
PURPOSE
The intent of the Indian Scholarship Program is to assist Native American students in obtaining a basic college education. To that end, priority in making awards will be given to undergraduate full-time students. In order to provide a reward as well as an incentive to students with high academic achievements, those applicants with a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above, shall be given priority in funding. Grants may range from $800 to $2,000 depending on scholastic ability, funds available, total number of applicants, and financial need.

ELIGIBILITY
1. Applicants must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and a resident of North Dakota. Residency for each student shall be determined by the institution that student is attending.
2. All applicants must have been accepted for admission at an institution of higher learning or state vocational education program within North Dakota.
3. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time and may not have a grade point average below 2.00.
4. Students participating in internships, student teaching, teaching assistance, or cooperative education programs may be eligible for a scholarship award only if participation in that program is required for the degree and only if tuition must be paid for the credits earned.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLETED APPLICATION IS JULY 15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR. LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
All new applications submitted must include:
1. Completed application form
2. Verification of tribal enrollment
3. Most recent transcript (college/university, high school, GED certificate)
4. A budget completed by a financial aid officer at the institution being attended
STUDENTS RENEWING THEIR APPLICATION
All renewals must submit:
1. An updated transcript and
2. A new budget completed by a financial aid officer at the institution being attended

All of the above must be received in our office prior to July 15 of the current year in order to be eligible for consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Send completed forms to:
North Dakota Indian Scholarship Program
North Dakota University System
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 215
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230
Fax: 701.328.2961

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS POLICY
To continue in good standing a student must maintain at least a 2.00 GPA, be a full-time student, and show continued financial need. If a student consistently maintains a 3.50 GPA or higher they would be automatically transferred to the merit program (see merit policy below).

MERIT POLICY
A student must meet the established eligibility requirements for the Program; however, need is not necessarily a factor. The priority of candidates is as follows:
1. High school valedictorians
2. Students with a GPA of 3.50 or above

APPEALS PROCESS
A student who has lost funding may appeal if they feel they have good cause. The procedure for appeal follows:
1. A student must notify the Scholarship Board that they are appealing.
2. Reasons/documentation follows. A separate letter from a doctor is acceptable for medical reasons. (The student must have maintained a 2.00 GPA and full-time status the previous term.)
3. Letter and documentation are forwarded to the Scholarship Board.
4. The Scholarship Board will convene to review the appeal.
5. The student will be notified by letter as to the disposition of the appeal.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS
Upon notification of full-time enrollment from the school, a state warrant check shall be sent to that school and used to cover the costs of registration, health, activities, room & board, and other necessary items. After all expenses due that institution have been covered, the remaining balance may be disbursed to the student for personal expenses.
NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

Please print in ink. Incomplete applications will not be considered. DEADLINE - JULY 15 OF CURRENT YEAR.

Please send completed application to: ND Indian Scholarship Program, ND University System, 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 215, Bismarck, ND 58505-0230. Phone 701.328.2960. Fax 701.328.2961. Email ndfinaid@ndus.edu

Name ____________________________________________

Last   First   Middle   (Maiden)

Former name(s) if any that may appear on transcripts or tribal enrollment certificate ____________________________

Social Security Number ____________________________________________

Date of birth ____________________________ Age ___________ Male ___________ Female ___________

State of legal residence ____________________________ How long resident ____________________________

Permanent address ____________________________________________

Street

City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip code ____________________________

Telephone ____________________________

Married _______ Single _______ Separated _______ Widow _______ Divorced _______

Number of children ____________________________ Member of which tribe ____________________________

Enrolled where ____________________________

College you plan to attend ____________________________

Academic year you are applying for: Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate _____

Will you be enrolled full-time? yes _______ no _______

Field of study (Major) ____________________________

Anticipated date of college graduation ____________________________

Month ____________________________ Year ____________________________

Type of degree A.A. _______ A.S. _______ B.A. _______ B.S. _______ M.A. _______ M.S. _______ Ph.D. _______

Other _______

I declare that the information given by me on this form is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and if granted financial assistance, I will use it ONLY for education expenses to complete my degree.

SIGNATURE ____________________________ DATE ____________________________
NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP
BUDGET FORM

Name of Student __________________________
Social Security # ________________________
Academic year you are applying for ____________

This form is to be completed by a **financial aid officer** at the institution where applicant is enrolled. Be sure to return this form to:

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*Application deadline is July 15 of current year*

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Unmet Financial Need $ _______ $ __________

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________
FINANCIAL AID OFFICER

Name of Institution __________________________ Phone __________________________
Signature of Student __________________________ Date __________________________
Address __________________________ Phone __________________________