



## 2026 APPLICATION

The Application is Available on <https://www.thompsonpatchscholarships.org/>

The Nellie Thompson-Dorothy Patch Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to graduating high school students from the Salem-Keizer School District and Chemawa Indian School who identify as Native American, Latinx, Black, Asian, Pacific Islander, or otherwise as a person of color.

We are dedicated to helping those students of color who have overcome difficult life challenges, support their community, show a strong desire to give back to their community in the future, and find it difficult to obtain education and training beyond high school.

In awarding the scholarships, the selection committee will be particularly interested in improvement in academic performance, extracurricular activities, and future academic and career goals. Grade point average will be considered but is NOT a major factor in our decision to award a scholarship.

All material submitted becomes the property of the Nellie Thompson-Dorothy Patch Scholarship Committee. Please take care in completing the application. Incomplete applications are subject to rejection.

### Eligibility

- Graduating high school students in the Salem-Keizer School District and Chemawa Indian School
- Students who identify as Native American, Latinx, Black, Asian, Pacific Islander, or otherwise as a person of color
- Complete Short Answers and Essay
- Provide transcripts and all electronic materials to [thompsonpatchfund@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonpatchfund@gmail.com) or mail to Thompson-Patch Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 13584, Salem, OR, 97309

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_



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**Attach your responses to the following short answers (no more than 250 words):**

- What are your educational and career goals?
- What schools have you applied or intend to apply to?
- What will be your area of study and expected degree?

**Attach your response to the essay prompt (no more than 2 pages):**

Describe challenges you have faced in your life and how you have met those challenges; why you wish to pursue further education and training; how you will use your education and training to benefit yourself and give back to your community; and what accomplishing your educational and training goals will mean to you.

Your application must be accompanied by your school transcript and 1 (one) reference which may be from a teacher, pastor, or community mentor. References form attached at end.

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Mail application forms, transcript and letters of reference to:

Nellie Thompson- Dorothy Patch Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 13584, Salem, OR 97309

**Date Due: February 13, 2026**

### Scholarship Application Checklist

#### Application Document:

- ☐ Cover page completed with **email clearly printed**
- ☐ Application form completed **with responses to all questions** (Page 2)
- ☐ Completed essay is **attached and signed**
- ☐ **Official Transcript** provided
- ☐ **One (1) reference** is provided

## **Publicity Release**

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### **Authorization**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2026

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reference Form

### Recommender Information:

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| First & Last Name: _____ |                            |
| Email: _____             | Phone Number: (____) _____ |

### Short Answers:

*Please answer the following questions to give us insight on the student applicant.*

1. How long have you known the student? In what circumstances?
2. Why are you recommending that the student be awarded a Thompson-Patch Scholarship?
3. What challenges has the student faced in life and how has the student met those challenges?
4. How has the student shown the desire and ability to pursue higher education?
5. How has the student show the desire and ability to serve the needs of others or their community as a whole?
6. Anything else you would like us to know about this student?

We'll be in touch to confirm that we received you're reference. Any questions? Reach out to: [thompsonpatchfund@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonpatchfund@gmail.com)