

Two “Care for the Land” Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

This opportunity is for Class of 2026 graduating high school seniors in the Methow Valley and Okanogan regions.

A) Methow Valley

One \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a student within the Methow Valley School District boundaries. Students must be admitted to a 2-year or 4-year college or university or a trade/technical school in order to be eligible.

B) Native Student

One \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a Native student graduating from high school in Brewster, Lake Roosevelt, Mansfield, the Methow Valley, Okanogan, Omak, Oroville, Pateros, or Tonasket. Students must be admitted to a 2-year or 4-year college or university or a trade/technical school in order to be eligible.

Immediate family members of Methow Conservancy Board, Staff, and Advisory Council are ineligible unless there are no other applicants. Finalists may be asked to participate in a video interview.

Deadline: April 5, 2026

Questions? Email Ashley@MethowConservancy.org or call 509.996.5033

Email your completed application: Ashley Lodato, Associate Director. Ashley@MethowConservancy.org

You can also mail your application to: Methow Conservancy, PO Box 71, Winthrop, WA 98862 but it must arrive by April 5, 2026.

APPLICATION: METHOW CONSERVANCY - \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

Please type or print clearly, or use the fillable form available at methowconservancy.org/news/entry/methow-conservancy-care-for-the-land-scholarships-for-class-of-2026 (click [HERE](#))

Personal Information:

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name of High School: _____

Questions:

1. Are you currently a high school senior? ____yes ____no
(circle one)
2. Are you on track to graduate in May/June 2026? ____yes ____no
(circle one)
3. Do you plan to pursue further education or training after graduation? ____yes ____no
(circle one)
 - a. If yes, where? Briefly describe your plans to further your education or training.

4. Are you a member or descendant of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CTCR) or another Tribal or Alaska Native entity?* ____yes ____no

(circle one)

* This is not required for the Methow Valley scholarship.

a. If yes, please provide one reference who will verify your membership or descendancy with the CTCR or another Tribal or Alaska Native entity: e.g., Indian Education Advisor, Tribal Elder, Tribal Leader. (*The Methow Conservancy is not requesting confidential Tribal I.D., however, if student chooses to include a copy, it will be protected as a confidential document*).

Reference Name: _____

Reference Email: _____

Reference Phone: _____

Reference Title or relationship to you: _____

5. **CHARACTER REFERENCE:** Please list two non-family members as character references (teachers, employers, coaches, etc). **The references do not need to write a letter of recommendation for you;** however, we may contact them if you are a finalist for the scholarship. If you already have letters of recommendation written on your behalf, feel free to include them, but they are not required.

FIRST REFERENCE (required)

Reference Name: _____

Reference Email: _____

Reference Phone: _____

Reference Relationship to you: _____

SECOND REFERENCE (required)

Reference Name: _____

Reference Email: _____

Reference Phone: _____

Reference Relationship to you: _____

6. What else would you like to share with us about yourself? (extracurricular activities, jobs, family responsibilities, hobbies, volunteering—ie, how you spend your time outside of school)

7. Essay question on following page (required)

The Methow Conservancy's mission is "To inspire people to care for the land." **In 250-500 words, please describe what caring for the land means to you.** For example, you might describe your own connection with land, or you might show how you've inspired others to care for land.