

Susan Helen Tibbetts Sjolund Scholarship

2022 Leech Lake Tribal College

Purpose: This scholarship seeks to reward a Leech Lake Tribal College student with the potential and desire for preserving cultural strength and for making our world a better place. It was endowed by Cliff Sjolund Jr, Colonel, United States Air Force (retired) to honor the memory of his paternal grandmother and on behalf of her three children, Clifford, Peggy and Barbara.

This scholarship will support a second-year Leech Lake Tribal College student destined for a career in organizational or operational leadership through the LLTC Indigenous Leadership Program. It is expected recipients will pay this gift forward many times over by inspiring others to build a better tomorrow for those who share, respect, protect and advance their proud and honored cultural heritage.

Award Components: One (1) **\$500** scholarship will be awarded to a current LLTC student who will be returning as a full time student at LLTC for the Fall 2022 semester.

LLTC Associate of Arts Degree, Indigenous Leadership

This Degree Program is a two-year course of study designed intentionally as an exploration of and exposure for many disciplines, but in particular to Ojibwe language and culture, history, governance, and land base; the four elements of nationhood. Based on Ojibwe values, these educational and cultural opportunities provide students with skills to identify community concerns and then engage in community service.

DEADLINE for applications is Friday, April 29, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (no exceptions).

Recipient of this scholarship will be announced at the LLTC Graduation ceremony on May 14th, 2022

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student for the Fall 2022 semester upon evidence of enrollment at the Leech Lake Tribal College and satisfactory academic standing.

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be enrolled as a full time student at the Leech Lake Tribal College for the Fall 2022 semester.
2. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or Higher.
3. Applicant must be currently enrolled in or have a demonstrated interest in the LLTC, Indigenous Leadership program.
4. Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Additional Preferred Criteria (not required):

5. Applicant is an Honorably discharged member of the US Military or prior member of an equivalent service program (e.g., Americorps, VISTA, Peace Corps, etc.)
6. Additional consideration will be given to a student that demonstrates both the potential and desire to serve their community in a leadership position.

In the event that the above criteria cannot be met, a student may be selected that most closely fits the above criteria.

Application Process: Applicant must submit the following items:

1. **Completed application form** (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. **Two (2) letters of recommendation** from choice of teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
3. An official and recent **school transcript** with cumulative grade point average.
4. **Personal Essay**. Typed, double-spaced on a separate WORD document. Minimum 2 pages).

Submit the completed application in person to the Leech Lake Tribal College Financial Aid Office or Student Services Office:

Deadline for the application is **Friday, April 29, 2022, 4:00 p.m.** No late applications will be accepted!

The Leech Lake Tribal College

Susan Helen Tibbetts Sjolund Scholarship Application

2022

Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.			
1.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Last Name: _____</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">First Name: _____</td> </tr> </table>	Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____		
2.	Mailing Address:: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____		
4.	I will be attending Leech Lake Tribal College Fall 2022: Yes: _____ No: _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to receipt of funds.		
5.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required		
6.	Name and City of High Schools attended:		
7.	Please list Ojibwe language, culture or Ojibwe history courses that you have taken in college.		
8.	Do you plan to transfer and attend a four year school after graduating from Leech Lake Tribal College?		
9.	What Specialty/Major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?		

10.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
11.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school or college:
12.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

13.

Personal Essay

Please answer the following questions:

Why are you a deserving recipient of the Susan Helen Tibbetts Sjolund Scholarship? Discuss the importance of the Ojibwe Language and History, the importance of developing Indigenous leadership skills grounded in Anishinaabe values and how your career plans and aspirations will benefit Ojibwe people.

Submit your response as a separate document that has been typed and double spaced. Minimum 2 pages.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Leech Lake Tribal College.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, I must provide proof of enrollment/registration at the Leech Lake Tribal College for the Fall 2022 semester before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Furthermore, if selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I agree to submit 2 thank you letters per year (one per semester) to the donor(s) of this scholarship.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER

The deadline for this application to be received in the LLTC Financial Aid Office or Student Services Office is:

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