Wyoming
INDIGENOUS SCHOLARS

Please write essays on topics 1 and 2, below.

Topics 3-6 are optional; answer any of them that you think will provide a fuller picture of who you are.

There is no word limit; however, please write as clearly and concisely as you can. You may write individual essays or you may also combine your responses as you see fit. If you combine responses, be sure to specify which answers you are combining (for example, 1, 3 and 6).

Your essays must be yours and in your words. We invite you to share drafts with family, friends and academic advisors, and to incorporate editorial suggestions where you think they improve your essays.

We do **NOT** invite you to use AI or similar tools. Essays for Wyoming Indigenous Scholars are designed to tell us about you, your character and your aspirations, not who an algorithm thinks you are or should be.

REQUIRED TOPICS:

1. Please reflect on what you hope to achieve in your educational career, and how you believe being a Wyoming Indigenous Scholar will help you reach those goals.

2. Please tell us how you define “community” and reflect on how you believe your education will benefit your community or communities. You may also include current or recent work that you think benefits the communities you choose to focus on.

OPTIONAL TOPICS:

3. Please tell us some of your favorite activities and why they are important to you. One way of thinking about this is to think about what one or two things you most look forward to doing.

4. If you have had to adapt quickly to unexpected change, please tell us about the change, how you adapted, how it changed you and others, and whether, with 20/20 hindsight, you would have done anything differently.

5. Please tell us about a time when you believe you had a significant and positive effect on someone else's well-being.

6. Beyond what you have already shared, please tell us anything more you would like us to know or take into consideration. This may include personal, educational and vocational history or aspirations, cultural activities you enjoy, creativity, outdoor activities, community work, etc.