

# COUNCIL FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

## *The Shikpake Scholarship*

**Award: \$2,000 Deadline: July 31, 2026**

Award presentation at the 2026 National TERO

Conference in Tulsa, OK

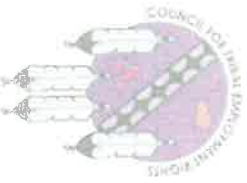
**MUST BE A FEDERALLY ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBER ENROLLED IN A COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.**

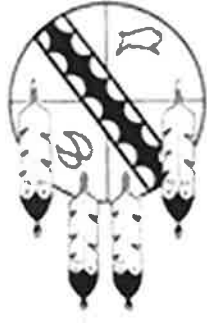
- REQUIRES A 3.0 GPA MINIMUM
- 3 LETTERS OF REFERENCE
- 1 PAGE ESSAY OF EDUCATIONAL & CAREER GOALS

For scholarship application contact:

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**2026 ITCHE SHIKAAKE SCHOLARSHIP  
Council for Tribal Employment Rights (CTER)**

**Scholarship Award:** \$2,000.00 (One-Time Award)

**Application Deadline:** July 31, 2026

**Award Presentation:** 2026 National TERO Convention

**Location:** River Spirit Casino Resort, Tulsa, Oklahoma

The Council for Tribal Employment Rights (CTER) is pleased to announce the *2026 ITCHE SHIKAAKE Scholarship*. This scholarship supports Native students pursuing their educational and career goals.

*Please Share With:*

- Indian and Native American Employment & Training Programs
- Tribal Higher Education Programs
- Tribal and Local Public Schools
- Native American Youth Groups
- Tribal Community Youth Organizations
- Tribal Youth Internship Programs
- Other Tribal and Community Organizations Serving Native Youth

CTER Scholarship Committee

Laatis Lawrence • Marcie Lopez • Ronette Stanton



May 06, 2026

TO: CTER Board of Directors & TERO Regions

FROM: Marcie Lopez, Laatis Lawrence, Ronette Stanton, CTER Scholarship Committee

SUBJECT: 2026 ITCHE SHIKAAKE Scholarship Application

Attached is the Council for Tribal Employment Rights (CTER) 2026 ITCHE SHIKAAKE Scholarship application for our use and distribution. **NOTE the deadline of July 31, 2026** for submission of the application. You are strongly encouraged to copy and distribute the application to all interested tribal entities as soon as possible. In addition to our TERO's, please share copies with any and all of the following entities and others as you may deem appropriate:

- Indian and Native American Employment & Training Programs
- Tribal Higher Education Programs
- Tribal and Other Local Public Schools
- Native American Youth Groups
- Tribal Community Youth Organizations
- Tribal Youth Internship Programs
- Others

The 2026 ITCHE SHIKAAKE Scholarship is a one-time award of \$2,000.00 and will be awarded at the Annual National TERO Convention at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 12, 13, 14, 2026.

The Council for Tribal Employment Rights appreciates your valuable assistance in getting this application to the appropriate individuals, groups and organizations.

Thank You,

Marcie Lopez, Laatis Lawrence, Ronette Stanton,  
CTER Scholarship Committee

**COUNCIL FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS**

**ITCHE SHIKAAKE  
2026 SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

**CRITERIA FOR APPLYING:**

1. Must be enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe, and/or a member of a tribe or entity that operates a TERO Program. A copy of Tribal Enrollment Card and copy of Tribal Membership number must be attached with this application.
2. Must have a Letter of Acceptance from the university, college, junior college, technical, vocational school you will attend; must be currently enrolled and/or accepted at time of this application.
3. Must be currently enrolled in school and have a three (3.0) grade point average (GPA) or higher. Applicant may be a High School graduate in the Spring Semester of 2026.
4. A current official school transcript must be submitted with this application.
5. Must attach three (3) Letters of Reference with this application.
6. A one-page narrative of applicants educational and career goals must be submitted with this application.

**Before you submit your application please make sure your application is complete and all the documents listed above are attached with your application. We will notify you if you are awarded the scholarship, otherwise we will not contact you.**

**APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED & SUBMITTED BEFORE JULY 31, 2026 TO:**

Council for Tribal Employment  
Rights c/o Laatis Lawrence  
P.O. Box Box 365  
Lapwai, ID 83540  
Email: [laatisl@nezperce.org](mailto:laatisl@nezperce.org)



COUNCIL FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS  
"ITCHE SHIKAAKE"



## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.		NAME	Email	
Last:	First:	MI:		
Marital status (circle one) Single / Married / Divorced / Separated / Widowed			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
Is this your legal name?	If not, what is your legal name?	(Former name)	Birth date	Age
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Marital status (circle one) Single / Married / Divorced / Separated / Widowed				
Street address		Social Security number	Phone Number	
			(     )	
P.O. Box	City	State	ZIP Code	

### EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of High School from which you graduated			Year
Name and address of Selected/Enrolled College/ University/ Technical/ Vocational School			Phone number
			(     )
Address/P.O. box	City	State	ZIP Code
Are you currently enrolled in a College or University? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If checked "Yes" box, which of the following is your enrollment status			12 Hours or more: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
Less than 12 hours: <input type="checkbox"/>			
Are you receiving other Financial Aid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If Marked "Yes" box please indicate	
Amount: \$		Amount of need: \$	
Expected Graduation Date of Graduation: (from College or University) ( Example: SPRING 2026)			
Semester:		Year:	
Expected Degree	AA <input type="checkbox"/> BA <input type="checkbox"/> AS <input type="checkbox"/> BS <input type="checkbox"/> MA <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:		
College Major			
What is your best score on either the ACT or SAT Test?			

ACT	SAT	What is your High School Grade Point Average?
01 – 12: _____	No. EQUIVALENT: _____	1.00 – 1.99: _____
13 – 19: _____	No. EQUIVALENT: _____	2.00 – 2.69: _____
20 – 22: _____	840 - 1050: _____	2.70 – 3.19: _____
23 – 25: _____	1060 - 1300: _____	3.20 – 3.59: _____
26 - + : _____		3.60 - + : _____

If you did not graduate from High School, Have you passed the GED test?  Yes  No

**TRIBAL INFORMATION**

What is your Tribal Affiliation? TRIBE

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT#

Of which TERO REGION are you a resident? (Example: Alaska, Eastern, Great Lakes, Northern Plains, Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Southern Plains, Southwest, etc.)

TERO REGION

**WARNING**

*ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT OR MISREPRESENTATION ON THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.*

Applicant's signature

Date

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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**CERTIFICATION**

**I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND I CONSENT TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE NECESSARY AGENCIES TO COMPLETE MY CTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENT OF THIS APPLICATION PACKET.**

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_**

**(If applicant is under age 18)**

**DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**FOR CTER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

**Received By: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_**