



# Call to Conference

**“EMPOWERING NATIVE  
EDUCATION”**

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## **40th Annual Washington State Indian Education Association Conference**

**April 1-3, 2025**

**Northern Quest Resort/Casino  
100 North Hayford Road  
Airway Heights, WA 99001**

*Featuring:*

**Workshops, Clock Hours, Culture Room, Merit Awards, Vendors,  
Parent and Teacher Training Opportunities, Native Student College Fair & Post-Secondary Opportunities  
Day, and much more!**

*Sponsored by the  
Washington State Indian Education Association*

## 2024-25 WSIEA Board of Directors

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### WSIEA Board Elections

WSIEA's Board of Directors consists of 12 Native members and one ex officio. Please check the agenda and note the place and times for nominations and balloting. Persons being nominated must be current members (conference registration fee includes 2023 WSIEA membership dues) and present to accept a nomination. There will be one nominating session to nominate new board members. Upcoming vacancies include:

-1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair

-High School Student Representative (1 year term; nominees must be registered for and participating in entire conference)

-Elder West

-Higher Education Student Representative (1 year term)

-Member at Large/Parent West

## Lodging Information—Reserve by 2/28/25

We are excited that the Kalispel Tribe's Northern Quest Hotel/Casino (100 North Hayford Road, Airway Heights, 99001) was able to hold space for our 2025 conference. A block of rooms (ask for the Washington State Indian Education Association Conference block) has been reserved for WSIEA Conference participants and presenters. Directions can be found at <https://www.northernquest.com/inquiries/directions>.

Northern Quest Hotel/Casino:

Rates: \$139.00 +tax/night single/double beginning Monday evening, March 31.

Cancellation: 72 hours prior to arrival

Check in: 4 p.m.

Check out: 11 a.m.

Cutoff date for room block: Friday, February 28, 2025

Reservations: 1-877-871-6772 (toll free) - correct

*After the cutoff date, guest rooms not booked will be released for general sales. Any reservations received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space and/or rate available basis only. Be sure to call on or before Friday, February 28, 2025, to lock in our conference rate. Please note the hotel usually charges a one night deposit but Northern Quest Resort & Casino has waived this request for the group.*

## WSIEA Native Student Days –4/1-2/25

We will be offering a youth strand April 1 and 2 running concurrently with the WSIEA Conference for Native students in grades 9-12 including fun and enriching/interactive activities, speakers, and workshops. Sign up your students on this year's WSIEA registration form (see attached form on page 7 or through the online registration option on the WSIEA website registration page <https://wsiea.org/education/registration/>). **The registration fee is \$175.00** and will include lunch, snacks, (both days and they will share the general session breakfast each morning) and session materials. For more information contact Mary Wilber [mary.l.wilber@gmail.com](mailto:mary.l.wilber@gmail.com) or the agenda is on our website: [wsiea.org](http://wsiea.org).

## Consider being a Workshop Presenter

Presentations should be positive, motivating, and informative. We wish to increase the conference participant's knowledge, skills, best practices, and experience as it relates to Indian education, Native youth empowerment, community involvement, and Indian self-determination. To follow up on the idea we implemented last year, we will sort workshop proposals into Early Education/Pre-School, K-12, and Higher Education. Please indicate on the workshop proposal which strand(s) your workshop would fit into.

Our tentative plan at this time is to hold concurrent workshop sessions (90 minutes each) on Wednesday afternoon, April 1, and Thursday morning and afternoon, April 2. Please email or mail an outline of your presentation using the electronic form you can download from the WSIEA Conference page ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLFBZWBEKvynBUh\\_Bf8H2ilb2tIzMkmpXBNwFG1Xp-8mN7Gg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLFBZWBEKvynBUh_Bf8H2ilb2tIzMkmpXBNwFG1Xp-8mN7Gg/viewform)) to Rachael Barger, Bethel School District, 516 – 176<sup>th</sup> Street East, Spanaway, WA, 98387; or email to [rbarger@bethelsd.org](mailto:rbarger@bethelsd.org). Questions? Call Rachael at 253/267-2675. We are asking proposals be received on or before Friday, March 3, 2025.

## Merit Awards (due date February 14)

The Washington State Indian Education Association (WSIEA) takes an opportunity each year during our annual conference to acknowledge accomplishments of Native individuals who have contributed significantly to the education of Native people and of excellent Native Students. These awards include:

Indian Educator of the Year  
Indian Elder of the Year  
Indian Parent of the Year  
Higher Education Indian Student of the Year  
High School Indian Student of the Year

WSIEA honors one high school senior and one higher education student who will receive a monetary merit award (\$800 for high school seniors and \$1,000 for current college students). Award recipients will be announced at the WSIEA Awards Banquet at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual WSIEA Conference happening April 1-3, 2025, at Northern Quest Hotel/Casino. Nominations only need to be made for the Indian Educator of the Year, Elder of the Year, and Outstanding Indian Parent of the Year. ***Applications for high school and higher education merit awards/ nominations for Indian Educator, Indian Elder and Outstanding Indian Parent must be postmarked on or before Friday, February 14.*** Access forms online at <https://forms.gle/A1Pbk3yVEjpo4qCLA>  
For questions or more information, please contact Rachael Barger at [rbarger@bethelsd.org](mailto:rbarger@bethelsd.org) or Joan Banker at [joan.banker553@gmail.com](mailto:joan.banker553@gmail.com).

## WSIEA Drawing

WSIEA will be holding a drawing for donated items during the conference to support our recognition and scholarship awards. Please consider donating an item for our drawing and bring it to the conference registration table before noon on April 1, 2025. For more information, please contact Anna Armstrong [aarmstrong@kalispeltribe.com](mailto:aarmstrong@kalispeltribe.com) or call 509-570-8063

## Clock Hours

20 free clock Hours will once again be offered for all participants. Forms and additional information will be available on-site near the registration area.

## Culture Room

We are excited to offer the Culture Room again this year. The purpose of this room is to provide a hands-on experience for educators to participate in culturally relevant activities within Native American culture. Local Native Americans will be invited to be a part of this interactive culture room and may include: beading, carving, cedar work, sewing regalia, drum making, jewelry making, painting, basket making, and other activities.

If you would like to lead a craft session in the culture room, please contact **Otellie Trujillo at [Otrujillo@fifeschools](mailto:Otrujillo@fifeschools) 253-517-1000. Ext.29168.**

## Vendor Information

Vendors are always welcome to the annual conference. We welcome profit and non-profit vendor space. All registered vendors are requested to donate an item for the WSIEA door prize drawing or silent auction.

- Remember we are selling authentic native arts and crafts, these items will be checked out by the WSIEA members.

To reserve a vendor booth you can contact Otellie Trujillo at 253-517-1000 ext. 29168 or by emailing [otrujillo@fifeschools.com](mailto:otrujillo@fifeschools.com). You will find additional information on the registration form found in this packet (Page 8) or on line at <https://wsiea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/WSIEA-Vendor-Application-25.pdf>. Space will be reserved on a first come first reserved basis. Register early due to limited space so you will not miss out.

PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitor fees do not include any conference activities or meals. However, meal tickets can be purchased at the registration table. Exhibitor fees are as follows:

- For-profit - *\$200 for all three days*
- Non-profit - *\$150 for all three days*

## For more Information:

- ❖ **Martha Sherman**, WSIEA President, [m76sherma@hotmail.com](mailto:m76sherma@hotmail.com) or 509/570-8063
- ❖ **Joan Banker**, [joan.banker553@gmail.com](mailto:joan.banker553@gmail.com) or 360-918-3941

WSIEA Website: [www.wsiea.org](http://www.wsiea.org)

**Agenda Outline – DRAFT (as of 1/12/25)**  
**Washington State Indian Education Association 40th Annual Conference**  
**April 1-3, 2025**

TIME	Wednesday, April 1	Thursday, April 2	Friday, April 3
7:00	Vendor set up	Fun Run	Information Area Open
7:00	Conference Registration Open	Conference Registration Open	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
7:00-8:30	<b>Breakfast</b> Vendor Area Open <b>Silent Auction Set Up</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> Vendor Area Open	Vendor Area Open
8:00	<b>1st GENERAL SESSION</b> --Invocation and Flag Ceremony: --Posting Colors --Traditional Opening  <b>WELCOME/OVERVIEW:</b> -Martha Sherman, WSIEA President -Introduce WSIEA Board Members  WSIEA Board Elections	<b>WSIEA Native Student Day Activities will resume</b> <b>3rd GENERAL SESSION</b> --Opening --Welcome & Announcements  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>  <b>Keynote/Panel</b>  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>  10:15 – 10:30 BREAK  10:30 – 12:00 NOON <b>2nd CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> --3 Workshops <b>Culture Room Open</b>	<b>4th GENERAL SESSION</b> --Opening --Welcome & Announcements  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>  <b>Legislative Update</b>  <b>Native Education Programs</b> <b>Information Sharing:</b> Johnson-O'Malley Title VI Tribal Leaders Congress ATNI  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>  <b>11:00</b> --Board Election Results & Business Meeting --Closing
9:00	<b>WSIEA Native Student Day Activities will begin (agenda being developed)</b>		
9:00-noon	<b>OFFICE OF NATIVE EDUCATION/OSPI</b>  ??		
12-1:15	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b>	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b> 12-5 pm, WSIEA Board Elections	<b>12:00 – 2025-26 WSIEA Board Meeting</b>
1:30-3:00	<b>1st CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> --3 Workshop sessions <b>Culture Room Open</b>	<b>3rd CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> --3 Workshop sessions <b>Culture Room Open</b> B R E A K	
3-3:15	B R E A K		
3:15-5:00	<b>2nd GENERAL SESSION</b> --Board Election Process and Nominations, Resolutions  <b>Door Prize Drawing</b>	<b>4th CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b> --3 Workshops <b>Culture Room Open</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>Native Student Day Activities Conclude</b>	
6 p.m.	<b>Youth Activities</b>	<b>WSIEA Awards Banquet</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Cultural Activities/Films/Etc.</b>		

**Registration Form**  
 Washington State Indian Education Association 40th Annual Conference  
 Northern Quest Resort/Casino, Airway Heights – April 1-3, 2025

**General/Elder Registration**

	Pre-registration (postmarked on or before 3/22/25):	<b>\$250.00</b>
	On-site registration (postmarked or received after 3/22/25):	<b>\$275.00</b>
	Native Elders (65+ years)	<b>\$150.00</b>

**Student Registration**

	Students Attending WSIEA Youth Days 4/1-2 (grades 9-12):	<b>\$175.00</b>
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*We are unable to offer one-day general/elder member registration this year.*

Registration fees include WSIEA membership and voting privileges, conference information packets, workshop materials, a breakfast each morning, and the WSIEA Awards Banquet. **No refunds can be made for cancellations after 3/24/25.**

To purchase extra meal tickets for the April 2 Award Dinner, please include an additional \$35 per ticket required.

\_\_\_\_\_ # Extra dinner tickets    X \$35.00 =    (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ) Payment Included

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you require a vegetarian menu

**PRE-REGISTER ON OR BEFORE 3/22/25 FOR EASY ON-SITE CHECK IN**

Please submit one registration form for each person attending

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM/SCHOOL/TRIBE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method                      Check # \_\_\_\_\_                      PO# \_\_\_\_\_                      Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Make payment to WSIEA

*Please mail completed form with payment to:*

**WSIEA  
 c/o Joan Banker  
 8401 Delphi Road SW  
 Olympia WA 98512  
 360/918-3941**

**OR, registrations can be made online through the WSIEA website: [www.wsiea.org](http://www.wsiea.org)**



**Vendor Registration Form**  
**Washington State Indian Education Association 40th Annual Conference**  
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**100 North Hayford Road**  
**Airway Heights, WA 99001**

\_\_\_ FOR PROFIT VENDOR TABLE FEE: \$200 - 7 am April 1 to April 3, 2025 at noon.

\_\_\_ NON-PROFIT/EDUCATIONAL TABLE FEE: \$150 - 7 am April 1 to April 3, 2025 at noon.

**NORTHERN QUEST** – Vending policy – You must be Native American to sell or have a vendor table at any public event at the casino. (Must be able to show ID if asked).

We have limited vendor space this year and would like all vendors to pre-register and pay in advance. Pre-registered vendors will have reserved spots. Vendor set up time will be on Tuesday April 1, 2025 beginning at 7:00 am ending on Friday April 3, 2025 at noon. **PLEASE NOTE:** Exhibit fees do **not include** conference activities such as meals, conference registration, and WSIEA membership dues. You are welcome to purchase meal tickets at the registration table.

Vendor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# Home/Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

**Types of items you will be selling:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ The vendor fee includes one 1 table and 2 chairs. Vendors are welcome to bring their own extra tables, clothing racks, etc.; however, they must fit within their allotted area. We have a little less vendor space to work with this year and ask that vendors keep that in mind when deciding what extra furniture/display tables to bring.
- ❖ Remember we are selling **authentic native arts and crafts**, these items will be checked out by the WSIEA committee/board members if there is a question of items being sold, you will be asked to remove the item.
- ❖ **The WSIEA & Northern Quest are not and will not be responsible** for lost, stolen, damaged materials or injuries to person.
- ❖ You must have paid for a spot in order to sell or advertise information at the conference.
- ❖ For profit vendors it is also requested you donate one item for the WWIEA silent auction or door prizes.
- ❖ Mail your application and check to: **Otellie Trujillo - Fife School District #417**

1720 Oak Street, Milton WA 98354  
 253-517-1000 Ext. 29168

*Please make checks or money orders payable to  
WSIEA*

I have read and agree with the about terms \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature/Date)

**Applications are due No later than Friday, March 14, prior to the event.** You will receive a phone call or email to let you know your payment has been received. **No payments through Pay Pal or on-line are available.**

**Your Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write clearly. If I can't read it you will not receive an email of conformation.** Thank you

**Indian Arts & Craft Act of 1990.** The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 makes it illegal to market an art of craft item using the name of a tribe if a member of that tribe did not actually create it. For a first time violation of the Act an individual can face civil or criminal penalties up to \$250,000 fine or a 5-year prison term, or both. If a business in violation, it can face a fine up to \$1,000,000.

**Please call before sending your money or money order. It is not a guarantee you will get a spot.**