Higher Education and AVT Scholarship Programs

- a.) Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - b.) Students must be Pell Grant eligible.
 - c.) Additional funding for full-time students with dependents will be contingent on the availability of funds.
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IV.

Conditions of the B.I.A Higher Education and/or AVT Scholarship Award

- a.) BIA Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours/full-time status with a minimum 2.0 GPA or they will be subject to academic probation.
 - b.) Any changes in an applicant's status must be reported to the Bishop Paiute Tribal Scholarship Committee within ten business days.
 - c.) Continuing BIA Scholarship recipients must send a copy of their grades and/or transcripts and a current class schedule at the end of each semester prior to a new funding semester.
 - d.) First-time BIA/AVT Scholarship applicants will receive their funding in two payments. One half at the beginning of the semester and the second half upon successful completion of the semester once all required documentation is submitted to the College and Career Counselor.
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V.

Community Service Project

- a.) A community service project must be provided to the residents of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Community. The community service project should be coordinated with the College and Career Counselor and/or the Bishop Paiute Tribal Scholarship Committee. The community service project will need to be completed within the second year of receiving the scholarship funding.
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VI.

Reasons for Determining B.I.A. / AVT Scholarship Ineligibility

- a.) Failure to submit all scholarship documentation by the stated deadline.
 - b.) Failure to report grades, class schedules and/or changes in their academic status.
 - c.) Failure to meet the conditions of your BIA/AVT scholarship award, as stated above.
 - d.) If the student earns a B.A. or B.S. degree and/or accumulates 180 credits or more at a given institution and/or exceeds the six year Pell Grant limit, the applicant will then be ineligible for funding.
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VII.

Conditions of Academic Probation

- a.) Student will be placed on Academic Probation if she/he fails to maintain a 2.0 GPA and/or fails to successfully complete 12 credit hours/ full-time status requirements as determined by the school/institution.
 - b.) The student will have one semester to raise their GPA to at least a 2.0 and maintain a full-time status and/or as determined by the school/institution.
 - c.) Students on probation for two or more consecutive semesters must attend one semester successfully unfunded with 12 or more credit hours to regain eligible status.
 - d.) Funding will be disbursed into two payments. First half will be disbursed at the beginning of the semester. Second half will be disbursed at the end of the semester upon successful completion of full-time units and maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA.
 - e.) Release of academic probation will be contingent on student's successful completion of 12 or more credit hours / full-time status requirements with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
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VIII.

Notification of Application Status

- a.) The applicant will be informed of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Scholarship Committee's decision after their application is reviewed and approved by the Committee.
- b.) Once a determination is made regarding the student's application the College and Career Counselor will handle the process in a timely manner.

IX.

Scholarship Deadlines

- a.) The scholarship deadlines are set forth by the Bishop Paiute Tribal Scholarship Committee. The following deadline dates will commence throughout the year. Applications need to be postmarked on or before the deadline dates as followed:
- Winter/Spring Deadline: The last Wednesday of December, annually.
 - Fall Deadline: The last Wednesday of July, annually.
 - Summer Term (summer funding is contingent on the availability of funds): The last Wednesday of May, annually.
- b.) Special circumstances may be considered on a case by case basis.
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X.

Social Media Policy for Bishop Paiute Tribal Scholarship Recipients

The Bishop Paiute Tribe and the Bishop Paiute Tribal Scholarship Committee acknowledge the rapid growth of social media use by its scholarship recipients and strongly encourage its primary use to promote and engage in learning, collaborating and connecting with the world.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that scholarship recipients understand that as a scholarly representative of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, they are encouraged to use social media outlets in a professional and tasteful capacity when referencing the Bishop Paiute Tribe, its employees, groups and other professional organizations of the Tribe.

This policy provides guidelines for Bishop Paiute Tribal scholarship recipient use of social media when referencing the Bishop Paiute Tribe and its employees. This policy includes, but are not limited to the following examples: Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, LinkedIn, Google+, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram, Tumblr, blogs, wikis, microblogs, message boards, chat rooms, electronic newspapers, electronic newsletters, online forums, and other social networking sites.

The following principles apply to professional use of social media on behalf of the Bishop Paiute Tribe as well as personal use of social media when referencing the Bishop Paiute Tribe:

- a.) Students should use their best judgment in posting material that is neither inappropriate nor harmful to the Bishop Paiute Tribe, its employees, groups or professional organizations, or other Bishop Paiute Tribal scholarship recipients.

- b.) Although not an exclusive list, some specific examples of prohibited social media conduct include posting commentary, content, or images that promote or depict illegal activity, that are defamatory, pornographic, proprietary, harassing, libelous of a person, group or other professional organization of the Bishop Paiute Tribe.
 - c.) Failure to adhere to the above principles may result in a student's ineligibility from future Tribal Scholarship funding.
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Certification

The foregoing policy and procedures were passed at duly called meeting of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council and the Bishop Paiute Tribal Scholarship Committee held on the **17th** day of **December, 2018** with a quorum present and voting 4 **Yes**, 0 **No**, 0 **Abstaining** and 0 **Absent**.