

Graduate Studies: Native American Tuition Waiver

If you are an enrolled member (or the child or grandchild of an enrolled member) of an American Indian Tribal Nation or Alaska Native Village that is recognized as such by the US federal government, you may be eligible to attend FLC tuition-free through the Native American Tuition Waiver (NATW). The NATW covers the tuition costs for graduate students. Students are still responsible for fees and other educational expenses.

In order to receive the Native American Tuition Waiver, a student must:

Provide verification of their enrollment in a U.S. federally recognized tribe by submitting a copy of their Tribal Enrollment Card, CIB or letter from their tribe verifying their enrollment.

OR

Complete the Affirmation of Descendancy form (page 2) *and* provide copies of their parent or grandparent's tribal enrollment documentation.

Documentation for the Native American Tuition Waiver (NATW) *must* be received by the Graduate Studies Office no later than the start of the semester. The NATW cannot be applied after the deadline. Once you are admitted to a graduate program, please submit your documentation for the NATW.

Student Information (please print)

Student full name: _____

Student date of birth: _____

Student email: _____ Student cell phone: _____

Program of Study: ☐ Culturally & Linguistically Diverse ☐ Principal Leadership ☐ Special Education
 ☐ Teacher Leadership ☐ Teacher Licensure

Student Tribal Affiliation: _____

Required Documentation

You must include one of the following documents. Please indicate which form of documentation you are providing:

- ☐ Copy of my tribal enrollment documentation (CIB, tribal enrollment card, etc.)
- ☐ Verification of my tribal enrollment verification on tribal letterhead with official signature

By my signature below, I affirm that the information on this form and contained in the attached documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Fort Lewis College may seek to verify any information provided on this form or in supporting documents. I also understand that my ethnicity will be recognized as "American Indian or Alaska Native" for institutional data-collection and aggregate reporting purposes. I understand that if I knowingly falsify any information on this form or attached documentation, I may be retroactively charged for all tuition costs that were originally waived.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form by mail, fax or electronically to the Graduate Studies Office

Mail: Fort Lewis College Graduate Studies, 1000 Rim Drive, Education Business Hall, Durango, CO 81301
Fax: 970-247-7043 | Email: gradstudies@fortlewis.edu

Graduate Studies: Native American Tuition Waiver Affirmation of American Indian or Alaska Native Descendancy

Use this form **only** if you, the student, are **not** an enrolled tribal member and you need to demonstrate that you are descended from a parent or grandparent who is an enrolled member of an American Indian tribe or Alaska Native village that is recognized as such by the federal government of the United States. If you (the student) are an enrolled member of an American Indian tribe or Alaska Native village that is recognized as such by the federal government of the United States, please use the first page of this form.

Student Information (please print)

Student full name: _____

Student date of birth: _____

Student email: _____ Student cell phone: _____

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Statement of Descendancy (please print)

My [check one] ☐ parent ☐ grandparent is an enrolled member of an American Indian tribe or Alaska Native village that is recognized as such by the federal government of the United States, and I am a descendant of that person.

Parent or grandparent full name: _____

Tribal or village affiliation: _____

Required Documentation

You must include one of the following documents. Please indicate which form of documentation you are providing:

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Statement of Affirmation

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