



Salish Kootenai College Scholarship Application

WINTER 2017-2018

Early Deadline: January 19, 2018 4:30 PM **Final Deadline:** January 22, 2018 4:30 PM

Submit early and earn 1 extra point on your application!

Applications must be COMPLETE & SUBMITTED ON TIME to be considered.

Salish Kootenai College is pleased to offer a variety of scholarships such as the American Indian College Fund, SKC Foundation and SKC Employees, among others. These scholarships are to honor and promote academic excellence among its present and potential students. Scholarship amounts vary depending on available funds.

Awards will be made based on a point system. Points are assessed for the applicants GPA, essay, accomplishments/activities, letters of recommendation, sample thank you letter, and overall appearance/quality of application.

Applicant Criteria for Scholarship Consideration

- Enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 credits) at Salish Kootenai College.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 based on MOST RECENT transcript (college or high school).
- Must not be on Financial Aid Suspension
- Must have a financial need of at least \$500 (as determined on your Financial Aid Needs Analysis).
- Must have completed entire "Application Check List"

Application Checklist

In order for your application to be considered complete, the following items must be submitted. *Please arrange them in the order listed.*

- SKC Application (signed and dated). *The overall appearance of your application will be critiqued. Typed applications will earn more points than those that are handwritten. Cover pages and report covers also increase points in this category.*
- Essay: Criteria for the essay can be found on page 4 of this application.
- Two RECENT Letters of Recommendation (*must be typed, signed, and dated. Letters are considered recent if dated within the 6-month period prior to scholarship application deadline. DO NOT USE FAMILY MEMBERS (aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, grandparents, etc.)*)
- Sample Thank You Letter that you will submit to donor should your application be awarded. (*Please type one-page in letter format. Include an introduction - name, major, etc. Discuss your future goals and how a scholarship will help you to achieve those goals.*)
- Transcript from most recent educational institute attended (*high school or college*) OR GED Documentation (*if you do not have a transcript*).

It is your responsibility to submit all required documents with your application.

Do not have individual items sent to the Scholarship Director.

Accomplishments/Activities

Please tell us of leadership/community service or volunteer activities that you have been involved with. If you do not have the typical community service experience, describe how you have helped your tribe, family and/or community.

Have you received any special awards, honors, or distinctions? (Include any scholarships you have received in the past, honor roll, special achievements in high school or college – does not have to be academically related).

(If needed, you may continue on a separate sheet of paper. Attach after this page.)

Essay Guidelines

NOTE: Essay points will be assessed based on adherence to page limitation, spacing, font size, spelling/-grammar, and answers to questions posed. **Your essay should be 3 PAGES (not more, not less), double-spaced, in 12 pt. font. It should include the following:**

- Introduction: Introduce yourself and tell us about your community and family.
- Unique Circumstances: Describe any special circumstances and/or obstacles that you have had to overcome to attend college.
- Academics: Describe yourself as a student...study habits, educational goals, etc. What or who inspired you to pursue a college education? Tell us about any support systems you will have while pursuing your degree.
- Career Plans: Describe your ultimate career goal. How do you plan to give back to your community? What qualities do you have that will help you achieve that goal? What are your weaknesses and how will you overcome them?
- Financial Needs: Describe your financial situation. In addition to scholarships, how do you plan to fund your education? How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?

Notification of Awards

Do not call the SKC Foundation offices for questions regarding awards.

You will be notified BY E-MAIL within FOUR WEEKS of the deadline.
Award information will not otherwise be released by the SKC Foundation.

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my refusal to provide the requested information may result in the denial of my application.

I agree to the publication of my name and type of scholarship awarded. I also understand that my essay, picture, and thank you letter will be used when submitting reports to donors.

Student Signature

Date