

**University of Washington
Office of Minority Affairs**

**Native American
Verification Guidelines**

A student may apply through our office when Native American heritage is established and verified. Written proof must be included with your Admissions Application and sent to our office.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE AS A NATIVE AMERICAN?

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 Hawaiian.
- A descendant of a tribal member.

VERIFICATION can consist of one of the following:

- Official tribal identification.
Example: copy of a Tribal Enrollment card, treaty fishing card, or Bureau of Indian Affairs document.
- Certificate of membership verification 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.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE REVIEWED UNTIL WE RECEIVE ALL APPLICATION INFORMATION INCLUDING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE VERIFICATION.

If you need any further information or have any questions, please contact:

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