

# LENAPE NATION OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**APPLICATION TERM: FALL 2025-SPRING 2026**

## ❖ **About the Scholarship:**

The Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania (LNPA) conducts fundraising events for the purpose of providing scholarships to registered LNPA members pursuing post-secondary education. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of each scholarship varies from year to year depending upon the amount of funds raised and the number of applicants accepted. The LNPA strives to offer between \$1000 and \$2000 per scholarship, but this is not guaranteed.

Scholarship awards are paid directly to the recipient's postsecondary institution in two equal installments. The first installment will be applied to the fall semester and the second installment will be applied to the spring semester. The second installment is contingent upon receipt of the recipient's official transcript (confirming enrollment and attendance). If the post-secondary institution does not follow a traditional two-semester schedule, an alternate method of payment must be agreed upon prior to the candidate's acceptance of the scholarship.

If you do not meet a requirement below, you should consider contacting the LNPA to see if exceptions may be made. The LNPA will consider case-by-case circumstances and advise.

## ❖ **General Eligibility Requirements:**

- Candidates must be current registered members of the LNPA.
- Candidates must be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary undergraduate college, university, community college or career school in the current or upcoming academic year.
- Awardees must submit necessary contact information for their educational facility account for disbursement of scholarship.
- Awardees must agree to allow the LNPA to use their name, likeness, and enrollment status for use in promoting scholarship and cultural programs.
- Awardees must be willing to attend one day of the LNPA annual pow wow in order to be recognized for their achievements. The 2025 dates are September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.
- It is expected that awardees will represent their Lenape community and culture in a Good Way, conducting themselves with respect and humility in all endeavors, displaying diligence in coursework, and advocating for the LNPA and all indigenous peoples whenever able.

## ❖ **Scholarship Application Instructions:**

- 1) Complete the written application below.
- 2) Request two (2) confidential letters of recommendation, at least one (1) of which should be written by a teacher or academic advisor (if your situation does not permit this, please let us know why). These letters must be sent directly from the writer to [info@lenape-nation.org](mailto:info@lenape-nation.org) (letters received from the applicant will not be considered). Please advise writers to include "Letter of Recommendation" in the subject-line of the email and to attach the letter as a Microsoft Word or PDF file. For convenience, a letter of request can be found at the end of the application.
- 3) Obtain your most recent transcript, which should be submitted with your application. If your situation does not permit this, please let us know why.
- 4) Write an essay of up to 500 words explaining your interest in your academic program, your plans upon completion of your academic program, and your view of your role as a representative of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania. This essay must be submitted with your application as a Microsoft Word or PDF file.
  - The completed application, essay, transcript, and both letters of recommendation must be received by the LNPA via email to [info@lenape-nation.org](mailto:info@lenape-nation.org) on or before July 1st, 2025.
  - If you have questions about the application, contact the LNPA at [info@lenape-nation.org](mailto:info@lenape-nation.org).

Decisions of the LNPA Scholarship Committee concerning disbursement of funds are final and binding.

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The completed application and all supporting materials must be received by the LNPA via email to [info@lenape-nation.org](mailto:info@lenape-nation.org) on or before **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

### **Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle/MI)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number & Street) (APT #)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

LNPA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ DoB: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Education Information**

I will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Accredited College/University/Career School)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Accredited College/University/Career School)

Intended Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Honors and Extracurricular Activities**

Include information about any academic honors, extracurricular activities, community engagement, or other activities/awards that you feel strengthen your candidacy. You may attach a resume or C.V., but this is not required.

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**Letters of Recommendation**

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| NAME  | EMAIL | PHONE |
|-------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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**Certification**

Complete the following checklist, initial in the blanks provided, and sign.

- I have completed all fields of this application
- I have requested two letters of recommendation to be sent directly to [info@lenape-nation.org](mailto:info@lenape-nation.org)
- I will attach my most recent transcript to this application
- I will attach my essay to this application as a Microsoft Word or PDF document

|  | Initials |
|--|----------|
| I am a current registered member of the LNPA   | _____    |
| I am planning to attend an accredited post-secondary undergraduate college, university, community college or career school in the current or upcoming academic year.   | _____    |
| If awarded, I will submit necessary contact information for my educational facility account for disbursement of scholarship.   | _____    |
| If awarded, I agree to allow the LNPA to use my name, likeness, and enrollment status for use in promoting scholarships and cultural programs.   | _____    |
| If awarded, I am willing to attend the LNPA annual pow wow on either 9/13/25 or 9/14/25 in order to be recognized for my achievements.   | _____    |
| If awarded, I will represent my Lenape community and culture in a Good Way, conducting myself with respect and humility in all endeavors, displaying diligence in coursework, and advocating for the LNPA and all indigenous peoples whenever I am able. | _____    |

My signature below certifies that all the information I have provided in this application is true and complete and that I will accept the decision of the LNPA Scholarship Committee as final and binding.

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| _____                    | _____         |
| (Signature of Applicant) | (Date Signed) |

# CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FOR THE LENAPE NATION OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP

Dear potential letter-writer,

Thank you for considering writing a letter of recommendation for a Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania Scholarship applicant.

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## ❖ **Instructions for Writing and Submitting the Letter**

- Please provide your name, email address, and phone number to the applicant. The applicant will provide this information on their application so that we may contact you with any questions.
- Please include in your letter your relationship to the applicant, how long you have known the applicant, and any information you feel may be relevant to the Scholarship Committee's decision. This information may address any of the following, or anything else you feel is relevant: academic diligence, responsibility, professionalism, commitment to diversity, personal character, extracurricular activities, work ethic.
- Please email your letter as a Microsoft Word or PDF attachment to [info@lenape-nation.org](mailto:info@lenape-nation.org). Do not CC the applicant. Letters received from the applicant or CC'd to the applicant will not be considered.
- Please include "Letter of Recommendation" in the subject-line of the email.
- Letters must be received **on or before July 1st, 2025** for consideration.

Information about the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania can be found at [www.lenape-nation.org](http://www.lenape-nation.org). Please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@lenape-nation.org](mailto:info@lenape-nation.org) with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

The Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania Scholarship Committee