

## The Bishop Blanchet Clear Sky Scholarship

## Scholarship Overview:

Bishop Blanchet, in an effort to intentionally create community with our Indigenous friends, is seeking to award one, four-year, full scholarship to a committed member of the Seattle area Clear Sky community. The aim of this award is to recognize and honor scholars who are looking to be both dedicated to their respective communities while also pursuing an education at this institution. Bishop Blanchet strives to form and educate each student within a challenging, positive, and diverse environment. An integral part of this mission is our ability to continuously expand on the ways we cultivate a more inclusive and diverse school community reflective of our local community. As a Catholic institution, we recognize our responsibility to rectify harms of the past and to build positive relationships in the present and future.

## Scholarship Guidelines:

Bishop Blanchet will be administering the Clear Sky Scholarship to one eighth-grade student. A selection committee composed of faculty, staff, and administration at Bishop Blanchet and elders and Board Members of the Urban Native Education Alliance (UNEA) community will review and select one scholarship awardee.

This award will be granted to a Seattle area student that is looking for an academically challenging secondary experience. The aim of this scholarship is to recognize an honorable scholar connected to UNEA while upholding their service commitment to their respective tribal community.

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, applicant must complete the following:
☐ Complete the <u>Bishop Blanchet online application</u>
☐ Complete the <u>Transcript Request Form</u>
☐ Complete the <u>Teacher Evaluation Form</u>
☐ HSPT Test: registration opens on October 23, 2023
☐ One Letter of Recommendation: one from a community leader or one from a school
instructor, counselor, advisor, or coach.
☐ Essay response (see below). Essay responses should be typed (300-500 words)
answering one of the questions below.

## **Essay Questions:**

1. Describe how your community has shaped who you are today. How do you plan to have a positive impact on your community?

2. Discuss any challenges or obstacles you have experienced in life and how they will help you succeed in high school and beyond.

Submit all required documents by **December 31, 2023** to Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, <u>Sofia Lopez Bactol</u>, via email or postal mail.

Bishop Blanchet High School Attention: Sofia Lopez Bactol 8200 Wallingford Ave. N Seattle, WA 98103

> Questions can be directed to Sofia Lopez Bactol Email: slopez@bishopblanchet.org

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In anticipation of a competitive applicant pool, please know that there are alternative opportunities for tuition assistance. Bishop Blanchet is more than happy to discuss needs and explore various options for financial assistance. Financial need should not be a barrier to your overall application process. If you are interested in attending BBHS regardless of this particular scholarship, we encourage you to complete the financial assistance documents on our <u>website</u>.