SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation Native American Graduate Fellowship

An annual fellowship will be awarded on a competitive basis to a graduate student who can meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be accepted into a master’s or doctoral degree program at The Graduate School of Montana State University
- Have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.50 and a minimum graduate GPA of 3.00
- Graduate from a regionally accredited 4-year institution of higher learning in the U.S.
- Be a current resident of the State of Montana
- Be an enrolled member of a Montana American Indian tribe

The successful applicant is guaranteed one year of funding. To remain eligible the recipient must maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA. If the recipient’s GPA is below 3.00 at the end of first semester of the first year, the recipient must reapply for the fellowship and will be subject to the competitive process for selection. A current recipient may apply for a renewal up to a maximum of one (1) additional year for a master’s program and up to a maximum of two (2) additional years for a doctoral program. For information on the fellowship visit: http://www.dpwfoundation.org/?page_id=140

Scholarship application submission officially opens: May 18, 2018.
Deadline to submit an application: July 31, 2018.

One Graduate Fellowship will be awarded annually to a Montana State University graduate student; the fellowship includes:

- $15,000 stipend
- Designation as a research or teaching assistant* (preference will be given to applicants who have provide a letter of support from the department in which they are enrolled as a graduate student, indicating that said department will provide them with a GRA or GTA stipend).
- Montana Native American tuition waivers (6 credits/term); excludes University and other fees

Submission guidelines:

- Three (3) letters of reference, one (1) of which can be from a nonacademic individual
- One (1) page typed essay indicating reasons for pursuing graduate education
- Appropriate standardized test score, if required by the master’s or doctoral degree program

For questions regarding eligibility requirements or submission guidelines, please contact Barbara Komlos at the Graduate School at Montana State University, (406) 994-4206, bkomlos@montana.edu

Delivery:
Address all application materials to the MSU Graduate School Dean, Dr. Karlene A. Hoo.
Send application materials either by e-mail as a PDF file to bkomlos@montana.edu or regular mail to:

Dennis & Phyllis Washington Scholarship Committee
Attention: Dr. Barbara Komlos
The Graduate School
Montana State University
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*General Duties of Graduate Research Assistants (GRA):

GRAs often conduct research in a relevant area of their major course of study under the direction of a faculty. The research is usually a component of the faculty advisor’s research that is directly supported by external funding. GRAs generally are expected to carry out a specific research project, which often forms the basis for a thesis or dissertation. GRA general duties include: performing experiments, calculations, analyzing results and disseminating knowledge orally or in written publications, reflecting on the state of the field and proposing new research problems, attending conferences to present results, training and supervision of less experienced research personnel.