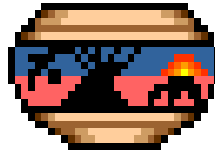


Application & Important Dates

<p>May 4, 2005</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Application Deadline</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This application must be received by May 4, 2005. You can submit your application by fax, email, or mail. If you submit your application by fax, you must mail your official transcript by May 4, 2005.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fax: 301-504-2248</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mail to: Tribal Scholars Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outreach Division</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lesia Young</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5601 Sunnyside Ave., Stop 5474</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beltsville, Maryland 20705</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Telephone No: 301-504-0034 or 2229</p>
<p>May 9-13, 2005</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rating Process</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NRCS will rate submitted applications through Tribal Scholars Program Rating Panel.</p>
<p>May 27, 2005</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Notification of Scholars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Each selected scholar will be notified by agency</p>
<p>June 27 – July 1, 2005</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Orientation for Selected Scholars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All selected scholarship recipients will be requested to attend an orientation in Polson, MT. The orientation is all expenses paid and will feature introduction into the NRCS, and mentorship from current American Indian Employees</p>



Application

Applicant's Biographical Questionnaire

I. Biographical Information

Legal Name (Please Print)

Last First Middle

Permanent Home Address

Number/Street City State Zip Code

Telephone (Home) _____ Other _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No Sex Male Female

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

II. Education

Name of High School _____

Telephone _____

School Address

Number/Street City State Zip Code

School Contact _____ Position _____

Contact Telephone _____

GPA (4.0 scale) _____ ACT Composite Score _____

SAT Combined Score _____

NOTE: Must submit an official transcript with application

NRCS TRIBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

List any other schools you have attended in the last 4 years. List the schools in order of attendance with the one you attended most recently first.

Name of School	location (city & state)	dates of attendance

List any advanced or special programs, courses or summer courses you have taken. List the most recent first.

Course/ program	name of school	location (city & state)	dates of attendance	Hours per week

Name of Tribal Institution (see enclosed list of Tribal Colleges and Universities)

Address _____

Number/Street

City

State

Zip Code

What course of study (major) will you pursue?

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Do you plan to go to graduate or professional school? _____ Yes ___X_ No

If yes, field of study _____

III. Activities

List any activities in which you have participated in or outside of school, i.e. sports, music, student government, clubs, church, civic, etc.

activity	dates of participation	offices held	special awards, honors, recognition

List volunteer services or jobs held in the last 3 years including summer employment.

Volunteer services/jobs	name of employer/organization	dates of service/employment	hours per week	special awards

IV. Leisure-Time Activities

1. What is most stimulating book or article, other than school assignments you have read in the last 6 months? Why did you find it stimulating?

2. What do you do for relaxation or fun?

VI. Secondary School Assessment

(Section to be completed by the counselor, teacher or principal.)

Legal Name of Student

Last

First

Middle

Are you confident that the student will/or have received a high school diploma during the current academic year? ___ Yes ___ No

If no, please explain.

Student's class rank _____ How many students in the class? _____

Student's cumulative grade point average? _____

Act Composite Score _____ SAT Combined Score _____

Does student meet academic requirements to transfer? (Applicable to transferees, only)

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, give total credit hours: ___ quarter or ___ semester hours

Describe the student's strengths and weaknesses.

Strengths:

Weakness:

N R C S T R I B A L S C H O L A R S P R O G R A M

Has the student shown exceptional talent or originality in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences and/or other related disciplines? _____ Yes _____ No

Please explain:

Additional comments.

Please attach an official secondary school transcript (with seal and signature).

I certify that I have completed this portion of the application and that all statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Secondary School Official

Position

Date
