



Susan Helen Tibbetts Sjolund Scholarship 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 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 in April 11th at 4:00 p.m. (no exceptions).

Recipient of this scholarship will be announced at the LLTC Graduation ceremony.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student for the Fall 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 LLTC for the Fall semester.
2. Applicant must have a cumulative 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.

Submit the completed application online, email, or in-person to the Leech Lake Tribal College Financial Aid Office/Student Services Office. Email: studentservices@lltc.edu

Leech Lake Tribal College ATTN: Student Services/Financial Aid Office

6945 Little Wolf Road NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633



The Leech Lake Tribal College Susan Helen Tibbetts Sjolund Scholarship Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle initial: _____
LLTC student ID number: _____

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.

Photo: Please submit a high resolution photo to studentservices@lltc.edu. The photo maybe used for thank you cards, social media, internet, marketing materials, TV, newspapers, and other publications. Minimum photo size required is a 4" by 6" at 300pdi.

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 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: _____

