

BOARD OF ADMISSIONS AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLS

Position Statement on Admissions Selection Criterion 13 and Membership in a Federally Recognized American Indian Tribe

February 8, 2008¹

Motion: The Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) affirms that it is consistent with Selection Criterion #13 to include an applicant's membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe as one of many considerations in undergraduate admissions.

Statement on Selection Criterion #13 and Tribal Membership:

Selection Criterion #13 of the *Guidelines for Implementation of University Policy on Undergraduate Admissions* states that life experiences and special circumstances “may include, but are not limited to, disabilities, low family income, first generation to attend college, need to work, disadvantaged social or educational environment, difficult personal and family situations or circumstances, refugee status or veteran status.” BOARS affirms that consideration of an applicant's membership in a federally recognized American Indian tribe is consistent with the intent behind the non-exhaustive list of factors in Selection Criterion #13. Moreover, such consideration is in harmony with the guiding principles BOARS has established for comprehensive review, specifically #4 (“Campus policies should reflect continued commitment to the goal of enrolling classes that exhibit academic excellence as well as diversity of talents and abilities, personal experience, and backgrounds.”) and #5 (“Faculty on individual campuses should be given flexibility to create admission policies and practices that, while consistent with Universitywide criteria and policies, are also sensitive to local campus values and academic priorities.”)

¹ Reaffirmed January 8, 2021.