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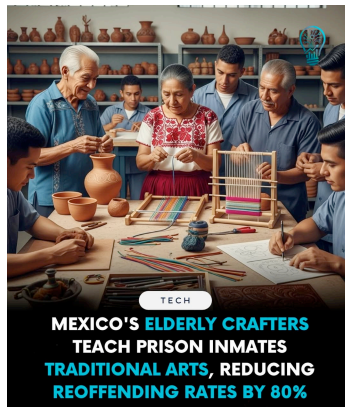


[CNN International](https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/23/culture/vatican-returns-sacred-artifacts/index.html) ·

The boxes contained more than 60 precious cultural artifacts, including a rare Inuit sealskin kayak, which were taken from First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities more than a century ago and have been held in the Vatican museums and vaults ever since. <https://cnn.it/3KGntGN>

Mexico's prisons invited elderly indigenous crafters to teach inmates

disappearing traditional arts like Talavera pottery, textile weaving, and leatherwork. The program gives seniors purpose inmates with marketable skills intergenerational bond creates inmates call their elderly (grandma/grandpa) and form with their own families. Inmates pride in their work. The crafts shared between makers and their reoffending rates dropped to just compared to 70% nationally. often continue the craft as their report feeling valued again, who'll preserve them. It's



and income while providing and emotional healing. The something unexpected—many teachers "abuelita" or "abuelito" relationships they never had learn patience, precision, and are sold in markets with profits teachers. Most remarkably, 20% among participants When inmates are released, they livelihood. Elderly crafters passing on traditions to those rehabilitation through respect,

tradition through redemption, and proof that the best teachers are often those we've overlooked.

[#PrisonReform](#) [#IntergenerationalHealing](#) [#TraditionalCrafts](#) [#Rehabilitation](#)

New safety-first collection system: Nevada is rolling out a statewide lithium battery recycling program in early 2026. Redwood Materials, Washoe County, and Nevada Tech Hub will install 20 smart drop-off bins (up to 10 in county buildings) that detect heat and encase batteries, no bagging needed, to cut fire risks and keep them out of landfills. Locations coming soon. [Get all the details.](#)

Holiday savings on public lands: Looking to deck the halls and the hearth on a budget? The BLM is offering free Christmas tree and firewood permits in five of Nevada's six districts through Jan. 31. The move aims to save families money while reducing hazardous fuels. Get permits online or at district offices. Southern Nevada isn't included. [See how to get permits.](#)

- **LATE NOTICE** (*Rc'd this morning*) (*Hate late notices!*)
- **WEBINAR: People, Place, and Policy: A Scott River Restoration Story from 11am to 12pm.** Sustainable Conservation will share the inspiring story of how California Trout, the Yurok Tribe, local farmers and ranchers, and state agencies are coming together to restore vital salmon habitat and conserve water resources along the Scott River. By working together to revive salmon populations, strengthen local agriculture, and boost healthy communities, this coalition's efforts showcase the power of collaboration in advancing landscape-scale solutions and offer a model for how strategic partnerships and permitting pathways can accelerate ecosystem restoration across California. [Click here to register.](#)

[Silk Road](#)

PolymathNov 29

During the last ice age when humans migrated from Asia to North America, how long could a garment of animal hide last before a new set of animal hide was necessary to replace the previous one?

*The deep freeze of *Beringia*, a bad place - A bad coat meant death. They couldn't wear them till it fell off.



A *caribou parka*, this was the best kind.

It had them hollow hairs - things that trap the heat.

It had a strict shelf life.

It lasted about one year of hard use.

Maybe two if you were lucky.

If you didn't sweat too much.

The villain is *bacteria*, from the body - It ate the skin.



The dampness froze - it cracked the fibers.

The women didn't just make a suit and sit back - They scraped and chewed the leather every day.

The hides were hard and mean

But there was no certain expiration date - it was a cycle thing.

The prime winter gear became the ragged summer gear - Then it became scraps for boots or diapers.

You didn't just replace the thing but you *downgraded* it - Until it was useless.



If you stopped sewing, you died flat. The cold does not forgive a hole in the seam - It enters and takes your toes first, a bad way to die.

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### **The Buckfire Law Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for the 2026 Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. Medical School Diversity Scholarship.**

The scholarship, established in 2014, is part of the law firm's initiative to recognize medical school students who do outstanding work to promote ethnic diversity in their community.

The funds are to be used toward his or her continued education in medical school. The scholarship is available to all medical school students in the United States who work hard to promote ethnic diversity in their communities.

The scholarship will award \$2,000 to one student selected by our scholarship selection committee.

#### **Medical Diversity Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

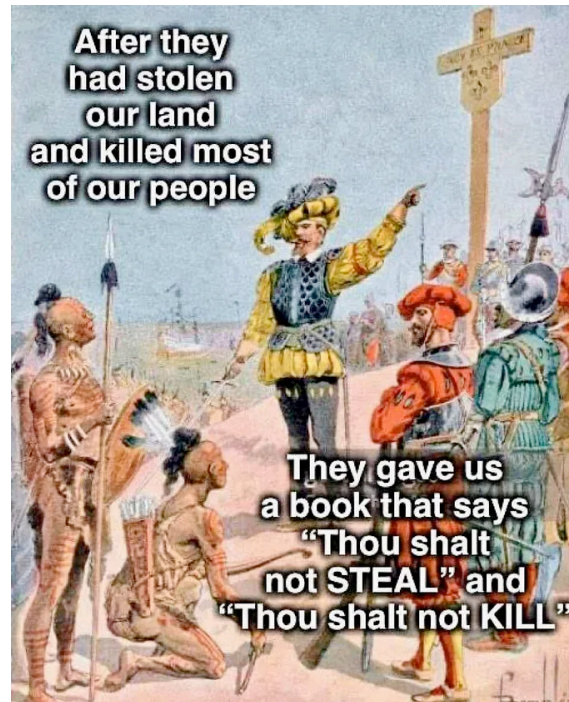
Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant is a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or any individual who demonstrates a defined commitment to issues of diversity within their community.
- Applicant is a U.S. citizen currently attending an accredited medical school within the United States.
- Academic achievement as reflected by a minimum 3.0 GPA and have completed at least one semester of classes at an accredited medical school.

#### **Medical Diversity Scholarship Application Requirements**

In order to apply for the Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. 2026 Medical School Diversity Scholarship Program, an applicant must submit the following items on or before Oct. 1, 2026:

- A completed scholarship application form. (Located at the bottom of page).
- A one-page typed essay describing how you have utilized your time promoting ethnic diversity within your community. Alternatively, you may write about how you will use your medical degree to promote ethnic diversity in the future.
- A certified, official copy of medical school transcript.



**The Navajo Nation said no to a hydropower project. Trump officials want to ensure tribes can't do that again.**

“Early last year, the hydropower company Nature and People First set its sights on Black Mesa, a mountainous region on the Navajo Nation in northern Arizona. The mesa’s steep drop offered ideal terrain for gravity-based energy storage, and the company was interested in building pumped-storage projects that leveraged the elevation difference. Environmental groups and tribal community organizations, however, largely opposed the plan. Pumped-storage operations involve moving water in and out of reservoirs, which could affect the habitats of endangered fish and require massive groundwater withdrawals from an already-depleted aquifer. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which has authority over non-federal hydropower projects on the Colorado River and its tributaries, ultimately denied the project’s permit. The decision was among the first under a new policy: FERC would not approve projects on tribal land without the support of the affected tribe. ... Now, Department of Energy Secretary Chris Wright wants to reverse this policy. ... ” [Read more from Grist.](#)



## Statement from Golden State Salmon Association



““This administration’s rollback of already weak protections for salmon, steelhead and other imperiled species is disastrous, especially in dry years,” said Vance Staplin, Executive Director of the Golden State Salmon Association. “As a result of past attacks on salmon protections, several salmon runs that depend on this water are close to extinction. When people talk about job loss, we must remember that a healthy salmon industry generates \$1.4 billion and 23,000 jobs annually in California. The state’s commercial salmon fishery has already been shut down for three straight years. Weakening protections even further would be devastating. In fact, this decision is so reckless that the state Department of Water Resources has concluded that it could reduce water supply for 23 million Southern Californians – all to steer more water to a handful of rich Central Valley growers. We urge Gov. Newsom to file a lawsuit to challenge this unlawful federal move.”

## Statement from the Winnemem Wintu Tribe



Caleen Sisk, Chief and Spiritual Leader for the Winnemem Wintu Tribe: “Our Tribe is working hard to restore healthy Central Valley salmon runs and return salmon to the McCloud River, the Tribe’s homeland. This new decision by the Bureau of Reclamation to cut protections for Winter Run Chinook salmon threatens a salmon run that is at the heart of the Tribe’s history, religion and culture. The State of California has worked hard to help us find a way to return salmon to the McCloud River. We urge the State to fight this federal decision that threatens salmon in the Sacramento River and in the Delta. We can’t successfully return salmon to our river above Shasta Dam if the federal government kills those same salmon below Shasta Dam.”

**For those that need to do a term paper, begin a thesis or are wanting to write a book**, here are a few topics that deserve more research and placement in the general literature. Feel free to call and discuss.

Has No Horse Reputed death in Washoe County Jail  
Alida Bowler  
Legacy of any War on Poverty Program  
Congressman Cliff Young (NV) and the Indian Termination Act  
Lands purchased for Carson Colony  
Tribal “Character” or Leader prior to 1980  
Nevada Indian Vets of WWI  
1934 Council of Churches Decisions on Reservation Faiths  
Personalities of the “Indian Service”  
Impact of Indian Termination Act on (writer choice) a Nevada Reservation  
Non-IRA Tribes in Nevada  
Non-Retrocession Tribes in Nevada  
Chronology of grazing and water rights on their (writer’s choice) reservation  
Chronology of right of ways their (writer’s choice) reservation  
Truckee River Canyon  
Impact of Legal Cases  
    Sackett  
    Dyer v. Superintendent  
    Homestead Act  
    National Forests Act  
    IRA, And on and on.....

### **Klamath Tribes seek to reverse judge’s removal in water rights case**

“The Klamath Tribes filed a motion Nov. 19 in Klamath County Circuit Court seeking to amend their petition to overturn what they call illegal orders that removed the longtime administrative law judge overseeing the Klamath Basin Adjudication (KBA). Tribal leaders say the judge’s removal followed a secret agreement between Oregon’s Office of Administrative Hearings and Upper Klamath Basin water users. In August, Chief Administrative Law Judge Jeffrey Rhoades replaced Joe Allen, who had presided over the KBA for years. The Tribes say the move ignored two prior rulings — in November 2024 and March 2025 — that rejected challenges to Allen by the Upper Basin Irrigators and affirmed he should remain on the case. The Upper Basin Irrigators later sued Rhoades and the Office of Administrative Hearings in Marion County Circuit Court, seeking Allen’s removal. Instead of defending the administrative process, the Office reached a confidential agreement with the irrigators that resulted in Allen being taken off the KBA cases. Other parties — including the Klamath Tribes and the federal government — were not notified. ...” [Read more from Native News Online](#).

### **Divers prepare for Tahoe’s deepest dive for massive lake cleanup**

“A Tahoe nonprofit is preparing for its most ambitious lake cleanup to date, sending divers deeper than ever to tackle debris along the full 72-mile shoreline. Clean Up The Lake, known for its environmental dive team and SCUBA cleanups, is launching the 72-Mile Deep Clean of Lake Tahoe. The project follows a previous 72-mile cleanup in shallower waters from zero to 25 feet, which began in 2022. The latest phase will extend cleanup efforts to 35–55 feet, requiring new technology, including diver propulsion vehicles and Nitrox gas to increase efficiency and allow divers to work up to 30 feet deeper than before. ...” [Read more from Channel 2](#).

## Nevada Women's Fund Degree Seeking Scholarship

### CRITERIA:

- Nevada Women's Fund welcomes applications from women residing in northern or rural Nevada, which includes all Nevada counties except Clark County.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a post-secondary University or College located in northern or rural Nevada, or in an accredited online program (if attending a school outside of northern or rural Nevada, the chosen field of study must not be available at any institution within northern Nevada).
- Applicants must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or greater.
- Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time in school in the upcoming Fall Semester to receive Nevada Women's Fund scholarship funds.
  - For undergraduate students, full-time is considered a minimum of 12 semester credits.
  - For graduate students, full-time is considered a minimum of 9 credits; however, graduate students with a 20 hour per week assistantship can be considered full-time with a minimum of 6 semester credits.
  - Medical students are automatically considered full-time.
- Applicants must upload:
  - A copy of your 2025 or 2026 FAFSA Submission Summary.
  - A copy of your most recent school transcript.
  - A copy of your State of Nevada issued ID or Driver's License.
- Eligible applications are reviewed by the Nevada Women's Fund Allocations Committee and scored based on financial need, academic performance, personal background, and demonstrated merit or achievement.
- Scholarship Awards will be announced in April each year.

### DEADLINES:

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED OCTOBER 1, 2025 THRU JANUARY 5, 2026**

[Apply Here](#)

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Nevada Women's Fund Non-Degree Seeking Scholarship

CRITERIA:

- Nevada Women's Fund welcomes applications from women residing in northern or rural Nevada, which includes all Nevada counties except Clark County.
- Applicants must be enrolled in one of the following accredited programs:
 - A Vocational or Trade Program
 - A Certification or Licensure Program
 - A Non-Degree Continuing Education or Online Program
- If the program of study is outside northern or rural Nevada, it must be in a field not offered at any institution within northern Nevada.
- Applicants must hold a minimum of a high school diploma; no GPA requirement applies.
- Applicants must upload:
 - A copy of the first two pages of your most recent IRS 1040 or 1040EZ tax return. For privacy, Social Security Numbers should be redacted before submitting.
 - A copy of your State of Nevada issued ID or Driver's License.
 - A copy of your high school diploma or degree.
- Applicants must be enrolled in their program within approximately two months of being notified of the award and before receiving Nevada Women's Fund scholarship funds.
- Eligible applications are reviewed by the Nevada Women's Fund Allocations Committee and scored based on financial need, personal background, and demonstrated merit or achievement.
- Applicants may receive one award per year, based on a rolling 12-month period.
- Scholarship awards will be announced in the third month of each quarter.

DEADLINES:

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED QUARTERLY STARTING

JANUARY 1, 2026 - JANUARY 31, 2026

Pow Wows



Free Admission Indian Auction Food Vendors Market Specials TBA Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm Saturday 12:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 12:00pm See flyer for...

Dec 20 - 21 Christmas by the Sea Pow Wow 2025 **- Imperial Beach CA**
Honoring "The Spirit of Giving" Saturday: 11:00am to Dusk Sunday: 11:00am to 6:00pm Gourd Dance: 11:00am-12:00Noon Saturday & Sunday All Drums Invited....

Dec 28 Cheyenne Arapaho Labor Day Pow Wow Committee Fundraiser/Benefit Dance 2024 **- Concho OK**
Gourd Dance: 2:00pm Supper: 5:00 pm Dance To Follow Special Contests: Reindeer Relay; Ugly Sweater Head Staff Emcee: Marshal Williamson Head Singer: ...

Jan 9 - 11 Pechanga Pow Wow 2026 **- Temecula CA**
Fireworks Saturday at 7:00pm Grand Entries: Friday 7:00pm, Saturday 1:00pm & 8:00pm, Sunday 1:00pm Bird Singing & Dancing: Saturday 5:00pm-7:00pm Peon Games...

Jan 17 First Peoples Festival - Estes Park, Colorado 2026 **- Estes Park CO**
Event begins at 6:00pm First Peoples Festival in Estes Park — a celebration honoring the rich traditions, culture, and contributions of Native...

Jan 17 - 18 First Peoples Festival Friendship Pow Wow 2026 **Estes Park CO**
Open to the Public! Free Admission! Grand Entry: Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday 12:00pm Dancer Registration - Saturday 11:00am-7:00pm; Tribal...

Jan 24 - 25 The Great River Eagle Days Winter Gathering 2026 **- Quincy IL**
Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm Admission: 10 & Under Free; Age 11 & up \$8.00; Over 60 \$5.00 Open to the public. Saturday...

Jan 25 - Feb 16 American Indian Arts Exposition (AZ) 2026 **- Tuscon AZ**
10:00am-6:00pm Daily Dances @ 1:00pm-3:00pm Open to all the public Please visit the website for information: <https://www.usaindianinfo.com/events/expo/arts-expo> An official...

Jan 30 - 31 Seminole Tribal Fair and Pow Wow 2026 **- Hollywood FL**
Grand Entries: Friday 12:00pm Saturday 12:00pm Registration: Thursday 2:00pm-6:00pm Friday 7:30am-11:30am *Registration closes 30 minutes before grand entry. No exceptions. Exhibition on...

Jan 30 - Feb 8 30th Annual Spirit of the Buffalo Pow Wow 2026 - 2 weekend event **- Auburndale FL**
January 30-February 1 AND February 6-8, 2026 10:00am-6:00pm Held Rain or Shine under the Big Top Tent Free admission on Fridays for all students and...

EPA erases references to human-caused climate change from websites

“EPA has scrubbed references to people’s contribution to rising temperatures from some of its climate change webpages. The agency modified sections of its website by deleting information about human-created greenhouse gases and the role they play in warming the planet. It also removed links to scientific data and information. The website now directs visitors to a subsection on climate “causes” that mentions only natural phenomena as the drivers of warming, like changes in the Earth’s orbit and variations in solar activity. Two subsections titled “Climate Change Indicators” and “Climate Change Impacts and Analysis” have been removed. An image of the agency’s “climate causes” website that was captured on Oct. 8, before it was changed, by the web archival site Wayback Machine, showed that it listed both human-induced and natural causes of warming with an emphasis on man-made emissions. ... ” [Read more from E&E News.](#)

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## **LADUKE SOUNDS ALARM AFTER DRIVE-BY AT HER FAMILY FARM**

Becker County sheriff asks for tips, says the investigation into “rare” shooting continues.



*Indigenous rights activist Winona LaDuke, pictured in 2022, says her three grandchildren took cover as bullets broke windows and hit kitchen cabinets and walls at her rural Becker County home on Nov. 18.*

By KIM HYATT The Minnesota Star Tribune

Indigenous rights activist Winona LaDuke’s family farm in northern Minnesota was sprayed by a hail of gunfire last month.

“They almost killed my grandchildren,” she told the Minnesota Star Tribune. “They ducked as soon as it started firing.”

The shooting was reported around 6 p.m. Nov. 18, at LaDuke’s farm in rural Becker County along state Hwy. 34 near the town of Osage, about 10 miles west of Park Rapids.

She grows industrial hemp there and has a farmers market on the property where her relatives live.

Around a dozen bullets broke two windows and were dug out of kitchen cabinets and walls, she said. Her three grandchildren took cover as gunfire came first from a dirt road to the west and shots continued across the highway to the south, she said.

Weeks into the investigation, she said she's received no communication from law enforcement and has no answers or sense of safety. She said there is a lack of urgency that's especially unsettling after the assassinations of Melissa and Mark Hortman earlier this year.

In response to requests for comment, Becker County Sheriff Todd Glander said in an email that the investigation continues and authorities are still seeking the public's help.

"This appears to be an isolated incident and [we] are looking into motives as part of this ongoing investigation.

At this point, I will not discuss tips received or suspects," Glander wrote, adding that drive-by shootings are rare in the county.

LaDuke said she's reached out to the Sheriff's Office and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. "We've heard nothing, and I've asked repeatedly," she said.

The BCA didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

"If it had happened to a prominent non-Native person, I think we would have had more answers than what we're getting now," said LaDuke, an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe.

"I don't think it's a good omen for any of us if this kind of thing happens and then nobody says anything. ... These are really politically charged times with a toxic environment towards people who are outspoken," she said.

LaDuke has been outspoken for decades in globally recognized Indigenous advocacy against oil pipelines and twice ran for U.S. vice president. But she said she has never experienced violence like this.

"I don't know if it was a punk or it was white supremacists," she said, adding that she believes there were at least two shooters given the two different types of bullets found in her home.

After the Star Tribune inquired with law enforcement Monday, LaDuke said she got a call from an investigator with the Sheriff's Office who she said told her that because no one was killed in the shooting, it wasn't a priority.

The Becker County Sheriff's Office said anyone who was in the area around the time of the shooting and "noticed any suspicious or unusual activity" should call 218-847-2661.  
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***Ed note: Winona's father, Sun Bear, was part of the original ITCN administrative team.***