Fort Belknap Higher Education Scholarship Packet 2020-21

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To: Higher Education Scholarship Applicants

From: Ramona Messerly, Higher Education Program Manager

Attached is the Fort Belknap 477 Higher Education Scholarship Application Packet for Academic Year 2020-21. Required forms item# 6-13 are not included in the packet; it is important all forms are complete, accurate and submitted by the deadline date. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Board.

1) Higher Education Scholarship application page 1: due: 5/1/2020

2) Intake Form (in packet) page 3-4. due: 6/26/2020

3) Release Form (in packet) page 5. due: 6/26/2020

4) Non-Tax Filer Form (in packet) page 6; complete only if you did not file 2018 Federal taxes; Non-filer tax form must be returned Notarized. due: 6/26/2020

5) Needs Analysis form (in packet) page 7; must be completed by the Financial Aid Office at the college you will attend 2020-21. It is your responsibility to have form completed & returned by the deadline date. Make extra copies of Needs Analysis form if you are applying to more than one college. due: 6/26/2020

6) Student Aid Report (SAR/FAFSA 2020-21) Apply online @ www.fafsa.gov Print the results or Confirmation page. SAR (fafsa) must show EFC (Estimated Family Contribution). The SAR (fafsa) is very important do not delay in applying; your College Financial Aid office & Ft. Belknap Higher Education Program need your SAR (fafsa) information. due: 6/26/2020

7) Certificate of Indian Blood Degree (copy) – Ft. Belknap Tribal Enrollment Certificate must show ¼ or more degree of Indian Blood. due: 6/26/2020

Tribal ID card (copy) will not be accepted as a Tribal Enrollment Certificate.
Contact Tribal Enrollment office @ (406) 353-8531 or 353-8532

8) Federal Tax 2018 – Copy of your Federal Taxes (1040A; 1040EZ, etc.); Parents Federal Tax form if under age 24 and the College Financial Aid Office has determined you as a dependent student. due: 6/26/2020
9) Photo ID (copy of picture ID)  **due: 6/26/2020**

10) **Official High School Transcript or Official GED Transcript (Copies will not be accepted)** If you were a Higher Ed scholarships student Academic Year 2019-20 you do not have to submit another high school/GED/Hi-Set transcript.  **due: 6/26/2020**

11) **Official College Transcript** - Applicants that previously attended college must submit an official college transcript from the last college you attended. Transcript must show Registrar seal or stamp.  **(Copies will not be accepted as an official transcript)**  **due: 6/26/2020**

12) College Acceptance Letter - (copy) from the college you will be attending verifying that you have been accepted to attend Academic Year 2020-21.  **due: 6/26/2020**

13) Test Scores – ACT, SAT, TABE or COMPASS test (copy). Applicants must have one of these College Placement test.  **If you were a Higher Ed scholarship student Academic Year 2019-20, you do not have to submit another test score.**  **due: 6/26/2020**

14) Contract Health – IMPORTANT – Students moving off Ft. Belknap Reservation to attend college should contact Ft. Belknap Indian Health Service (IHS) Purchase Preferred Care Department to apply/inquire about health care services. This is very important should you need to see a physician when you are attending college.  Ft. Belknap IHS (406) 353-3100.

15) **If you were a Higher Education scholarship student 2019-20 you will not have to re-submit:** High School/GED transcript; Test Scores, Tribal Enrollment; Acceptance Letter (if you are returning to the same college you attended 2019-20).

**Note:**  *Work diligently on completing the Higher Education Packet, College application and file for FAFSA. Failure to complete FAFSA correctly may jeopardize your chance for Federal Assisted Programs. Contact the College Admissions and Financial Aid office to ensure your college and financial aid application is complete. Remember the Higher Education Scholarship is a supplemental program and maybe unable to meet your Unmet Need.*

**Questions:**  Call Higher Education Office @ (406) 353-2466, 353-8376, 353-2976

**Mailing Address:**  Fort Belknap 477 Higher Education Program  
656 Agency Main Street  
Harlem, MT 59526

**Email:**  rmessery@ftbelknap.org

**FAX number:**  (406) 353-4567 all forms faxed must be legible. Original forms faxed must also be mailed/postmarked by the deadline date.  **Faxed transcripts will not be accepted.**

**June 26, 2020**  Deadline date for file completion all required scholarship forms must be received/postmarked by the deadline date.  **Applications received after the June 26th deadline date will be considered late.**

*Fort Belknap Higher Education Packet 2020-21*
Higher Education Program Scholarship Application

Academic Year 2020-2021

Ft. Belknap Higher Education Program
656 Agency Main Street Harlem, MT 59526
(406) 353-2466, 353-8376

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Social Security#: __________________________ Tribal Enrollment #: __________________________

Tribal Affiliation: __________________________ Date of Birth: __________________________

Age____ Married____ Single____ Separated____ Divorced____

Veteran: Yes_____ No____ Email: __________________________

Spouse Name: __________________________

Dependents age(s) under 18: __________________________

High School Name/GED __________________________ Grad/Year __________________________

**College Status 2020-21:** Freshman_____ Sophomore_____ Junior_____ Senior_____

**College attending 2020-21:** __________________________

College Address: __________________________

Year to graduate from college: __________________________ Major: __________________________

Date & Name of college(s) previously attended: __________________________

Have you had a Higher Education scholarship grant before? Yes_____ No____

If yes; what year(s) __________________________

Sign & date back of application & return to HEP office by the May 1, 2020 Deadline date
Higher Education Policies and Procedures

Application requirements:
1) Higher Education Application (page 1) must be received/postmarked on/prior to the May 1, 2020 deadline date.
2) All other required forms for Academic Year 2020-21 must be complete and received/postmarked on/prior to Friday, June 26, 2020 deadline date.
3) Only OFFICIAL College/High school/GED transcripts will be accepted. COPIES of transcripts are not official and will not be accepted.
4) Grant funds are specifically for educational expenses; mismanagement of funds will be subject to automatic suspension and repayment of funds.

Guidelines:
1) Higher Education scholars must successfully complete 12 credits and maintain a 2.00 g.p.a.
2) Submit a copy of semester/quarter grades at the end of each semester/quarter.
3) Official college transcripts must be submitted at the end of spring 2020 semester/qtr.
4) Enroll in a degree program leading to an Associate/Certificate/Bachelor degree.
5) Notify the Higher Education Program immediately upon refusing the grant.
6) Failure to make academic progress will result in being placed on Probation for one semester/quarter.
7) Failure to meet academic requirements while on probation will result in suspension.
8) Notify the Higher Education program if you withdraw from college; only upon approval by HEP of reason for withdraw will future funding be considered/continued.
9) Higher Education applications received by May 1, 2020 will receive priority over applications received after the May 1, 2020 deadline date.

I give permission to the Ft. Belknap Higher Education Program to have access to my academic and financial records while attending an Institution of higher learning and receiving tribal scholarship funding from the Ft. Belknap 477 Employment & Training Higher Education Program.

I ____________________________ on ____________________________

Name Date

Acknowledge the Higher Education Scholarship conditions stipulated.

Deadline date: May 1, 2020 for Academic Year 2020-21

Higher Education scholarship applications received after the May 1, 2020 deadline will be considered late. Late applications will be considered only if funding is available.

Fort Belknap Higher Education Packet 2020-21
Higher Education Scholarship Intake Form 2020-21

Section I  Personal Information

Name: ___________________________  Soc. Sec. #: ___________________________  Telephone: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________  City: ___________________________  State: ______  Zip: ___________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________  Male____  Female____  Age____

EMAIL ___________________________

Veteran: Yes ______  No ______

Family Status: Two-Parent Family____  Single Parent Family____  Single____  Total # in household ______

Total # of dependents under age 18 ______  High School Graduation/GED Year ___________________________

High School Name & Address ________________________________________________________________

College Name: ___________________________  Expected graduation date: ___________________________

Associate/Technology degree: Yes____  No____  Degree/Certificate Major: ___________________________

College Status Academic Year 2020-21:  Freshman____  Sophomore____  Junior____  Senior____

Estimated College Graduation Year: ___________________________

Tribal Enrollment #: ___________________________  Tribal Affiliation ___________________________

Section II  Client Characteristics

Labor Force Status: Unemployed: _____  # Weeks Unemployed: _____  Last hourly wage: ___________________________

Employed: _____  Employer: ___________________________


Estimated Total Income in last 12 months: ___________________________

TANF: Yes____  No____  If yes, Amount & date benefits started ___________________________

General Assistance (GA): Yes____  No____  If yes, Amount & date benefits started ___________________________

SSI, etc.: Yes____  No____  Amount: ___________________________

Food Stamps: Yes____  No____  Commodities: Yes____  No____  Medicaid: Yes____  No____

Vehicle: Yes____  No____  Energy Assistance: Yes____  No____  Child Care Program Yes____  No____

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### Section III Employment, Training & Education Activities

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### Section IV Educational, Training and Employment Barriers

Check any barriers that may apply to you:

- 1) Single Head of Household
- 2) Lack of significant work history
- 3) Disabled Individual
- 4) Health/Physical restrictions
- 5) Public Assistance (Food stamps, Medicaid)
- 6) TANF/GA recipient
- 7) Child Care
- 8) Unemployed/Not in labor force
- 9) Employed/Low Income
- 10) No Driver's License
- 11) Transportation
- 12) Budgeting/Money management
- 13) Social issues
- 14) Homeless
- 15) Other

__________________________
Signature

__________________________
Date

Intake Form is due June 26, 2020 file completion deadline date.
CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Fort Belknap Higher Education Program
656 Agency Main Street
Harlem, MT 59526
(406) 353-2466, 353-8376
Email: rmesserly@fibelknap.org
FAX: (406)-353-4567

(Print) Applicant SS#

I am seeking services from the 477 Employment & Training Department. I authorize the 477 Employment & Training Department and all programs therein, to share, exchange, give and receive any information required about my application and the contents therein, in an effort to serve myself. In addition, I authorize the following programs to release to the Higher Education 477 Employment & Training Department. Those agencies are, but not limited to:

Tribal Personnel, Law Enforcement, Short Term Loan Program, Tribal Finance, Commodities, Tribal Credit, Head Start, Tribal Health, Housing Authority, Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Any Tribal Business, Tribal Education, All Colleges/Universities and Technical Institutions, Adult Basic Education, Area Schools, Banks, BIA, Any/All Employers, Veterans Administration, Insurance Companies, Job Services, County Clerk & Recorder, etc.

I understand any/all information by the above named programs/agencies will remain confidential and be used for professional purposes only. I understand that any/all information will not be released without prior knowledge. I understand that I may cancel this consent in writing at any time.

Information Requested:

Information Provided (Attach Documentation)

Signature Date

Higher Education Program Manager Date

Consent for Release of information form is due June 26, 2020 file completion deadline date.
Affidavit for Non-Tax Filers

Higher Education Program
Fort Belknap 477 Employment & Training Department
656 Agency Main Street
Harlem, MT  59526

I hereby certify that I did not file 2018 Federal Income Tax and will not do so.

I also certify that all the information provided on my financial aid form application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

_________________________________________  ______________________________
Signature                                      Date

_________________________________________
Address

_________________________________________  __________  _________
City                                          State       Zip

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of ______________________

_________________________________________
Notary Public

State of: _________________________________

SEAL

Affidavit Non-Tax Filer form is due June 26, 2020 file completion deadline date.
Expenses and Resources section are to be completed by the Financial Aid Office

The Financial Aid Office shall do the following:
1. Complete the FNA only after a student has submitted the required financial aid form (FAFSA/PELL)
2. Consider all financial aid programs for which students qualify when determining the financial aid package.
3. Indicate NE (Not Eligible) next to listed resources for which students do not qualify.
4. Complete each line item under Expenses and Resources.
5. Indicate only the direct educational expenses of the applicant.
6. Report all fellowships and special awards.

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STUDENT NEED RECOMMENDED TO FORT BELKNAP HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM:
(EXPENSES MINUS RESOURCES) $ ____________________________

EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

MONTH __________________________ TO _________________________ YEAR

DATE __________________________ FINANCIAL AID OFFICER ________________________ INSTITUTION __________________________

Phone # __________________________ Email __________________________
Higher Education Program  
Scholarship Application Checklist 2020-21

1. Higher Education Application – page 1  due: 5/01/2020
2. Intake Form - page 3  due: 6/26/2020
4. Federal Tax 2018 (copy); Parent's 2018 Federal Tax or Notarized Non-Tax Filer Form - pg.6 due: 6/26/2020
7. Certificate of Indian Blood degree (Enrollment must show one-fourth (1/4) or more)  due: 6/26/2020
8. Official High School Transcript or Official GED/Hi-Set Transcript  due: 6/26/2020
9. Official College Transcript must have Registrar’s seal or stamp  due: 6/26/2020
11. Test Scores (copy) ACT, SAT, TABE, COMPASS  due: 6/26/2020
12. Photo Identification (copy)  due: 6/26/2020

Higher Education application deadline date:  May 1, 2020
File Completion deadline date:  June 26, 2020

Forms received after the deadline dates will be considered as late.
Late applications will be considered only if funding is available.

➢ Higher Education Program 655 Agency Main Street, Harlem, MT  59526
➢ Telephone number (406) 353-2466, 353-8376
➢ Fax: (406)353-4567 Forms can be faxed, however due to poor fax quality all faxed forms must be legible.
➢ Official transcripts must be mailed or delivered faxed transcript copies are not official transcripts.
➢ Required forms must be received or postmarked by the deadline dates.
➢ Email: rmesserly@ftbelknap.org

NOTE:  Keep this checklist for your file; keep copies of all required forms.