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The Russell Orchards Scholarship

Russell Orchards is a 120-acre fruit farm with bakery, winery, retail store, and pick-your-own fruits located on the unceded ancestral homelands of the Pawtucket people, in Ipswich, MA. In accordance with its Land Acknowledgment and Action Plan (2022), Russell Orchards seeks college-bound Native American applicants for its annual \$2500 scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year. Eligible applicants must demonstrate a strong desire and intention to pursue the study of agriculture or an environmental field.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Russell Orchards Scholarship, the applicant must:

- 1. Be Native American
- 2. Be a New England resident
- 3. Be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university.
- 4. Indicate a strong intention to pursue the study of agriculture or an environmental science in college/university.

Requirements

- 1. Complete application and submit personal statement.
- 2. Submit proof of residency State-Issued Driver's License or State-Issued I.D. Card, utility bill in the applicant's name, etc.
- 3. Submit proof of college enrollment Present a letter of acceptance from the college or university that the applicant will attend.
- 4. Submit proof of tribal membership/affiliation (one document required)-
 - A valid tribal I.D card; or
 - A letter on official letterhead from the tribal enrollment officer, committee, or other appropriate tribal official verifying membership status of the applicant, parents, or grandparents, or
 - Family tree with accompanying birth records or documentation of Native American parents or grandparents (lineage or adoption records: the applicant must be Native American by blood and have proof of parents' or grandparents' tribal affiliation.



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Please submit your application by 6/30/2025 to: Doug and Miranda Russell Russell Orchards 143 Argilla Rd. Ipswich, MA 01938 Questions may be directed to: manager@russellorchards.com

Name:_____

Address:_____

Email:_____

Essay prompt: Please discuss your relationship to agriculture/farming or the environmental field you are most interested in. Describe how you envision your future as it relates to the challenges and rewards presented by this field of study in college and beyond (250-500 words).