



Greetings from Fort Lewis College's Football program! We are located in the beautiful mountainous city of Durango, Colorado. We are contacting you to inform you about our athletic teams. Here at Fort Lewis we provide multiple opportunities for our students to participate in the athletic community. Our Varsity teams consist of Men's/Women's Basketball, Men's/Women's Soccer, Women's Lacrosse, Football, Cross-Country, Softball, and Volleyball. We also have 10 Club Sports that range from Baseball to Skiing and Snowboarding! If none of those spark your interest or if you are not ready to commit to a high demanding team we also offer Intramural sports. Intramural sports are held year long. There are a wide variety of sports are offered in our Intramural's such as; Badminton, Dodgeball, and Flag Football to name a few.

Fort Lewis signed an agreement over one-hundred years ago to help members of federally registered tribes receive a scholarship called **The Native American Tuition Waiver**. The scholarship does diminish tuition fees; however, it does not include the student fees and housing costs. Students who are eligible for this scholarship pay **\$9,542** annually. The chart below shows how much a Native American student pays compared to a non-Native American.

While attending Fort Lewis College, students are encouraged to take advantage of the services offered at the Native American Center (NAC). The mission of the NAC is to "promote the academic success and personal development of all Native American students who attend Fort Lewis College. We do this through academic, cultural, and social support. The Center also serves to foster the wider concept of diversity at Fort Lewis College, in the local community, and within the larger Four Corners area." For more information about the Native American Center click on the following link <http://www.fortlewis.edu/nac/Home.aspx> We have included a brochure for your review.

If you have any questions contact:

Assistant Football Coach Bill Griffith for football at (970) 247-7544 or at wkgriffith@fortlewis.edu
 Admissions Office at (877) 352-2656 or go to <http://www.fortlewis.edu/home/Admission.aspx>

2012 - 2013 Tuition & Fee Schedule	Colorado Students	Out-of-state & International Students	New Mexico Reciprocal Students	Native American Students
Tuition per year	\$4,800	\$16,072	\$4,800	\$0
Student fees	\$1,662	\$1,662	\$1,662	\$1,662
Room & board	\$7,880	\$7,880	\$7,880	\$7,880
Total	\$14,342	\$25,614	\$14,342	\$9,542

www.goskyhawks.com - Athletics

<http://explore.fortlewis.edu/> - Schools Main Site

<http://www.durango.org/> - Durango, CO site

NATIVE AMERICAN TUITION WAIVER

In the early 1900s, the U.S. government offered the land of the Fort Lewis Indian School in Hesperus to the State of Colorado to establish a school under the condition that "Indian pupils shall be at all times admitted to such school free of charge for tuition." The State of Colorado upholds this agreement by funding the Native American Tuition Waiver.

TUITION WAIVER BENEFITS

The Native American Tuition Waiver provides funding for the full price of tuition, valued annually at \$16,000 out-of-state or \$4,000 in-state. Recipients of the tuition waiver are not eligible for Fort Lewis tuition scholarships.

Colorado residents must apply for the College Opportunity Fund at cof.college-assist.org.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students establish eligibility for the Native American Tuition Waiver with the Office of Admission and Advising by completing the Certification of Tribal membership form. Download the form at www.fortlewis.edu/tribalcertification.

To qualify, students must:

- Have their own enrollment or census number;
- Provide documentation that they are 50% Native American; or
- Prove they are a direct descendant of a tribal member who, on June 1, 1934, resided within the present boundaries of any Native American reservation.

The Office of Financial Aid renews the tuition waiver automatically upon a student's enrollment for the next term.

FINANCING OTHER COLLEGE COSTS

The Native American Tuition Waiver only pays for tuition. Students are still responsible for paying fees, books, room and board expenses, etc.

Estimate these expenses at www.fortlewis.edu/scholarshipcalculator.

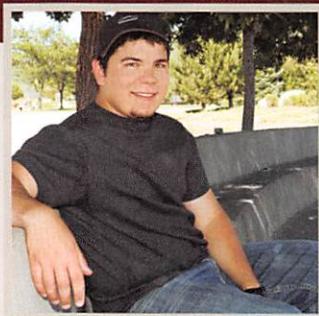
For help financing these expenses:

- Apply for tribal scholarships.
- Apply for need-based financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.gov. FLC's FAFSA code is 001353.
- Apply for merit scholarships that may be applied to non-tuition college costs.
- Look for part-time work on campus (cso.fortlewis.edu) or in Durango (www.durangoherald.com).



Nearly one in four Fort Lewis College students is Native American.

Justin Marchun >> Hometown: Cedaredge, CO >> Major:
Exercise Science-Sport Administration >> After Fort Lewis:
Business owner



"My three favorite things about Fort Lewis are the personal learning experience, the amazing mountains, and the Native American Tuition Waiver, which is a huge advantage."

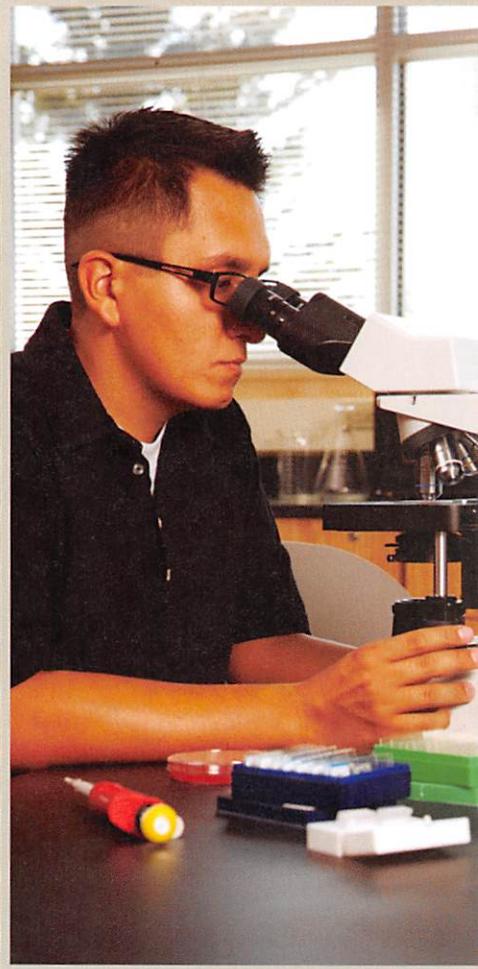
ADDITIONAL LINKS

Fort Lewis College is one of thirteen non-tribal, Native American serving colleges in the United States. Native American students are often interested in the following programs and services:

- Native American Center
www.fortlewis.edu/nac
- Native American & Indigenous Studies academic program
www.fortlewis.edu/nais
- Program for Academic Advancement learning support program
www.fortlewis.edu/paa
- MARC U*STAR minority research careers program
www.fortlewis.edu/marc



Native American Tuition Waiver



Office of Financial Aid

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www.fortlewis.edu/financialaid

