Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Intertribal Timber Council
and
the College of Forestry, Oregon State University
from
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020

The College of Forestry (COF) at Oregon State University (OSU) seeks to provide baccalaureate (BS) and graduate degrees (MF, MS, and PhD) to Native American / Native Alaskan students. In order to increase enrollment of Native American / Native Alaskan students in COF at OSU through increased financial accessibility, we will augment the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program.

ITC will provide $2,000 to selected graduating senior high school students and $2,500 to selected college students. COF will provide an additional $2,500 to ITC scholarship recipients who are enrolled in a COF degree program at OSU, including baccalaureate programs: Forestry; Forest Engineering; Forest Engineering/Civil Engineering; Natural Resources; Renewable Materials; and Tourism, Recreation and Adventure Leadership; and graduate degree programs: Forestry; Sustainable Forest Management; Forest Ecosystems & Society; Natural Resources; Wood Science & Engineering; and other graduate programs in which our faculty serve as a student’s major professor. For more information on COF: http://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/.

Students enrolled in COF degree programs that meet eligibility requirements (i.e., full-time status, good academic standing) will be able to apply for additional COF, OSU, and other scholarships and fellowships that would be in addition to ITC and COF matching scholarships.

In addition, Oregon Administrative Rule 580-010-0037, Residence Classification of Members of Oregon Tribes identifies Native Americans that will be classified as Oregon Residents and be subject to in-state tuition:

1. Students who are enrolled members of federally recognized tribes of Oregon or who are enrolled members of a Native American tribe which had traditional and customary tribal boundaries that included parts of the state of Oregon or which had ceded or reserved lands within the state of Oregon shall be assessed resident tuition regardless of their state of residence.

2. For purposes of this rule, the federally recognized tribes of Oregon are: Burns Paiute Tribe; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation; Coquille Indian Tribe; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians; Klamath Tribes.
3. For purposes of this rule, the Native American tribes that had traditional and customary tribal boundaries that included parts of the state of Oregon or which had ceded or reserved lands within the state of Oregon are: California: Benton Paiute Tribe; Big Bend Rancheria; Big Lagoon Rancheria; Blue Lake Rancheria; Bridgeport Indian Colony; Cedarville Rancheria; Fort Bidwell Indian Tribe; Hoopa Valley Tribe; Karuk Tribe of California; Likely Rancheria; Lookout Rancheria; Lytton Rancheria; Melchundum Band of Tolowa Indians; Montgomery Creek Rancheria; Pit River Tribe; Quartz Valley Indian Community; Redding Rancheria; Roaring Creek Rancheria; Smith River Rancheria; Susanville Rancheria; Tolowa-Tututni Tribe; Winnemucca Colony; XL Ranch; Yurok Tribe. Idaho: Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho; Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Nevada: Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribes; Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe; Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe; Lovelock Paiute Tribe; Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; Walker River Paiute Tribe; Winnemucca Indian Colony; Yerington Paiute Tribe. Oklahoma: Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma. Washington: Chehalis Community Council; Colville Confederated Tribes; Quinault Indian Nation; Shoalwater Bay Tribe; Yakama Indian Nation.

4. A student seeking to be assessed resident tuition under the provisions of this rule shall submit, following procedures prescribed by OSU, a photocopy of tribal enrollment which documents tribal membership.

ITC and COF commit to effective collaboration and communication in order to meet our shared goal of increasing Native American / Native Alaskan enrollment in higher education. COF decisions regarding supplemental funds for ITC scholarship recipients will be made on an as needed basis. All other COF scholarships and fellowships will follow standard application procedures and deadlines.

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Date: 10/19/2017

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