



Truman D. Picard Scholarship Announcement For Native American/Alaskan Natural Resource Students

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Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Award: Number of awards varies per year. Award provided in summer 2026 to support students for fall 2026.

\$4,000: College students, graduate students, and graduating college seniors applying/accepted for graduate school studying Forestry or Fire.

\$3,000: College students, graduate students, and graduating college seniors applying/accepted for graduate school studying Natural Resources.

\$2,000: Graduating senior high school students studying Natural Resources, Forestry or Fire.

Status: Full-time college students enrolled in 12 or more credits; graduate students enrolled in 6 or more credits.

The **Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program** is dedicated to supporting Native American students pursuing higher education in Natural Resources. Preference will be given to students whose degree or area of study directly involves management of Forest Resources or Fire. The \$4,000 award is contingent upon college and graduate students being accepted in a school for a Forestry or Fire degree.

FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS

The ITC has cooperative financial aid agreements with the University of Washington, Oregon State University, Salish Kootenai College, and Yale University. Recipients of the ITC Picard Scholarship are eligible to receive additional scholarships including tuition waivers, if attending one of these colleges. For more info visit the ITC website at www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html or contact the colleges directly.

TRUMAN D. PICARD (1946-1986)

The ITC established a scholarship program in honor of Truman D. Picard who served on the ITC Board from 1982-1985. He attended the Forest Engineering Institute at Oregon State University while working for the BIA Colville Presales program and became one of the first from the agency to complete the program. In 1977, Truman transferred to Colville Tribal Forestry as a Supervisory Forest Technician in charge of woods operations and later promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Forestry Operations. Because of his drive to complete his education, Truman returned to Oregon State University earning a B.S. Degree in Forest Management. Post college, he was appointed Colville Forestry Director. Truman's work for the Tribe will always be remembered by his individual efforts to bridge BIA Forestry and Colville Tribal Forestry in a joint effort to improve the level of Forest Management on the reservation – truly a lasting legacy.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Complete the form online at <https://app.ezfiledrop.com/546117/picard-2026> and upload all required documents.** No account is required. The form will not save your progress; therefore, you must have all required documents prior to starting the application. The Scholarship Selection Committee will review and rank applicants who completely address each section.
 - Your name, email, permanent mailing address, and phone number
 - Award category, school you are currently enrolled in or applied/accepted to, major category, declared major, expected graduation date, and school you will attend in fall 2026

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Essay discussing the following three (3) questions, be as specific as possible:**
 - 1) Academic interest in Forestry, Wildland Fire Management, and/or Natural Resources
 - 2) Commitment to education, community, and your culture
 - 3) Financial need
- ☐ **Resume**
- ☐ **Three (3) letters of reference on letterhead, signed, and dated.** If no letterhead is available through the reference's organization, they should create their own. Digital and electronic signature accepted. The letter must be dated within the last six months. Open any sealed documents, if applicable. Reference letters are not accepted directly from referrals.
- ☐ **Evidence of validated enrollment or descendant enrollment in a federally recognized Tribe or Alaska Native Corp.,** as established by the U.S. Government. Proof of parent enrollment or birth certificate is NOT accepted; applicant must submit a copy of the applicant's enrollment.
 - Accepted documents include a copy of applicant's enrollment card or descendant card, front and back;
 - Or completed BIA Form 4432 Verification of Indian Preference for Employment <https://bit.ly/BIAForm4432>.
- ☐ **Transcripts and GPA:** ALL students must include unofficial or official transcripts.
 - **High school students** must provide a **college acceptance letter** and **class schedule** to verify before a check is released.
 - **College students** must provide proof of their **declared major and current class schedule**.
- ☐ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** ALL students must complete the FAFSA and the Submission Summary. If it has not been completed, include last year's report. **View your FAFSA Submission Summary** by logging in to your StudentAid.gov account Dashboard at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing>, select your processed FAFSA submission from the "My Activity" section, and click "View FAFSA Submission Summary" or contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 and request a mailed copy (10–14 days).
- ☐ **Submission Deadline:** Applications must be submitted **before** the close of business (5:00 p.m. Pacific Time) **March 20, 2026**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- ☐ **Questions:** Contact the ITC office by email intertribaltimbercouncil@gmail.com or by phone (503) 282-4296.