

Sean Mesteth Memorial Scholarship

Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority (SKHA) has partnered with the Tribal Education Department (TED) to offer a scholarship for enrolled Tribal members, age 17 – 24, who wish to pursue schooling in a vocational/ trade school program or accredited higher education institution, to enrich their career opportunities. This is a competitive scholarship; there will be ten scholarships given in the amount up to \$5,000 each. This scholarship will only be available for two years; with a minimum of twenty recipients total. Scholarships will be restricted to paying for tuition, fees, books, and school supplies, and **will not** be used for subsistence expenses like food, clothing, housing, or utilities. Students can receive up to \$5,000 per year.

If you are a CSKT member, age 17 – 24, and interested in attending a Vocational/ Trade School program or an accredited higher education institution, read through this Policy Handbook and submit an application to the Tribal Education Scholarship Officer. Students must be able to receive a certificate of completion upon finishing the training program. Career oriented programs will have priority for funding, which include but are not limited to: building trades, construction, electrician, plumber, grant writing, public administration, communication studies, business administration, project management, architecture, civil engineering, or surveying. Students can attend either an accredited educational institution or a vocational program that is not accredited.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

To be considered eligible, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria at the time of applying.

1. Be an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.
2. Must possess a high school diploma or GED/ HiSET.
3. Students must be accepted into a vocational/ trade school or accredited higher education institution.
4. Students cannot have been convicted of a felony charge in the past (1) year.
5. Priority will go to a student who is a resident of one of the Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority rental programs.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Complete and submit the scholarship application
2. Submit all required documentation (see below for full list of documents needed)
3. Provide CSKT Scholarship Officer with a copy of your Certificate of Completion, from the training program, once received
4. Submit a new application for each year they wish to be considered for scholarship funding
5. Inform the Tribal Education Department of any changes (i.e. training program, address, email, phone number)

What is needed for a COMPLETE application packet?

- Sean Mesteth Memorial Scholarship **application**
- College Transcripts**, if applicable. Applicants must request them from all colleges attended
- Copy of **High School Diploma or GED/ HiSET**; high school transcripts will also be accepted

- Copy of Tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB). This can be obtained from the Tribal Enrollment Office at 406-675-2700 ext. 1013; request that a copy be sent to the CSKT Education Department Scholarship Officer
- Copy of acceptance letter/ verification into the college/ program
- Financial Needs Analysis, from the training program you plan to attend
- Letter of proof from SKHA if parents or guardian is a resident of a low rent program
- A one page letter explaining student's career goals and how this scholarship will benefit them

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Funding will not exceed \$5,000.00 per year and the amount released will be based on your Financial Needs Analysis. All funding will be sent directly to the college or program you will attend. No funding will be issued to the student. Funding will be disbursed in equal increments based off the school terms.

If a student does not complete and/ or receive their certificate, no additional funding will be released for the remainder of the year. The student must appeal to the SKHA Scholarship Review Committee to be reinstated, if they would like to pursue the scholarship in the future.

INCARCERATED APPLICANTS:

Applicants under the jurisdiction of tribal, state or federal penal institutions are ineligible to receive funding while incarcerated.

FELONY CONVICTIONS:

Applicants who have been convicted of a felony will not be considered for funding until (1) one year after the conviction date. If you are convicted during the term of being funded, your funding will be suspended at that time.

Applications and all required paperwork must be sent to the Tribal Education Department's Scholarship Officer, Miranda Burland. If you have further questions or need any clarification you can call (406) 675-2700 ext. 1074 or email Miranda.Burland@cskt.org.

If mailing paperwork please sent to:

CSKT Education Department
Attn: Miranda Burland, Scholarship Officer
PO Box 278
Pablo, MT 59855

Faxed applications will not be accepted.

Sean Mesteth Memorial Scholarship Application Packet

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe's Education Department is offering a scholarship specifically for the support of individuals that want to attend a career-oriented training or trade program.

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, age 17 - 24. You must also be able to receive a Certificate of Completion and you are required to submit a copy of your certificate to the Tribal Education Department after completion of the program/ training.

Applicants will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per year, to assist financially with the cost of tuition, fees, books and supplies ONLY. Payments will be made directly to the program. No funding will be issued to the applicant.

Applicants will be required to submit:

- 1) Sean Mesteth Memorial Scholarship application.
 - Mail it to the CSKT Education Department, Attn: Miranda Burland, P.O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855.
 - Email to Miranda.Burland@cskt.org.
 - Hand Deliver to the CS&K Tribal Education Department's front desk, **by appointment only**.
- 2) Copy of high school diploma/ high school transcript, GED or HiSET certificate/ testing scores.
- 3) Copy of your Tribal ID or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB). You can acquire this through our Tribal Enrollment Office.
- 4) Most recent college transcripts for undergraduate and graduate level, if applicable.
- 5) Copy of acceptance letter into the school/ program.
- 6) Letter of proof that the applicant is a resident of a low rent program through SKHA.
- 7) One page letter detailing career goals and how this scholarship will benefit the applicant.

If you have applied for the Tribal Higher Education Scholarship before, some of these documents may be on file with the Tribal Education Department. You can contact the Scholarship Officer, Miranda Burland, at (406)675-2700 ext. 1074 or email to Miranda.Burland@cskt.org for verification of paperwork.

**Sean Mesteth Memorial Scholarship
Application**

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M () F () **CSKT Enrollment #:** _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

Vocational/ Trade School Program or Higher Education School Name:

Name and location of school or certification program: _____

Study Area/ Certification or Degree in: _____

Expected Date of Completion: _____

Educational Background:

I received a high school diploma () or GED/ HiSET () Year Received: _____

High School or Facility Name of where diploma was received: _____

Have you ever attended college before? () Yes () No

If so, what college(s) did you attend? _____

Dates attended: _____ to _____

Did you receive a degree? () Yes () No

If so, what degree? _____

Date received: _____

Statement of Education Purpose:

I declare that I will use the funding that I receive, from the Sean Mesteth Memorial Scholarship, solely for the educational expenses listed in the Policy Handbook while I attend the school listed above.

I hereby certify, by entering my name and date below, that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to follow all rules, regulations, and attendance requirements of the school. To the best of my ability I will satisfactorily complete the program which I have selected.

Student Signature

Date

Financial Needs Analysis

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Trade School or College Name: _____

Student ID: _____

I understand that if I am eligible for other education funds, such as PELL aka - FAFSA, etc., this will be included when computing my financial aid package and I agree to use these funds for the purpose intended. These funds will be restricted to paying for tuition, fees, books, and school supplies, and will not be used for subsistence expenses like food, clothing, housing, or utilities. I am aware that all Tribal funding will be distributed through the Financial Aid Office of the school I will be attending. I authorize the school to release this Financial Needs Analysis to the CSKT Education Department's Scholarship Officer after completing their section below.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This section needs to be completed by the school's Financial Aid Officer. Once completed, return to CSKT Education Department, PO Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855 or email to Miranda.Burland@cskt.org.

Budget Period: _____, 20__ to _____, 20__, which will begin on _____, 20__.

Costs of Attendance

Campus-Based Aid and Other Resources

Tuition/Fees \$ _____ Parent \$ _____ Student \$ _____
Contribution Contribution

Books \$ _____ PELL \$ _____ Scholarship \$ _____

Housing \$ _____ GSL \$ _____ Tuition Waiver \$ _____

Travel \$ _____ Other Loan \$ _____ Tribal Scholarship \$ _____

Personal \$ _____ SEOG \$ _____ Other \$ _____ (List)

Child Care \$ _____ Work Study \$ _____ Other \$ _____ (List)

Other \$ _____

TOTAL COSTS: \$ _____

TOTAL RESOURCE: \$ _____

WE VERIFY THAT THIS STUDENT'S **UNMET FINANCIAL NEED IS: \$ _____**

Financial Aid Officer: _____
Signature

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

College Name: _____

Address: _____

Mailing Address

City, State

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