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Subject: Please Investigate Central Washington University for Violating Title IX and Title VI

Dear Seattle OCR:

Please investigate Central Washington University (University) for the following programs that illegally discriminate on the basis of sex and gender identity (or race, color, and national origin) in violation of Title IX (Title VI).

1. The University's [Beth Kohler Bardwell Memorial Scholarship](#) is a female-only scholarship that provides "financial support for women majoring in physical education." One of the stated qualifications is that "applicants must be female." In violation of Title IX, non-women students are illegally excluded from this scholarship and discriminated against on the basis of sex and gender identity.

2. The University's [Linda S. Storey Scholarship](#) is a discriminatory female-only scholarship that requires that recipients "must be female." In violation of Title IX, non-female students are illegally excluded from this scholarship and discriminated against on the basis of sex and gender identity.

3. The University's [Julie and Randy Back PFP Scholarship](#) states that "preference will be shown toward female [students]." According to [Title IX](#), "disparate treatment" -- treating students differently on the basis of sex -- is prohibited. By stating a clear preference for female students over non-female students the University is violating Title IX.

Under Title IX, a recipient is prohibited from advertising or promoting (including by listing on the recipient's website or by any other means) any scholarship, fellowship, or other form of financial assistance ("scholarship") that discriminates on the basis of sex, even when the scholarship is administered by a third party, and not by or on behalf of the recipient, according to [34 C.F.R. § 106.37\(a\)\(2\)](#) "Schools must not solicit, list, approve, provide facilities or services for, or assist any third

party providing financial assistance to the school's students in a manner that discriminates on the basis of sex."

In violation of that section of Title IX (and also Title VI), the University is advertising and promoting the following scholarships on its websites that discriminate on the basis of (1) sex (and gender identity) and (2) race/color

4. At the University's [Outside Scholarship website](#), the University is promoting and advertising numerous external female-only scholarships for (a) "[Scholarships for Women](#)" (multiple) and (b) the female-only [Soroptimist's Live Your Dream Awards program](#).

5. At this [University website](#), the University is promoting numerous external racially-discriminatory scholarships that are available exclusively for Latino/a Students.

Please investigate the University for multiple violations of Title IX and Title VI detailed above.

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