The University of Washington recognizes the unique “government to government” relationship that exists between the tribes and federal government. UW departments and programs are encouraged to consider tribal or corporate enrollment or affiliation as a positive factor in admission, financial aid, and outreach programs. An American Indian or Native American person who has origins in any of the original peoples of North, South, and Central America and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKAN NATIVE VERIFICATION GUIDELINES**

Verification or tribal affiliation, which is required in order to benefit, consists of one of the following:

A student may establish eligibility when he/she meets one of the following criteria:

- A person who is a member of a tribe, band or community of Native Americans. This includes Eskimo, Aleut, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiians.
- A descendant of a tribal member.

Verification can consist of one of the following:

- Official tribal verification – Tribal enrollment card, treaty fishing card, or Bureau of Indian Affairs document.
- Certificate of Membership verification or Letter of Lineage by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a tribal enrollment officer, or community official (in cases where a formal enrollment process does not exist.)
- Where student is not a member, but a descendant: verification of member accompanied by birth certificates establishing heritage is acceptable.

**RESIDENT TUTION FOR AMERICAN INDIANS**

Eligibility
American Indian students are eligible to pay resident tuition rates if they meet the following two conditions:

- For a period of one year immediately prior to enrollment at a state institution of higher education the student was domiciled in one or a combination of the following states: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, or Washington.

- The student must be a member of one of the federally recognized Indian tribes, as determined under 25 C.F.R., whose traditional and customary tribal boundaries included portions of the state of Washington, or whose tribe has reserved lands within the state of Washington.

**Out of state tribes & in-state tuition:**

- The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
- The Nez Perce Tribe
- The Coeur d’Alene Tribe
- The Kootenai Tribe

**Washington state Tribes:**

Colville Confederated Tribes
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis
Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Hoh Indian Tribe
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Kalispel Tribe of Indians
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Lummi Nation
Makah Indian Tribe
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Nisqually Indian Tribe
Nooksack Indian Tribe
Port Gamble S'Klallam
Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Quileute Tribe
Quinault Indian Nation
Confederated Tribes of Salish Kootenai
Sauk Suiattle Indian Nation
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
Skokomish Indian Tribe
Snoqualmie Tribe
Spokane Tribe of Indians
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