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AT&T and Western Governors University Launch New Scholarship Program for Native American Community Members

AT&T Foundation Funds 30 Scholarships at Online University

Salt Lake City — Online, non-profit Western Governors University, www.wgu.edu, has launched a new scholarship program aimed at helping members of Native American communities earn a college degree thanks to a \$150,000 contribution from the AT&T Foundation. The program will offer 30 scholarships, valued at up to \$5,000 each, to Native Americans and their spouses living in 19 U.S. states as well as individuals who are working to make an impact in Native American communities.

Western Governors University offers more than 50 accredited bachelor's, master's, and post-baccalaureate online degree programs in Business, Information Technology, Teacher Education, and Healthcare, including Nursing. WGU's online, competency-based academic model is designed for adult learners who are motivated to continue their education.

"We are proud to support education efforts across the country, including our tribal communities. By funding these scholarships, we hope to make the dream of a college education more affordable and accessible for members of Native American communities," said L.J. Godfrey, Vice President, AT&T External Affairs-Western Region. "AT&T has supported WGU almost since its inception, and we believe strongly in the mission of the university as it makes learning accessible to students across the U.S."

Scholarships will be awarded at the rate of \$1,000 per six-month term, renewable for up to five terms. To be eligible, applicants must be a member or spouse of a member of a Native American tribe or must live and/or work in a Native American community in one of the following states:

- Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

All WGU undergraduate and graduate programs are eligible. Applicants must be new students who have been admitted to the university, be able to demonstrate financial need, and submit a written essay that expresses their hope to impact their Native American community. Scholarships are competitive and will be awarded based on eligibility requirements, candidate academic records, and readiness for online study at WGU. For more information, go to www.wgu.edu/natamscholarship or call 1-866-225-5948 (866-CALL-WGU).

