

The Upper Snake River Tribes (USRT) Foundation Tribal Scholarship was established in 2017 to support a tribal member from one of the USRT's four member tribes in pursuit of a career in the environmental, fish & wildlife, and/or natural resource fields. The awardee will receive a one-time scholarship of **\$2,000**. The USRT scholarship honors a USRT tribal leader or USRT staff member who has exhibited dedication and passion in one or more of those fields and has been a cornerstone of USRT's success. In 2024, the USRT Tribal Scholarship honors the memory and legacy of **Ted Howard**.

Ted Howard was born and raised in Owyhee, Nevada where his first language was Shoshone. Ted is a veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the Central Highlands of Vietnam in 1969. Ted worked for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes for 22 years as the Director of the Cultural Resources Department. He was also a certified pilot and served in that capacity during his time as the Director of the Cultural Resources Department. He served as the Chairman of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes business Council from 2017 to 2020. Ted is and was a respected elder of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes.



## Application Guidelines

### Eligibility requirements include the following:

- Completion of USRT Scholarship Application form.
- Be an enrolled member of the Burns Paiute Tribe, Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation, or Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation.
- Be seeking a degree/career in the fields of study including environmental, fish & wildlife, and/or natural resources.
- Be enrolled in or entering in 2024 (verification required) a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree seeking student.
- High School/College transcript must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater, on a 4.0 scale.
- In a 500 word, one-page essay, demonstrate commitment to the environmental, fish & wildlife, and/or natural resource fields and how you intend to use that knowledge in your post-collegiate career.
- At least 1 letter of recommendation, with contact information, from someone who can attest to your academic ability, work ethic, and/or interest in sciences. For example: Tribal leader, teacher, school counselor, employer, volunteer group leader, etc.

Submit your application and required documents to [info@usrtf.org](mailto:info@usrtf.org) or by mail to USRT by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Application packages will be reviewed by the USRT Scholarship Committee, and a decision will be made by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Applicants will be notified soon after regarding the Committee's decision.



Please contact us with questions!  
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# Scholarship Application



## Required Documents List:

Please make sure all documents are included with your application. Applications without all required documents will be considered ineligible.

- Most recent transcripts (photocopy acceptable) showing cumulative GPA (GPA must be 2.5 or higher).
- Letter of proof of enrollment in one of USRT's four member tribes.
- A one page, 500-word essay demonstrating character, personal merit, and commitment to the natural resources and the American Indian community locally and/or nationally. Merit is demonstrated through leadership in school, civic and extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed.
- Proof of enrollment in a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time degree-seeking student.
- At least 1 letter of recommendation, with contact information, from someone who can attest to your academic ability, work ethic, and/or interest in sciences. *For example: Tribal leader, teacher, school counselor, employer, volunteer group leader, etc.*

## Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Cumulative GPA. (4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Attach proof of GPA, Official Transcript*

Enrolled Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Attach proof of full-time enrollment from College/University*

Expected Class Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Declared Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior*

Semester Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Education

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  Diploma: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Other/Vocational: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? YES  NO  Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

## Disclaimer and Signature

I have read and understand the conditions of the USRT Scholarship as explained in the current ***Application Guidelines***. I confirm that I plan to pursue a career in environmental, fish & wildlife, and/or natural resources. If selected as a USRT scholar, I agree to allow USRT to publish award recognition on social media, website and other print and electronic media. I certify all information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in my disqualification.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Submit Application Packages To:

[info@usrtf.org](mailto:info@usrtf.org)

or

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