



## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION PACKET

**FALL DEADLINE: JUNE 25 • SPRING DEADLINE: DEC 18**

If deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline moves to the Monday immediately following.

**All students must complete the online application form  
on or before the program deadline to be  
considered for funding for the upcoming term.**

**Submit your application by the deadline, even if you do not have all of the additional required documents!**

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## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about any of the Nevada Gold Mines-supported education funding programs described in this booklet, contact the following:

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## WESTERN SHOSHONE EDUCATION FUNDING PROGRAMS

The programs outlined in this information packet use an online application process.



	Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation	Tuition Assistance Program for Great Basin College	Nevada Gold Mines "Gold" Mining Scholarship
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* For students enrolled full-time in an eligible/accredited college, university or vocational program or institution</li> <li>* Full-time is a minimum of 11 credits (or equivalent as recognized by the school)</li> <li>* Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA</li> <li>* \$3,000 per term/semester, up to two awards per year, for Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, Graduate and vocational/technical certificate programs</li> <li>* Award is paid directly to the student</li> <li>* May also be eligible for Nevada Gold Mines "GOLD" Mining scholarship</li> <li>* Not eligible for Tuition Assistance Program at Great Basin College</li> <li>* See pages 4-8 and 14 for details</li> <li>* <b>APPLY ONLINE</b> at <a href="https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/naeducation/">https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/naeducation/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* For eligible students taking <b>part-time</b> course work through Great Basin College who are <b>ineligible</b> for the Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation</li> <li>* Only for degree/certificate programs which promote career enhancement, increased potential for employment, or increased earning potential</li> <li>* Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible</li> <li>* Covers tuition and fees for course work, up to 10 credit hours per semester</li> <li>* Award is paid directly to Great Basin College for credit to student account</li> <li>* See pages 9-11 for additional details</li> <li>* <b>APPLY ONLINE</b> at <a href="https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/naeducation/">https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/naeducation/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* For Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation award recipients who have reached undergraduate sophomore, junior or senior status or are in a Master's or Doctoral level program in one of the following degree fields:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Chemical, Civil, Environmental, Geological, Geophysical, Geotechnical, Mining or Metallurgical Engineering</li> <li>o Environmental Science</li> <li>o Geology</li> <li>o Mineral Processing</li> <li>o Wildlife Ecology / Conservation</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Minimum 2.5 GPA</li> <li>* \$1,500 per term, up to two awards per year</li> <li>* Award is paid directly to the student</li> <li>* See page 11 for additional details</li> <li>* <b>APPLY ONLINE</b> at <a href="https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/naeducation/">https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/naeducation/</a></li> </ul>
First Time Applicants	First time applicants should submit/upload (via the website above) scanned or photo files of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application (online)</li> <li>• Evidence of tribal affiliation*</li> <li>• Personal statement / education plan</li> <li>• Final high school transcript or diploma OR grades/transcript from postsecondary education efforts reflecting 2.0 GPA</li> <li>• Registration for upcoming term</li> </ul>	First time applicants should submit/upload (via the website above) scanned or photo files of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application (online)</li> <li>• Evidence of tribal affiliation*</li> <li>• Personal statement / education plan</li> <li>• Final high school transcript or diploma OR grades/transcript from postsecondary education efforts reflecting 2.0 GPA</li> <li>• Registration for upcoming term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Applicants who receive funding from the Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation will be screened for eligibility for the Nevada Gold Mines "Gold" Mining Scholarship. No additional application or documents are required.</li> </ul>
Continuing Applicants	Students who have previously received an award from this program should be prepared to submit/upload (via the website above) scanned or photo files of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application (online form)</li> <li>• Grades/transcript from most recent term completed</li> <li>• Registration for upcoming term</li> <li>• Updated personal statement / education plan (required once per year)</li> </ul>	Students who have previously received an award from this program should be prepared to submit/upload (via the website above) scanned or photo files of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application (online form)</li> <li>• Grades/transcript from most recent term completed</li> <li>• Registration for upcoming term</li> <li>• Updated personal statement / education plan (required once per year)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Applicants who receive funding from the Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation will be screened for eligibility for the Nevada Gold Mines "Gold" Mining Scholarship. No additional application or documents are required.</li> </ul>

\*For assistance with interpretation of tribal affiliation eligibility criteria, please review the eligibility flowchart at the end of packet.

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## WESTERN SHOSHONE EDUCATION FUNDING PROGRAM ONLINE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### APPLY ONLINE AT [HTTPS://LEARNMORE.SCHOLARSAPPLY.ORG/NAEDUCATION/](https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/naeducation/) ALL APPLICANTS MUST CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.

- Register for the Western Shoshone Education Funding Programs at the website listed above.
- Create a User ID, complete all other blanks and create a password. Once finished, click "submit." Be sure to use an email address which you access on a frequent basis – communication will be done via email. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THEIR ACCOUNT INFORMATION AND ENSURING THEIR ACCOUNT CAN BE ACCESSED PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

- Click on the "Profile" link to create/update your profile. This can be found under the "Participant Menu" link.
- Complete all required information (\*). *Note: Changing your password is not required; it is optional. Once you've entered all information, click "Submit" to proceed to apply.*

- Review the Program Guidelines, if desired. These are the same as outlined in this booklet.
- Select the appropriate scholarship offering to begin the application process.

**IMPORTANT:** You must complete the entire form in one session. If you log out prior to submitting your data, your information will not be saved.

### HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS? CONTACT SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA:

[westernshoshone@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:westernshoshone@scholarshipamerica.org) • (507) 931-1682

**HELPFUL HINT:** Add [WesternShoshone@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:WesternShoshone@scholarshipamerica.org) to your safe senders list and check your spam/junkmail folders for program updates if you are not receiving communications to your inbox.



## WESTERN SHOSHONE EDUCATION FUNDING PROGRAM ONLINE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

APPLY ONLINE AT [HTTPS://LEARNMORE.SCHOLARSAPPLY.ORG/NAEDUCATION/](https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/naeducation/)

### COMPLETE APPLICATION

5. Complete the application. **You must complete the entire form in one session** – if you logout prior to submitting your data, your information will **not** be saved.

### KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Students **MUST** submit their application online prior to the deadline.
- Support for website access is **NOT** available after 4:30pm CST (2:30pm PST) Monday through Friday. Support is also not available on weekends or holidays.
- Required supporting documents may be submitted **AFTER** the application has been submitted and **AFTER** the application deadline.
- Questions regarding website access, status of application submittal and document uploads should be directed to Scholarship America. Inquiries may be submitted via email to [WesternShoshone@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:WesternShoshone@scholarshipamerica.org) or phone call to (507) 931-1682.

### UPLOAD DOCUMENTS, REVIEW & SUBMIT APPLICATION

6. Upload the required documents. First time applicants are required to provide all four documents. Continuing students need only to provide their most recent grades/transcript, class schedule and an updated education plan (once per year). *Documents may be uploaded later, after the application deadline.*

7. Read the “Student Commitment” section carefully. If you agree to the terms and conditions of the program, click the “Submit” button at the bottom of the page to submit your application. *You may log in any time after submitting your application to upload required documents and update your applicant profile.*

Applications will not be considered complete until all required supporting documentation is submitted.

The Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors will set a final submission deadline date for each application period at their Board of Directors meeting.

Scholarship America will notify students of missing documents and additional deadlines as appropriate.





## WESTERN SHOSHONE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION | PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### ELIGIBILITY

#### TO BE ELIGIBLE AN APPLICANT MUST BE A WESTERN SHOSHONE AND:

- Be a high school graduate (or have GED equivalent) and
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA (cumulative or term) on any post-secondary educational efforts and
- Be enrolled full-time to attend an eligible educational institution and
- Be EITHER a Western Shoshone descendant who is an enrolled member of one of the following Tribes or Bands:
  - Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone<sup>1</sup>
  - Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation<sup>1</sup>
  - Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
  - Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
  - Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
  - Ely Shoshone Tribe
  - Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe<sup>1</sup>
  - South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
  - Wells Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
  - Yomba Shoshone Tribe

#### OR

- A Western Shoshone descendant who is not an enrolled member of any of the tribes/bands listed above, who is a resident of any one of the listed tribes/bands reservation or service area with a parent who is tribally enrolled in one of the Western Shoshone tribes/bands listed (need not be the same community in which the applicant resides).

**Residency Waiver Conditions:** The residency requirement for educational support from Nevada Gold Mines for a non-enrolled applicant with one parent who is an enrolled member of a partner community will be waived if the applicant has moved out of the reservation or service area of a partner community:

- to join the United States military service,
- to attend college, university or vocational school (so long as the applicant is still in school),
- to attend Indian Residential School,
- because the applicant was removed from his or her household by child welfare services, or
- because a caregiver/parent of the applicant died and the applicant went to live with another relative.

There is no age limit on eligibility, however, scholarships may only be offered to applicants seeking to enhance their employment opportunities/career prospects and/or their ability to perform a service needed by their community.

### TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Approved institutions and educational programs are:

- Undergraduate and graduate level programs at licensed and accredited schools, junior colleges, private and public colleges or universities
- Accredited vocational, trade and technical schools
- Online coursework at accredited institutions

### TYPES OF PROGRAMS AND INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ARE:

- Apprenticeship programs (especially those offered through employment)
- Home study or self-taught coursework
- High school enrichment studies or accelerated high school study programs
- Internships (paid or unpaid)
- Any educational programs at unaccredited institutions

The foregoing is not presented as an inclusive or exclusive listing implying automatic approval or disapproval. Each program or institution will be judged upon its merits in an effort to fulfill the spirit and the purpose of this program. Final decision making authority lies with the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

<sup>1</sup>Applicants affiliated with the Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation and Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe who are eligible based upon the eligibility criteria defined above will receive scholarships identical to WSSF scholarships but the funds for these scholarships will be provided directly by Nevada Gold Mines. All applicants must follow the same application process and associated requirements, selection criteria, and award levels will be the same.

## WESTERN SHOSHONE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION | PROGRAM GUIDELINES CONTINUED

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS SEEKING AN INITIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

- Application for Scholarship Funds – completed online
- Personal statement/education plan written by the applicant (not more than two typed, double-spaced pages) describing the applicant's goals, objectives and reasons for pursuing a higher education and how further education will enable him/her to contribute to the welfare of his/her community.
- Copy of grades/transcript reflecting a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) cumulated or recent term, from any post-secondary education efforts or high school diploma with final high school transcript or GED certificate for those who have not previously pursued post-high school education.
- Copy of registration reflecting enrollment in a minimum of 11 credits for upcoming term
- Evidence of eligible tribal enrollment or evidence of residency and parental enrollment (see Eligibility Flowchart for Scholarships)

#### THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS SEEKING A CONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING:

- Application for Scholarship Funds – completed form online
- Updated education plan (not more than two typed, double-spaced pages), outlining how the applicant intends to achieve his/her educational objective. Required once per year, not each term.
- Copy of grades/transcript reflecting a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and the completion of a minimum of 11 credits from most recent term
- Copy of registration reflecting enrollment in a minimum of 11 credits for upcoming term
- Evidence of tribal affiliation or residency/parental enrollment – only required if applicant's tribal affiliation/enrollment has changed since original application

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

#### ESTABLISHMENT

Effective August 1, 2008, Barrick, the Duck Valley Western Shoshone Committee, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, Ely Shoshone Tribe and Yomba Shoshone Tribe established the Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation through signing of the Collaborative Agreement. The Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization, administers the Western Shoshone Educational Legacy Fund. The South Fork, Wells and Elko Bands of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone and the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone have subsequently signed the Collaborative Agreement and have become parties to the Fund and its administration.

#### PURPOSE AND AWARD AMOUNTS

The purpose of the educational aid/scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to eligible Western Shoshone students for university education, college education and/or vocational/technical training. Awards are \$3,000/semester for students enrolled in university or college associates, bachelors, graduate, masters and doctorate degree programs or an accredited vocational/technical certificate programs.

#### OBJECTIVE

The objective of this program is to provide assistance to an eligible student by partially covering the cost of attending an educational institution to learn a skill or obtain a degree to enhance employment opportunities and career prospects.

#### FUNDING

Barrick has donated funds since 2009 for the program on an on-going basis. Other organizations may also contribute to the program. The Fund is designed to be sustainable and to benefit current and future generations of eligible Western Shoshone from Nevada Gold Mine's (formerly Barrick) partner communities.

#### ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

Funds awarded shall be used for tuition, books, school fees and/or other expenditures directly related to legitimate educational pursuits at the educational institution identified on this application.

Housing costs for students living away from home constitute appropriate direct expenses. Under no circumstances may the award be used for any purpose other than for tuition, books, school fees, or other directly related school expenses.

#### TAX STATUS

The IRS may consider scholarships and other educational aid programs as taxable income. Please consult with your tax advisor.

## WESTERN SHOSHONE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION | PROGRAM GUIDELINES CONTINUED

### EVIDENCE OF TRIBAL AFFILIATION

Applicants must submit official evidence of tribal affiliation; original documents are not required. For enrolled applicants, most tribal enrollment cards or enrollment certificates contain sufficient information for verifying eligibility. For non-enrolled applicants, a parent's enrollment card or enrollment certificate should be submitted, along with evidence of residency. Examples of acceptable documentation for residency may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- high school diploma from the high school for the related tribal/band service area
- letter from the tribe/band confirming the applicant's residency in the community or its service area
- legal documents or utility bills showing the applicant's name and address confirming residency, or
- documents which demonstrate why waiver from residency requirements should be granted for non-enrolled applicants (see eligibility flowchart at the end of this packet)

Submission of false evidence of tribal affiliation or residency or for waiver of residency will be cause for the Trustees of the Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation to utilize all means necessary to recover scholarship funds granted to non-eligible students, including initiating legal action for recovery.

### ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year is defined as September through August for purposes of this plan. Payment to students will be made for any semester or quarter to full-time students up to, but not exceeding, the amount of the scholarship awarded. For the purpose of this program, "full-time" shall be designated as 11 credit hours (unless the program/school in which the student is enrolled recognizes a different number of credits as full time in order for the student to avoid academic probation). Enrollment in graduate programs that may not allow/require a student to enroll in at least 11 credit hours to be full-time will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students enrolled in vocational/other programs not using traditional credit hours must provide documentation verifying full time enrollment. Final decisions regarding assistance under the program will be under the sole authority of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

### PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship funds will be paid twice per academic year. The first term payment will be made at the beginning of the term upon receipt of a class registration schedule and receipt of grades from the previous term (or senior year of high school if a new student). The second payment for the academic year will be granted upon receipt of a class registration schedule for the next term and receipt of grades from the previous term. Payments will be made directly to the students.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection of students and the amount of money awarded to each student may be based upon a number of factors including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- cost to attend an institution, including tuition, fees, books and approved living expenses
- the nature of the institution, i.e. college/university versus community college, technical or vocational school
- total number of students applying for assistance, and
- amount of annual available funding

Applications will be required each year from students, including those preparing to enter post secondary education curriculum. Final decisions regarding assistance under the program will be under the sole authority of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

### CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY

If a scholarship participant has interrupted studies for a period in excess of one academic year, eligibility in the scholarship program will not be reestablished unless the student can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee, acting in their sole discretion, that the student's interruption was due to hardship or other good cause and the student is committed to return to studies and complete them on an uninterrupted basis.

Students who are suspended by an educational institution for disciplinary or academic reasons shall forfeit further award payments. Those students may receive consideration for reinstatement based upon eligibility requirements of the scholarship plan in force at the time and the circumstances surrounding reentry granted to a student by the educational institution or entry into another institution.

### CANCELLATION AND CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM

The Foundation Board of Trustees reserve, at their sole discretion, the absolute right to cancel, supplement, or amend the scholarship program at any time, and to resolve any dispute in the management or execution of the program.





## TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM for Part-Time Coursework at Great Basin College Program Guidelines

### ELIGIBILITY

#### TO BE ELIGIBLE AN APPLICANT MUST BE AN ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBER AND:

- Be a high school graduate (or have GED equivalent) and
- Be enrolled in part-time (10 or fewer credits) at Great Basin College, and
- NOT be a recipient of the Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation award, and
- Be an enrolled member of one of the following Tribes or Bands:
  - Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
  - Confederated Tribes of Goshute Reservation
  - Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
  - Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
  - Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
  - Ely Shoshone Tribe
  - Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe
  - South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
  - Wells Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
  - Yomba Shoshone Tribe

#### OR

- A descendant who is not an enrolled member of any of the tribes/bands listed above, who is a resident of any one of the listed tribes/bands reservation or service area with a parent who is tribally enrolled in one of the tribes/bands listed (need not be the same community in which the applicant resides).

**Residency Waiver Conditions:** The residency requirement for educational support from Nevada Gold Mines for a non-enrolled applicant with one parent who is an enrolled member of a partner community will be waived if the applicant has moved out of the reservation or service area of a partner community:

- to join the United States military service,
- to attend college, university or vocational school (so long as the applicant is still in school),
- to attend Indian Residential School,
- because the applicant was removed from his or her household by child welfare services, or
- because a caregiver/parent of the applicant died and the applicant went to live with another relative.

There is no age limit on eligibility; however, educational support from Nevada Gold Mines is provided to eligible tribal members only for degree or certificate programs that promote career enhancement, increased potential for employment, or increased earning potential. This support will not be provided for the purpose of pursuing personal interests not associated with the applicant's current job or potential future jobs.

### TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

This program applies only to course work offered through Great Basin College. This support from Nevada Gold Mines will be applied to tuition costs and fees for course work up to 10 credits per semester.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS SEEKING AN INITIAL TUITION SUPPORT AWARD:

- Application for Scholarship Funds – completed online
- Personal statement/education plan written by the applicant (not more than two typed, double-spaced pages) which includes the applicant's goals, objectives and reasons for pursuing a higher education and how further education will enable him/her to contribute to the welfare of his/her community.
- Copy of grades/transcript reflecting a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) cumulated or recent term, from any post-secondary education efforts or high school diploma with final high school transcript or GED certificate for those who have not previously pursued post-high school education.
- Registration for upcoming term verifying part-time enrollment in courses at Great Basin College
- Evidence of Eligible Tribal Enrollment or evidence of residency and parental enrollment (see eligibility flowchart at the end of this packet)

#### THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS SEEKING A CONTINUING TUITION SUPPORT AWARD:

- Application for Scholarship Funds – completed online
- Copy of grades/transcript reflecting a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) from most recent term completed

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- Copy of registration reflecting enrollment in a minimum of 11 credits for upcoming term
- Updated Education Plan (not more than two typed, double-spaced pages), outlining how the applicant intends to achieve his/her educational objective (required once per year)
- Evidence of Tribal Affiliation or Residency/parental enrollment – only required if applicant's tribal affiliation/enrollment has changed since original application (photocopies are acceptable)

### ESTABLISHMENT

Support for online course work by tribal member students was developed in 2014 at the request of the following tribal organizations:

- Battle Mountain Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
- Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
- Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- Elko Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
- Ely Shoshone Tribe
- South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
- Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
- Wells Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone
- Yomba Shoshone Tribe

### PURPOSE AND AWARD AMOUNTS

The purpose of the Tuition Assistance Program is to provide financial assistance to eligible tribal member students who are enrolled part-time at Great Basin College. The funding covers tuition and fees for up to 10 credits per semester per eligible student. Educational support from Nevada Gold Mines is provided to eligible tribal members for progress towards a degree or certificate that will result in career enhancement, increased job effectiveness, increased potential for employment, or increased earning potential. This support will not be provided for the purpose of pursuing personal interests not associated with the applicant's current job or potential future jobs. The only exception to this criteria may be course work directly related to volunteer work that the applicant does for the benefit of the members his/her tribe or band.

### OBJECTIVE

The objective of this program is to provide assistance to an eligible student by partially covering the cost of coursework at Great Basin College to enhance employment opportunities and career prospects.

### FUNDING

Nevada Gold Mines provides all funding for the Tuition Assistance Program.

### ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

Funds awarded shall be remitted to the Great Basin College Controller's office for application to tuition costs and fees for approved classes. Books, supplies, other fees and other expenses will be the responsibility of the student.

### TAX STATUS

The IRS may consider tuition support and other educational aid programs as taxable income. Please consult with your tax advisor.

### EVIDENCE OF TRIBAL AFFILIATION

Applicants must submit evidence of tribal affiliation; original documents are not required. For enrolled applicants, most tribal enrollment cards or enrollment certificates contain sufficient information for verifying eligibility. For non-enrolled applicants, a parent's enrollment card or enrollment certificate should be submitted, along with evidence of residency. Examples of acceptable documentation for residency include, but are not limited to, the following:

- high school diploma from the high school for the related tribal/band service area or a letter from the tribe/band confirming the applicant's residency in the service area
- legal documents or utility bills showing the applicant's name and address confirming residency, or
- documents which demonstrate why waiver from residency requirements should be granted (see Residency Waiver conditions).

Submission of false evidence of tribal affiliation or residency or waiver of residency will be cause for the Nevada Gold Mines to utilize all means necessary to recover tuition support funds granted to non-eligible students, including initiating legal action for recovery.

### CONFIDENTIALITY OF AWARDS

Awards of tuition support under this program will be confidential. Reports from the program to individual participating Tribes, Bands or Committees will report the number of students from that tribe/band and total dollars awarded but will not identify individual students.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM | PROGRAM GUIDELINES CONTINUED

### ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year is defined as the Fall and Spring semesters as scheduled by Great Basin College.

### PAYMENT OF SUPPORT

Payment will be made to the Great Basin College Controller's Office for application to eligible student accounts. Payments will not exceed the tuition and fees for 10 credits per semester.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection of students and the amount of money awarded to each student shall be based upon a number of factors including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- total number of students applying for tuition support; and
- amount of annual funding available

Applications will be required each semester from students, including those preparing to enter post-secondary education curriculum. Final decisions regarding assistance under the program will be under the sole authority of Nevada Gold Mines.

### CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY

Continuing tuition support is contingent upon successful completion of coursework previously supported by Nevada Gold Mines. If funded course work is not completed, students are not eligible for additional funding until the course work is made up and completed or the prior award is refunded to Nevada Gold Mines.

If a student's GPA falls below 2.0, the student will be placed on probation and will have one semester to bring the GPA to meet requirements.

If a tuition support recipient has interrupted studies for a period in excess of one academic year, eligibility in the program will not be reestablished unless the student can demonstrate to the satisfaction of Nevada Gold Mines, acting in their sole discretion, that the student's interruption was due to hardship or other good cause and the student is committed to return to studies and complete them on an uninterrupted basis.

Students who are suspended by an educational institution for disciplinary or academic reasons shall forfeit further award payments.

### CANCELLATION AND CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM

Nevada Gold Mines reserves, at its sole discretion, the absolute right to cancel, supplement, or amend the tuition assistance program at any time, and to resolve any dispute in the management or execution of the program.



## NEVADA GOLD MINES' "GOLD" MINING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### PURPOSE

To encourage and support tribal community members from Nevada Gold Mines' partner communities to pursue and complete university/college educational programs in career fields in the mining industry and to join Nevada Gold Mines' operations as employees.

### ELIGIBILITY POOL

Current Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation (WSSF) award recipients who maintain eligibility for the WSSF awards for every semester/term for which the Nevada Gold Mines "Gold" Mining Scholarship is offered.

### SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

- \$1500 per term/semester up to 2 times per year until degree granted (in addition to the WSSF scholarship).
- Paid summer internship at Nevada Gold Mines operation in Nevada between sophomore/junior and junior/senior years.
- High potential for job offer following granting of degree in mining related major.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Minimum GPA 2.5 or the minimum set by the educational institution if a GPA higher than 2.5 must be maintained
- Full time student status
- Sophomore, Junior or Senior status as an undergraduate, or MSc or PhD program
- Majoring in one of the following degree fields:
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Civil Engineering
  - Environmental Engineering or Environmental Science
  - Geological Engineering
  - Geology
  - Geophysical Engineering
  - Geotechnical Engineering
  - Metallurgical Engineering
  - Mineral Processing
  - Mining Engineering
  - Wildlife Ecology/Conservation
- Must be willing to work paid summer internship jobs at Nevada Gold Mines every summer that follows a semester funded with a scholarship (except semester preceding graduation).
- Must be diligently pursuing degree in the declared major with full-time status and be able to provide course curriculum verification from school.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who receive funding from the Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation will be screened for eligibility for the Nevada Gold Mines' "Gold" Mining Scholarship. No additional application or documents are required.

### PAYMENT OF SUPPORT

Payments will be made directly to the student.

## OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY NEVADA GOLD MINES

**THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS OFFER ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND ARE FUNDED BY NEVADA GOLD MINES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GREAT BASIN COLLEGE.**

**MAINTENANCE TRAINING COOPERATIVE (MTC)** - The MTC scholarships were established as a source of financial support for Western Shoshone students seeking higher education in the Career Trades Education (CTE) program at Great Basin College. Scholarship awards are granted in the amount of \$5,000 per academic year, dispersed as one \$2,500 award per semester. Students must complete each term in good academic standing to be eligible for consecutive disbursements. This award is in the form of financial assistance only and payments are made to Great Basin College for credit to the student account to cover tuition and fees. This award does NOT include an offer of paid, on-the-job work experience. Visit <http://www.gbcnv.edu/financial/mtc> for more details.

The application process for the MTC program begins January of each year for students planning to enroll for the following Fall term. Contacts for more information on how to apply:

- Lucy Pitto, Nevada Gold Mines Native American Affairs Specialist - (775) 389-1033, [lpitto@nevadagoldmines.com](mailto:lpitto@nevadagoldmines.com)
- Mindy Caskey, GBC Financial Services Program Officer – (775) 753-2267, [melinda.caskey@gbcnv.edu](mailto:melinda.caskey@gbcnv.edu)

## FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES FOR POST-HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AVAILABLE

### FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) ~ [HTTPS://FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov)

- **THE FORM** required at all colleges that accept and award federal aid. Complete each year on-line (October-March deadlines). You will need to have your tax information to fill out the application.

### TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIPS (FUNDED THROUGH BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS EDUCATION GRANT)

- Contact your tribal education director or the tribal administrator for funding opportunities
- Annual scholarship; eligibility criteria set by each tribe.

### AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION FUND ~ [WWW.AIEFPROGRAM.ORG](http://www.aiefprogram.org)

### THE AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND ~ [HTTP://WWW.COLLEGEFUND.ORG/](http://www.collegefund.org/)

### AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY (AISES) ~ [HTTP://WWW.AISES.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://www.aises.org/scholarships)

### AMERICAN INDIAN GRADUATE CENTER ~ [HTTP://WWW.AIGCS.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS/GMS-PROGRAM-INFORMATION/](http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/gms-program-information/)

### AMERICAN INDIAN GRADUATE CENTER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS ~ [HTTP://WWW.AIGCS.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS/GRADUATE-FELLOWSHIPS/](http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/graduate-fellowships/)

### GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM [HTTP://WWW.GMSP.ORG/](http://www.gmsp.org/)

### GREAT BASIN COLLEGE WESTERN SHOSHONE SCHOLARSHIP ~ [WWW.GBCNV.EDU/FINANCIAL/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://www.gbcnv.edu/financial/scholarships)

### INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FOR AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES ~ [HTTPS://WWW.IHS.GOV/SCHOLARSHIP/](https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/)

### WESTERN SHOSHONE EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND GRANT ~ [WSHOSHONEEDUCATIONTRUSTFUND@YAHOO.COM](mailto:WSHOSHONEEDUCATIONTRUSTFUND@YAHOO.COM)

### ELKO COUNTY CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP ~ [WWW.ELKOCOUNTYTEACHERS.COM/GRANTS--SCHOLARSHIPS](http://www.elkocountyteachers.com/grants-scholarships)

### MAINTENANCE TRAINING COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP ~ [WWW.GBCNV.EDU/FINANCIAL/MTC.HTML](http://www.gbcnv.edu/financial/mtc.html)

### WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY NEXT DOLLAR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP ~ [WWW.WREC.COOP/COMMUNITY/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](http://www.wrec.coop/community/youth-programs)

### ELKO COUNTY ART CLUB SCHOLARSHIP ~ [HTTPS://ELKOCOUNTYARTCLUB.WILDAPRICOT.ORG](https://elkocountyartclub.wildapricot.org)

### ELKO COUNTY CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIP ~ [WWW.NVCATTLEWOMEN.COM](http://www.nvcattlegirls.com)

### KINROSS SHOSHONE SCHOLARSHIP / KINROSS GOLD USA., INC. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Contact Emily Lushenko, Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator, Kinross, [Emily.Lushenko@kinross.com](mailto:Emily.Lushenko@kinross.com)

### CONTACT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FOR INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ELKO AREA STUDENTS:

- Rotary Club of Elko-Desert Sunrise Scholarship
- Elko County Support Staff Organization (ECSSO) Scholarship

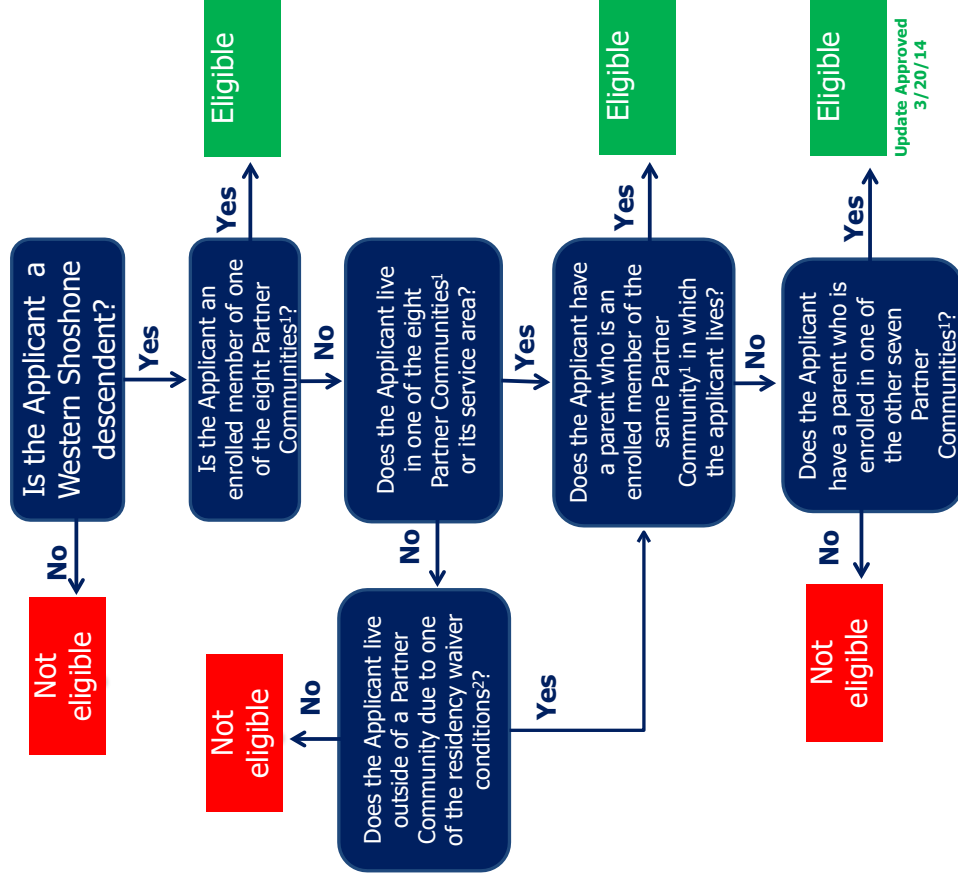
### NEVADA GOLD MINES DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP

- For dependent children of full-time Nevada Gold Mines employees. Contact Human Resources for more information.

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# Western Shoshone Education Funding Programs Eligibility Flowchart



## <sup>1</sup>PARTNER COMMUNITIES

Western Shoshone partner communities include: Duckwater, Ely, Duck Valley, Yomba, South Fork, Wells and Elko, Battle Mountain, Goshute & Fort McDermitt applicants can receive scholarships similar in every way; however, all awards are paid by NGM.

## <sup>2</sup>RESIDENCY WAIVER CONDITIONS (approved 3/20/14)

The residency requirement for a non-enrolled scholarship applicant with one parent who is an enrolled member of a partner community will be waived if the applicant has moved out of the reservation or service area of a partner community:

- to join the United States military service,
- to attend college, university or vocational school (so long as the applicant is still in school),
- to attend Indian Residential School,
- because the applicant was removed from his or her household by child welfare services, or
- because the applicant's parent or caregiver died and the applicant went to live with another relative or caregiver

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION FUNDING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

An applicant must also:

- have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
- be accepted by or be attending an accredited vocational program, junior college, college or university.
- maintain enrollment in no less than the minimum number of credit hours required by the funding program(s) during the semester for which funding is requested.
- maintain at least the minimum grade point average each semester to remain eligible to apply for the funding program(s).

Please direct questions regarding eligibility for the Western Shoshone education funding programs to:

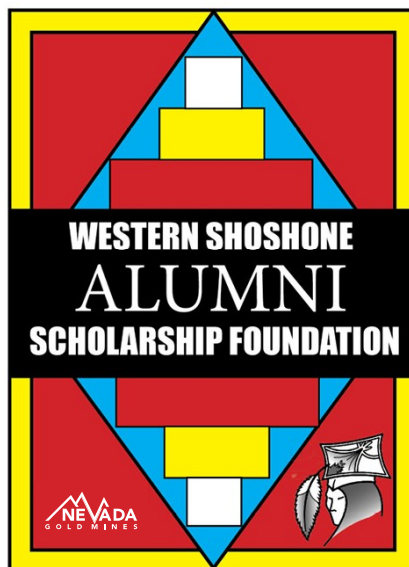
Lucy Pitto (775) 389-1033, Joe Mike (775) 299-8008, Morgen Thacker, (775) 219-9193, [morgen.thacker@mindfuleducationllc.com](mailto:morgen.thacker@mindfuleducationllc.com)

**Upon earning your degree, join the WSSF Alumni Association!**

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**The newly formed WSSF Alumni Association is off to a great start! All WSSF scholarship recipients who have obtained a postsecondary degree are invited to join the WSSF Alumni Association. The WSSF Alumni Association's task force members are working to bring Western Shoshone alumni together through planning reunion events that best serve the professional interests of alumni members and their communities.**

Contact [alumni.wssf@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.wssf@gmail.com) to learn more and to register.

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