



Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Education Department

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EDUCATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION 2025-2026

This application must be completed with all supporting documents to determine eligibility.

Date# _____

Full Name _____

Full Street Address _____

Full Mailing Address (If Different) _____

Phone # _____	Email _____
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Date of Birth _____	Enrollment Number / Descendancy _____	Enrolled Parent's Name _____
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College Enrollment Status _____	Classification _____	Current GPA _____
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Have you received assistance from LEKT's Education Program in the past? Yes No

If Applicable, may we contact your parents? Yes No

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING:

College _____	Address _____
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Please attach transcripts (can be unofficial) if you are returning to school. Please list all post-secondary schools/colleges you have attended. All college history must be submitted. Failure to include past academic history may result in denial of tribal financial assistance. You will want to include explanations of any incompletes, withdrawals or low grades for evaluation

Have you filed online for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Yes No

If yes, please include copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) with this application.

If no, go to www.fafsa.gov or <https://studentaid.gov> and complete the application as soon as possible and provide a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) to the Education department as soon as available.

ONGOING STUDENTS SUBMIT:

- This Application including, your Personal Statement, which details your education plans as well as how you plan on helping Native Americans when you are finished with your degree (no more than 500 words) and signed Agreement.
- Proof of FAFSA Application (Student Aid Report, must be filed and submitted on an annual basis).

NEW STUDENTS NEED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: ONLY NEEDED ONCE IN A LIFETIME AS IT WILL REMAIN IN YOUR FILE

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of CIB (Certification of Indian Blood) documenting enrollment in the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- Copy of High School Diploma, Final High School Transcript, or GED Certificate

BEGINNING 2021-2022 NEW STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET WITH THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR PRIOR TO STARTING SCHOOL.



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Higher Education Assistance Program Agreement 2025-2026

The Higher Education Grant will be available to me through the Financial Aid or Business office of the college I attend. The award is for my educational expenses while enrolled in college. **PLEASE INITIAL EACH PARAGRAPH BELOW TO INDICATE YOU HAVE READ THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE EDUCATION BENEFITS!**

I will maintain at least **6 credits for part-time student status or 12 credits for a full-time undergraduate student.**

If I am a **graduate student or higher, I will maintain the full or part-time credit requirements of the college or university I attend.**

If I am required to **retake courses** the tribal funds have previously paid, the credits will not be counted in the total credit load for the current higher education grant. For example, you decide to take 12.0 credits. Of the 12.0 credits the tribe has already paid for a 5.0 credit class that you need to retake (for whatever reason) your **funding will be prorated** for 7.0 credit hours

I agree to **maintain a GPA of at least a 2.0** to remain eligible for financial assistance.

I understand that if I **withdraw or receive a 0.00 GPA or zero credits** for insufficient and unjustifiable reasons before the term or training program is over I will **refund the money awarded** to me (including any tools) and any future financial assistance to me, will be jeopardized.

It is **my responsibility to inform the Education Director of any changes in my student or education status within 10 days of the change.**

It is my responsibility to **officially withdrawal from school in the event I am unable to attend. I will then provide a copy of the withdrawal form to the Education Director.** Otherwise, I may be responsible for full repayment of tuition and fees to LEKT.

I will send the Education Director a **copy of my transcript with grades and total credits earned at the end of each term.**

I will provide a **copy of my registration** for the term I am requesting funding.

There is **not** funding for **summer** quarter unless it is a requirement of the program I am attending. I must then provide documentation to validate summer requirement.

Ensure a **W-9** for your school is on file for Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's accounting office.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that all of the information on my application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand any information I provide is subject to federal review and consent to the release of all information relevant to my agency, college financial office as applicable to determine my aid.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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Release of Information 2025-2026

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

Student Email _____

Student ID Number _____

The Privacy Act of 1974 required each Federal Agency that maintains a system of information on individuals to inform those individuals as to:

1. The Authority (whether granted by statute, or by executive order of the President) that authorized the solicitation of the information and whether disclosure of such information is mandatory or voluntary;
2. The principle purpose or purposes for which the information is intended to be used;
3. The routine uses which may be of the information as published pursuant to paragraph (4), (d) of this subsection and;
4. The effects, if any, of not providing all or any part of the requested information.

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe requires the information in the application solely for the determination of eligibility. Failure on the part of the applicant to provide the necessary information may preclude applicant eligibility. A copy of the Privacy Act of 1974 is available upon request.

STATEMENT OF EDUCATION PURPOSE: I declare that I will use any funds I receive under the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Higher Education Assistance Program solely for expenses connected with attendance at:

_____ (Please identify the college you plan to attend.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that all the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any information I provide is subject to Federal Review and consent to the release of this and any other relevant information to my Tribe, college financial aid officer, and Education Advisory Committee as applicable, to process my application and maintain grant eligibility. I will provide a copy of my transcripts to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Education Director at the end of each quarter/semester before requesting funds for the following quarter/semester. Participants in the Lower Elwha Higher Education Program are required to make satisfactory progress per quarter/semester with a 2.0 quarterly and accumulative grade point average in their pursuit of a degree or a certificate from an accredited educational institution and/or program. Failure to meet this requirement may result in the loss of the scholarship grant.

I authorize the release of grades, attendance reports, progress reports and any information to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Personal Statement:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to write their personal statement. The box occupies most of the page's vertical space.