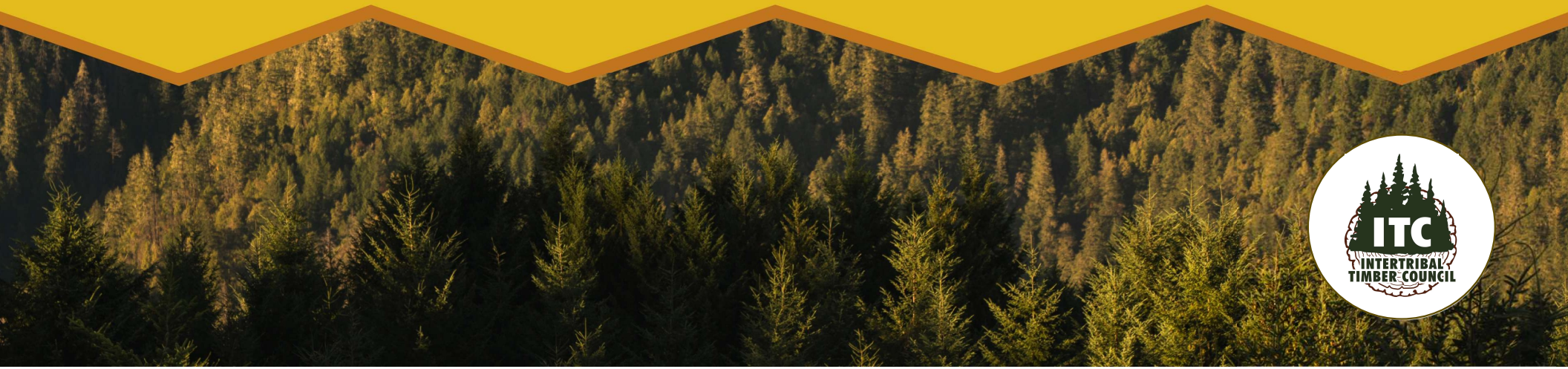
Truman D. Picard Scholarship Application Guide & FAQs (2027)



About the Scholarship

- Established in 1988 in honor of Truman D. Picard, Colville Forester & ITC Board Member
- 627 recipients to date
- $1,375,000 awarded

2027 Award Amounts

- **$4,000** — Forestry or Fire (college, graduate, graduating seniors entering grad school)
- **$3,000** — Natural Resources (college, graduate, graduating seniors entering grad school)
- **$2,000** —Natural Resources, Forestry, or Fire (high school seniors entering college)

Funding Timeline

- Awards issued **summer 2027** for **fall 2027** enrollment.

Eligibility Requirements

- Enrolled member or descendant of a federally recognized Tribe or Alaska Native Corporation
- **College students:** Enrolled in **12+ credits**
    - College seniors are not eligible unless they are applying to graduate school
- **Graduate students:** Enrolled in **6+ credits**
- **High school seniors:** Entering full-time college (**12+ credits**)
- Must be a **Natural Resources major** (examples):
    - Environmental Studies
    - Hydrology
    - Natural Resource Management
    - Wildlife & Fisheries
    - All Natural Resources degrees accepted, but preference will be given for to students whose degree or areas of study directly involves **Forest Resources** or **Fire**

Application Review Process

Reviewed by: ITC Education Committee

Each reviewer scores applications on a 1–5 scale across five categories (25 points total), with all reviewer scores combined for final ranking.

Scoring Categories (25 points maximum)

- Essay (1–5)
- Resume (1–5)
- Academic merit (1–5)
- Financial need (1–5)
- Letters of reference (1–5)

Early Submission Incentive

Earn 1 extra point for complete applications submitted by January 8, 2027, 5:00 p.m. PT

Apply Online

- **Submit at:** https://app.ezfiledrop.com/picard-2027
- No account required. Form does **not** save progress.
- The Education Committee will review and rank applicants who completely address each section.

Information Required

- Name, Tribe, email, phone, mailing address
- Award category
- Current school or school applied/accepted to
- Major category & declared major
- School you will attend in fall 2027
- Expected graduation date
- Full-time status
- GPA

Required Materials: Essay Questions

Worth up to 5 point, write a 1- or 2-page essay addressing:

1. Academic interest in Forestry, Wildland Fire, or Natural Resources
2. Commitment to education, community, and culture
3. Financial need

Guidance for Applicants

Be specific and write in your own voice.

Please avoid using AI to write your essay—we want to hear *your* story.

Strong applicants often:

- Talk about their **tribe**, their **connection to land and culture**, and how those relationships shape their path in natural resources.
- Share **career goals** and **family influences**—why they're in college and why support from an intertribal forestry organization matters.
- Clearly explain their **financial need** and how the assistance would help them continue their education.

Required Materials: Resume

Worth up to 5 points, include:

- Education
- Work experience
- Volunteer experience
- Natural resource experience (if applicable)
- Clubs, awards, and leadership roles

Required Materials: Letters of Reference

Three letters required — worth up to 5 points

Read the requirements carefully to avoid an incomplete submission:

- Must be signed, dated (within last 6 months), and on letterhead
- Digital/electronic signatures accepted
- Typed "handwriting-style" signatures not accepted
- Think strategically about who you ask and give your references adequate time. Aim for a balanced mix of academic and work-related recommenders when possible. Personal references (such as family friends or a pastor) are acceptable, but strong letters from instructors and employers generally carry the most weight.
- Address letters to:

  Education Committee
  Intertribal Timber Council
  PO Box 11790
  Portland, OR 97211

Required Materials: Proof of Tribal Enrollment

This is not a graded category, but you must prove that you are a member or descendant of a federally recognized tribe or Alaska Native Corporation to qualify.

Accepted:

- Enrollment card (front/back)
- Descendant card (front/back)
- BIA Form 4432

Not accepted:

- Parent enrollment
- Birth certificate

Required Materials: Transcripts & GPA

Worth up to 5 points, required for all applicants. Unofficial transcripts accepted.

High school seniors:

- College acceptance letter
- Class schedule

College students:

- Proof of declared major
- Current class schedule

Required Materials: FASFA

Worth up to 5 points, all applicants must submit a FAFSA Submission Summary to demonstrate need.

If FAFSA not completed:

- Submit last year's report

Access your summary via StudentAid.gov or request a mailed copy (10–14 days).

Acceptance Video Requirement

Selected recipients must upload an acceptance video according to ITC instructions and deadlines.

Videos shown at:

- Annual Awards Banquet
- ITC social media

View past YouTube videos @intertribaltimbercouncil: https://youtu.be/_4UhsOD-xIo

Financial Aid Agreements

Additional scholarships or tuition waivers available at:

- University of Washington
- Oregon State University
- Salish Kootenai College
- Yale University

Applications Checklist

Download the 2027 Picard Scholarship Announcement & Checklist:
www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html

Submission Deadline

Deadline: Friday, **January 22, 2027**, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Early Submission Incentive: Score +1 point for applications submitted by **January 8, 2027**, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time

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