Tools For Success

A Guide for High School Seniors, Families, Counselors and others…



Getting Into College Guidelines and Scholarship Directory

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Who are we?

We support American Indian/Alaska Native students in achieving their dreams through completion of post secondary education. We support American Indian/Alaska Native students enrolled in post secondary schools. We seek out students of all ages who are focused on their educational goals, and who demonstrate the ability to make positive change in their communities and in modern society. We expand opportunities for students to attend and remain in tribal or non-tribal colleges by providing vigorous educational leadership and networking services, and by instilling development of institutional leadership and capacity making for students and schools.

We work with students just graduating from high school and about to enter college and already enrolled college students. We also work with "non-traditional" students, by that, we mean students of all ages. We do this by supporting students with resources and by offering opportunities for scholarships. For more information visit our website: www.aiefprograms.org



What does this handbook contain?

The AIEF hopes to provide students and families with valuable information so you can easily plan for college. Knowing when to sign up for tests, which forms to fill out and when, and where to begin looking for the right school can be an overwhelming task for a lot of high school students. With this handbook you'll be able to make a plan for your senior year or if you are just entering college.

The First Step: Thinking about College

You may be asking yourself: Why go to college?

To Get a Better Job!

By obtaining a certificate or college degree, your chances of acquiring a job and making more money will increase significantly. Some estimates indicate that college graduates make nearly two times more than high school graduates every year! This is perfect for those of you with a strong desire to give back to your community.



Make a difference in your community!

Getting a certificate or degree can open up a world of knowledge and experience for you! This is information you can take back to your community and apply in a real-world setting. Also, by pursuing a certificate or college degree, you are setting a good example for future college-bound students who may need a role model to look up to.

Which College Is Right For Me?

Now that you've decided to look into college, you should know about the different types of schools that are available to you!



Tribal Colleges

Tribal Colleges are schools that are owned and operated by a tribe. Many of these schools are on reservations and most or all of the students who attend are Native American. Costs to attend tribal schools are often considerably less than public and private colleges and trade schools. This may be a good fit if you think you might get homesick, would like to study in your community, or don't have the money to jump into a larger school. Tribal colleges offer the same programs as any public or private community college or university.

Community Colleges

Community Colleges are two-year schools that often offer Associate's Degrees. The Associate Degree is the first degree you can obtain, most often after only two years of study. Community colleges are often considerably cheaper than most 4-year colleges and universities. It also may be easier to find a community college that offers courses in a subject you're interested in studying while still staying close to home

Four-Year Colleges & Universities

Four-year colleges and universities are often larger, more expensive schools. Many of these schools offer housing on campus and meal plans. Four year colleges and universities offer Bachelor and sometimes Master and Doctorate Degrees. Although it may be more expensive, if you want to get a Bachelor's Degree and wish to stay at the same school the entire time, without transferring, this might be the type of school for you.

Trade & Vocational Schools

Trade and vocational schools are specialized schools that offer certificates in specific areas. Often these schools offer programs that take less time to complete and the cost of them varies, from very cheap to very expensive. If you're planning on being an auto mechanic, medical technician, or beautician then a trade school is probably right for you. Many trade schools also will work with your financial aid, so the cost of education can be significantly less.



Some questions to ask yourself ?????

- ✓ How much can I afford to pay for school?
- ✓ Do I want to stay in my community or state?
- ✓ Is there a strong American Indian presence and support?
- ✓ Can I meet the school's application requirements?
- ✓ Does the school have courses that interest me?
- ✓ Do I want to participate in sports?
- ✓ Is the school accredited (so I can use my financial aid)?
- ✓ Do I want to live at home, on campus, or somewhere else?
- ✓ How long am I planning to spend on working towards my degree?

Ask your guidance counselor for more information on different types of schools or check out: *www.collegeplanning.org*

Required FAFSA Form

The Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that most schools and scholarship programs will require you to fill out. The link below will give you access to the form, give you tips on filling it out, and tell you where to submit it. **Filling out this form is the most important step in getting financial aid for college:** *www.fafsa.ed.gov*

Why fill out a FAFSA?

- Myth: I won't qualify for aid because my parents make too much money.
- Realities:
  - There is no income cut-off.
  - States and many schools use the information to award their aid

- Myth: My grades aren't good enough for me to get aid.
- Reality: Most federal student aid isn't based on GPA

ALL students should complete the FAFSA!



FAFSA STEPS:

Step 1: Get a PIN

- Get a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov
- One parent or guardian should get a PIN as well
- Use it to:
    - Sign the FAFSA
    - Make corrections
    - Access online information

Step 2: Fill out the FAFSA

- Fill out the FAFSA in January of senior year
- Online is fastest, but paper is available if needed.
- FAFSA on the Web – www.fafsa.ed.gov
    - Guides students and parents through step by step
    - Lets them know if they have forgotten anything
    - Online help, including live private chat
- College can submit electronically

Four or five weeks after sending in your FAFSA you should receive an award letter from the government showing you what aid you have been awarded. You can cross out any aid you don't want to keep and send the form back in. There are a few different types of awards you may receive from the government:

A **Grant** is money that you will not have to pay back. Many low-income students receive one grant or another from the government. The Pell Grant is the most common government grant.

A **Subsidized Loan** is money you will have to pay back. The loan starts to accrue interest after you graduate from your school.

An **Unsubsidized Loan** is money that you will have to pay back. The loan starts to accrue interest as soon as you receive the money. If possible, you want as few loans as you can have.

You will need your parent or guardian's help filling out this form because it will ask for their income. If you have questions, you should call the financial aid office of the school you are applying to or look on the web at *www.fafsa.ed.gov*. Some scholarship applications require that you fill out the FAFSA as well. You can fill out the form on-line or request one from the financial aid office of the school you are applying to. Also, you might be able to get the form from your high school guidance counselor.

Taking Tests: the SAT & ACT

What is the ACT? What is the SAT?

The ACT and SAT are separate standardized tests that many colleges use to determine whether they feel a student would be successful at their school. Usually a school will require that only one of these tests be taken. Some schools will require you to get a certain score if you want to attend and some schools have no requirement.

Although you may have chosen a school that requires no score, it is still a **very** good idea to register for and take either the ACT or SAT. A lot of scholarship programs require you to provide your test score; you may also be in a situation in the future when the ACT or SAT score is requested.



How Do I Register for the ACT/ SAT?

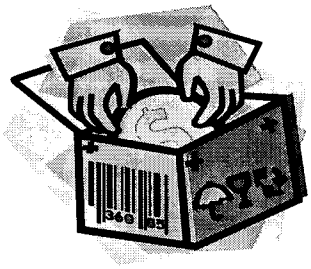
Depending on which high school you attend, it may be more common to take one of these tests over the other. Some high schools only offer information on the ACT; some high schools only offer information on the SAT. If your school has a guidance counselor, that person can help you decide which test (if not both) you should register for. You should look closely at the requirements for the school, college, or university you're planning on attending and share that information with your counselor. If your school does not have a counselor, talk to someone in the main office. Many high schools will have information on how to register for these tests. There are generally a few different ways to register:

- **Through your high school guidance counselor/by mail**. A lot of times the best way for students to get information on registering for these tests is through their high school counselors. If you do not have access to the information at your high school, you can request information via their website and they will mail it to you. See website information below. Generally there are fees involved with taking both the ACT and the SAT. For students from low income families, fee waivers are often available through high schools. This means there will be no charge for you to take the test. Ask your guidance counselor, or someone in your school's office, how you can qualify for and receive a fee waiver form.



- **Over the internet**. To get information on taking the ACT check out: *www.actstudent.org*. To get information on taking the SAT check out: *www.collegeboard.com*. These sites will give you information on test dates and locations, practice tests, college search information, and more. If you register via the internet, you will need to have access to a credit card number for the fee payment (for more information on fees and fee waivers, see "How Do I Pay for the Test?")

- **By Phone**. If you have taken either test, and would like to register for the test again, you are able to do that over the phone. The number for the SAT is (609) 771-7600. For the ACT the number is (800) 525-6926. There are $10 fees (additional to the main registration fee) for both tests to re-register via phone. Unfortunately, fee waivers are not available to students who are re-taking either test. Contact your high school guidance counselor or check the appropriate test website for additional information.



How Do I Pay for the Test?

There is a fee for taking either the ACT or the SAT. There is a fee waiver form that any low income student may fill out which will cover the entire cost of taking the test. This form (for either test) is not available online and can only be retrieved from your high school guidance counselor. If you decide to use a fee waiver to cover the cost of your test you will have to register via regular mail or through your high school/counselor.

When and Where Will I Take the Test?

If you've registered via your guidance counselor (or through your high school in general) that person will be able to tell you the date, time, and location of the test. Some schools will provide transportation, others will not and you will have to get to the test location on your own. You should plan ahead for this as a fee waiver can only be used once. If you miss the test and need to retake it, you will have to pay the fee again.

If you have registered over the internet, you most likely were able to choose the test location, date and time. If you have questions about this call the testing center.



Be sure to have the following information:

- ✓ Which test you want to register for (depending on what's more common for your high school as well as the requirements of the school you plan on applying to)
- ✓ How to register to take the test(s)
- ✓ How much it will cost you to take the test
- ✓ Where the test will be held
- ✓ The date and time the test will be administered

Applying To College

Now that you have been thinking about which type of college you would like to attend, you should start the application process.

Obtaining an application:

You will have to fill out an application form and submit it for any school you want to attend. This form can be obtained by contacting the school, college, or university and requesting that a form be sent to you. There is also the Common Application Form which many schools accept and is available at: www.**commonapp**.org

Paying for the Application:



Although all public and private universities and colleges will charge an application fee, many tribal colleges do not charge a fee to apply to their schools. The amounts of application fees vary depending on the school you are applying to. Most colleges offer an application fee waiver to low-income students. Call the school to find out if any application fee is charged, and whether they accept application fee waivers.

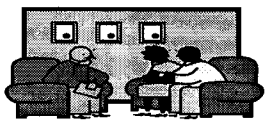
For students who have taken the ACT, when you call a school to request an application be sent to you, ask about the fee waiver and have the school send you the form.

For students who have taken the SAT, if you were eligible for a fee waiver to register for the test you are eligible for the *College Board* college application fee waiver. You may apply to up to four colleges or universities using these waivers. You obtain these application waivers from your high school guidance counselor. If you have no guidance counselor then you must acquire the form from someone at your high school. The form is not available on the internet or by mail.

High School Transcripts:

In order for a school to accept you, they must be able to assess how well you have done during your years in high school. Most schools will request that an 'official' copy of your high school transcripts be sent to them along with your application form.

To have these records sent, you must contact your guidance counselor or the high school office, and ask to have them sent. It's okay if you don't have your current quarter or semester grades on your transcript. Most likely the initial transcript will only have grades through your junior year. At the end of your high school year, have your transcripts sent again.



Essays:

Some schools request that you write an essay to send in with your application. Unless the school gives you specific questions to answer, you should write about your life, your plans to pay for college and what you'd like to accomplish with your degree, the biggest barrier you've overcome, and how you've gotten to be where you are today. Ask a teacher or your counselor for help writing the essay. You can also get tips from the web (go to *www.collegeboard.com* and click on "Essay Skills.")



To apply for college, you'll need to do the following things:

- ✓ Request an application from the school (ask about fees)
- ✓ Find out if you are eligible for a fee waiver
- ✓ Fill out and return the application
- ✓ Write an essay and return with the application (if necessary)
- ✓ Have your high school send a copy of your transcripts to the school(s) you are applying to
- ✓ Fill out FAFSA and return
- ✓ Search and apply for scholarships.

Timeline

September

- Begin thinking seriously about the different types of schools that you may want to attend. Contact the schools you would like to apply to, or learn more about, and ask for them to send you an application and their admissions requirements. If you know what is required to get into these schools (which tests to take, which classes you need, etc.), and how much it will cost for you to attend, it will help your guidance counselor make sure you are taking the appropriate steps.

- If your high school has a guidance counselor, now is the time to make an appointment to speak with them. Talk about your plans for college. Discuss different types of schools. Ask if they know of any resources that can help you pay for college (such as scholarship and grant information). Make sure you have taken all of the necessary classes and have all the credits you will need to get into the school of your choice.

- Register for the Fall ACT or SAT test.

October

- Begin receiving applications and information from the schools you are interested in attending.

- Take the ACT or SAT. Remember to indicate (when you take the test) which schools you would like your scores to be sent to. You may want to register for the winter (December/ January) test at this point as well and talk to your counselor about ways to raise your score.

November



- Fill out the applications for any school you would like to attend and mail it to the school.

- Ask your guidance counselor or someone in your school's main office about how to send your high school transcripts to any schools you are applying to. Have the transcripts sent.

December

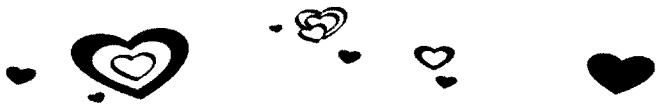
- Go over the previous month's timeline points and do anything you have not yet done at this point.

January

- Take the ACT or SAT test for the second time. Remember to have your new scores sent to the schools you would like to receive them.

- Fill out your FAFSA and make sure to indicate on the form which schools you are thinking about attending. The information will automatically go to those schools.
- Contact your tribal education office and find out whether you are eligible for a tribal scholarship and ask for an application to be sent to you.

- Start searching for other Native American scholarships that you can apply for (usually deadlines are sometime during the spring).



February

- Within 5 weeks after sending in your FAFSA, you will receive a SAR (Student Aid Report), follow the directions to make any changes you want to make and send the form back to the address marked.

- Contact the admission offices at each of the schools you applied to and make sure they have all of the necessary application materials from you.

March/April

- You should begin receiving acceptance letters from the schools you have applied to.

- Begin thinking about which school you would like to attend of those that accepted you.

- Contact the school and ask about housing options for students on campus. The school may have already sent you information on housing by this point

May/June 

- You should narrow down your choice of schools to one.

- Have your high school send your final transcripts to the school you have chosen to attend.

- You should be receiving final award letters from the schools you have chosen to send your FAFSA information to.

- You will be hearing back from scholarship programs you have applied to. Make sure to contact the Financial Aid Office at the school you have applied to and let them know of the awards you receive.

- Make a financial plan to pay for tuition, expenses and housing.

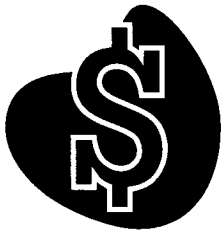
July-September

- Call and ask the school's Admissions Office about participating in an "orientation" (if the school provides one).
- If the school does not provide an orientation program, call and schedule a time when you can take a tour of the school.
- If you're planning to live on campus, you should be working out the details of those arrangements now.
- Get ready for your new life as a college freshman!



Helping Students Find Money for College

No matter which college or school you decide to attend, paying for it is always one of the most difficult issues students face. It is a challenge for students and families to find money for attending college. Luckily, there are some options for you.



AIEF Scholarships

The American Indian Education Foundation offers scholarships to Native American Students every year. Students must be from a state or federally recognized tribe, be a full-time undergraduate, and plan to attend a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational school. In addition to scholarship funding, AIEF provides mentoring and support for students receiving the scholarship. Check our website, email, or call us for application information. The deadline for applications is April 4th.

www.aiefprograms.org

Other Scholarships

In addition to AIEF's scholarships, there are a number of other scholarships available to Native American/Alaska Native students. Call individual scholarships for exact deadlines and other relevant information as these may change yearly. The following is a list of some of the other major scholarships available:

ACE Foundation Scholarship:
119 W. 6th Street
Pueblo, Colorado 81002
Ph: (719) 583-7860
Email: info@acefoundation.net
(www.acefoundation.net)

American Indian College Fund: A variety of scholarships are available to Native American undergraduate students attending a tribal college. Eligibility requirements for awards vary, and are determined either by tribal colleges or AICF scholarship committees. Approximately 5,000 awards are given each year. The award and deadlines for scholarships vary. Contact your tribal college or:
American Indian College Fund
8333 Greenwood Blvd
Denver, CO 80221
Ph: (800) 776-3863
(www.collegefund.org)

American Indian Graduate Center:
4520 Montgomery Blvd. N.E., Suite 1B
Albuquerque, NM 87109
Ph: (505) 881-4584
(www.aigc.com)

American Indian Science & Engineering Society Scholarships: Variety of scholarships available to Native American graduate or undergraduate students who are attending an accredited college or university. Applicants must be a member of AISES, majoring in a math, science, business, computer science, engineering, or an environmental field, and be able to offer proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or have ¼ degree Indian blood. Approximately 115 awards are given each year of $1,000.00-$5,000.00. Deadlines are April 15 or June 15. For more detailed information contact:
Scholarship Coordinator
AISES Scholarship Program
PO Box 9828
Albuquerque, NM 87119-9828
Ph: (505) 765- 1052
(www.aises.org)

American Indian Services Scholarship Program: Available to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes. Undergraduate students of any major may apply. Approximately 2,000 awards are given each year of $500.00-$1,500.00. Deadlines are August 15th for Fall, November 15th for Winter, February 15th for Spring, and May 15th for Summer.
Contact: American Indian Services Program
Attn: Scholarship Department
1902 North Canyon Road, Ste 100
Provo, UT 84604

American University Washington Semester Program
Washington Internship for Native Students
4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20016-8083
1-800-424-2600

Association on American Indian Affairs: This organization offers seven different scholarships to Native American students. The requirements for, and specifics of each scholarship are different. Approximately 50 awards are given each year of $500-$1,500.00. Deadline for all scholarships is August 1st.
Contact: Scholarship Coordinator
Association on American Indian Affairs
966 Hungerford Drive, Ste 12-B
Rockville, MD 20850
Ph:(240) 314-7155
www.indian –affairs.org

Association on American Indian Affairs Emergency Aid Scholarship Available to Native American Undergraduates of any major who need funds for an emergency situation. Applicants must be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe. Approximately 20 awards are given each year of between $100.00 and $400.00. Awards are based on financial need and severity of the emergency. The program is only available for the Fall and Spring semesters. For more information,
Contact: Association on American Indian Affairs
ENA Scholarship
966 Hungerford Drive Ste 12 B
Rockeville, MD 20850
Ph: (240) 314-7155
www.indian –affairs.org

Association of American Indian Physicians
1225 Sovereign Row, Suite 103
Oklahoma City, OK 73108
(405) 946-7072

Brown Foundation College Scholarships:
Available to any student of color wishing to attend college with a major in education. Approximately 10 awards are given each year of $1000.00. This year's deadline is March. . Applicants must identify whether they would like an application for high school seniors or current college students. For more information, contact:
Brown Foundation Scholarship Program
1515 SE Monroe
Topeka, KS 66612
Ph: (785) 235-3939
http://brownvboard.org/foundation/scholarships/index.php

Catching the Dream: Three different scholarships are available to students majoring in education, business, science, or engineering. Applicants must be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe. Both undergraduate and graduate students may apply. Approximately 250 awards are given each year of $500.00-$5,000.00 per semester. Deadlines are March 15 for Summer, April 15 for Fall, and September 15 for Spring.
Contact: Scholarship Affairs Office
Catching the Dream
8200 Mountain Rd NE, Ste 203
Albuquerque, NM 87110
Ph: 505-262-2351 x 116
Email: nscholarsh@aol.com
www catchingthedream .org

Daughters of the American Revolution American Indian Scholarship: Available to Native American applicants who can show proof of ancestry. Undergraduate and graduate students who have a GPA of 2.75 and higher and who are any major may apply. Approximately 60 one-time awards are given each year of $500.00. Deadlines are April 1st for Fall Term and October 1st for Spring Term.
Contact: Committee Services Office
Attn: American Indian Scholarship
1776 D Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-5303
Ph: (202) 628-1776
www.dar.org

The Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship
AASA
801 North Quincy St., Ste 700
Arlington, VA 22203
(703) 875-0706

Gates Millennium Scholars Program: Available to High School Seniors entering an accredited college or university as a freshman. Students must be Native American/ Alaska Native, Pacific Islander, African- or Hispanic American. Awards are based on merit (graduating high school seniors must have a minimum 3.30 GPA) and need, and

are given to 1000 students each year. The deadline is January. Students who are eligible must be nominated to receive this scholarship. Please contact your high school guidance counselor or Contact: Gates Millennium Scholars Program
PO Box 10500
Fairfax, VA 22031
Ph: (877) 690-4677

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program: The Gilman International Scholarship Program provides awards of up to $5,000 for U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad for up to one academic year. The program aims to diversify the kinds of student who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go. The program serves students who have been under-represented in study abroad which includes but is not limited to: students with high financial need, community college students, students in under-represented fields such as the sciences and engineering, students from diverse ethnic backgrounds, students attending minority-serving institutions, and students with disabilities. The Gilman Program seeks to assist students from a diverse range and type of two-year and four-year public and private institutions from all 50 states. Additionally, a limited number of $3000 Critical Need Language Supplements are available for students studying a critical need language for a total possible award of $8000. A list of eligible languages can be found on the Gilman website at http://www.iie.org/gilman.

Grand Rapids Community Foundation: Fred and Lena Meijer Scholarship for Meijer Employees and Children of Meijer Employees
Awards: Up to ***100 $2,500 scholarships awarded and 2 $10,000 scholarships awarded each year***
Applications Due April 1
Awards announced in June
Eligibility requirement: must be a Meijer Employee attending school at least part-time or a child of a Meijer Employee attending school full-time. Minimum employment requirement is one year of continuous service on the application deadline date (April 1),
Questions contact: rbishop@grfoundation.org
Application is open now online at: (http://grcf.egrant.org)

Indian Health Service Scholarship Program: IHS offers a variety of scholarships available to enrolled members of state or federally recognized tribes. Undergraduate or graduate students who are majoring in any health related pre-professional program may apply. Priority is given to students who will be working on a reservation. Awards consist of tuition and a monthly stipend (amount depends on estimated school and living expenses). Approximately 500 awards are given every year. The deadline is February.
Contact: Scholarship Coordinator
Indian Health Service Scholarship Program
801 Thompson Avenue, Ste. 120
Rockville, MD 20852
Ph: (301) 443-6197
www.ihs.gov

Indian Resource Development: Indian Resource Development is a statewide non-profit, public service program headquartered at New Mexico State University and administered by the Division of Student Success and Outreach in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Website offers information on scholarships and preparation for college. For more information:
Indian Resource Development Program
MSC 3IRD , Box 30003
Las Cruces, N.M. 88003-8001
Phone: 575-646-1347
Fax: 575-646-7740 (http://aces.nmsu.edu/academics/ird/index.html)

International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons North American Indian Scholarship Program: Available to Native American applicants who have (or whose parent has) a reservation registration number. Undergraduate students of any major may apply. Approximately 50 scholarships are awarded each year of no more than $650.00. Deadline is April 1st of each year.
Contact: Int'l Order of the King's Daughters and Sons
Attn: Director, North American Indian Department
PO Box 1040
Chautauqua, NY 14722-1040
Ph: (716) 357-4951
www.iokds.org /scholarship.html

Jackie Robinson Foundation Minority Scholarship: Available to High School Seniors entering an accredited college or university as freshmen. Students must be an ethnic minority. Approximately 100 need-based awards of up to $6,000.00 are given each year. Deadline is April 1st every year.
Contact: Jackie Robinson Foundation
ATTN: Scholarship Coordinator
3 West 35th Street
11th Floor
New York, NY 10001
Ph: (212) 290-8600
(www.jackierobinson.org)

The Lagrant Foundation: The LAGRANT Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to increase the number of ethnic minorities in the fields of advertising, marketing and public relations by providing scholarships, career development workshops, professional development, mentors and internships to African American, American Indian/Native American, Asian Pacific American and Hispanic/Latino undergraduate and graduate students.
600 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1520
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Please contact Nelly Alonso, Programs & Communications Associate at 323.469.8680

ext. 240 or by email at nellyalonso@lagrant.com if you have any questions. Or visit: (www.lagrantfoundation.org)

Native American Education Grants: Available to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes. Undergraduate and graduate students of any major may apply. Approximately 40 awards are given each year of $200.00- $3,000.00. Deadline varies each year and is dependent upon funding. Check website for details.
Contact: Laura Bryan
Native American Education Grants - Presbyterian Church- USA
100 Witherspoon St.
Louisville, KY 40202
Ph: (888) 728-7228, x5735
(http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/financialaid/native-american-education-grant/)

Native Vision Scholarships: Awards scholarships to Native American youth each year. Deadline for application is May 4. Scholarship application can be obtained from website.
Native Vision Scholarship
Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health
621 N. Washington Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21205
Telephone: 410-955-6931
Fax: 410-955-2010
(www.nativevision.org)

Office of Indian Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202-6335
(202) 260-3774

Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program: A program awarding scholarships to students planning to study or currently studying natural resources. Program sponsored by the Intertribal Timber Council. Inquiries and applications should be directed to:
The Intertribal Timber Council Office
ATTN: EDUCATION COMMITTEE
INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL
1112 N. E. 21st Avenue, Suite 4
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United South & Eastern Tribes Scholarship Fund
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Suite 100
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 872-7900

US BIA Indian Higher Education Grants: Available to Native American undergraduate students of any major. Applicants must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. Approximately 1,200 awards are given each year of $300.00-$900.00. Awards are based on financial need. Deadlines for awards vary.
***** Contact your tribe's education office for more information***

Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship: a Technical Minority Scholarship that awards between $1,000 and $10,000 to qualified minorities enrolled in a technical degree program at the bachelor level or above. Deadline is September 30
To apply for the Technical Minority Scholarship Program, download the application form, qualifications & process steps and sample resume from:
(http://www.xeroxstudentcareers.com/why-xerox/scholarship.aspx)
When you've visited the website and completed the form, mail it with your resume and cover letter to:
Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program
150 State Street, 4th Floor
Rochester, NY 14614

State Scholarships

The following are scholarships that are available to students who reside in a specific state. Other states may also have scholarship programs that are not listed here:

Arizona State University Maroon & Gold Scholarship: These scholarships are available to incoming freshmen and transfer students to Arizona State University Main and who are also residents of the state of Arizona. Awards are given to students with at least a 3.0 GPA and who have demonstrated a financial need. Awards equal the amount of one year of tuition and are renewable. Deadline is March.
Contact: Arizona State University, Office of Admissions
PO Box 870112
Tempe, AZ 85287-0112
Ph: (480) 965-2601
www.asu.edu/fa/scholarships/freshmen.html

Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program
Minnesota Office of Higher Education
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55108
Tel: (651) 642-0567 or (800) 657-3866

Montana Indian Student Fee Waiver: Available to Native American students, of at least one quarter blood, who have resided in the state of Montana for at least twelve months before enrolling in a college or university. Applicants must have financial need. The awards given each year cover tuition and registration expenses. Contact your university's financial aid office for specific information or:
Contact: Director
American Indian/Minority Achievement
2500 Broadway
Helena, MT 59620
Ph: (406)444-6570
www.montana.edu/wwwoche

New Mexico Lottery Scholarship Program: Available to new high school graduates, or GED recipients, who are residents of New Mexico and who will attend a New Mexico accredited college or university. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and be registered for full-time courses. The award consists of full tuition paid for up to eight semesters. No application is necessary. For information contact the Financial Aid office at your college or university or
Contact: the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education
Ph: (800) 279-9777.
www.nmlottery.com

North Carolina Golden Leaf Scholarship-Four Year University Program: Available to students who reside in one of sixty-four counties in North Carolina. Students must also be attending, or planning to attend, one of sixteen universities within the state. Approximately 500 awards of $3,000.00 are awarded each year. Deadlines change each year. Contact: Program Coordinator
NCSEAA
PO Box 13663
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3663
Ph: (919) 549-8614
http://www.ncseaa.edu/gl.htm

North Dakota Indian Scholarship Program: Available to Indian students who are either at least one quarter blood quantum or are enrolled in a current North Dakota tribe. Applicants must be enrolled at a college, university, or vocational school within North Dakota and must be taking courses full time. Approximately 150-175 awards of between $500.00 and $2,000.00 are given each year. Contact your financial aid office or: North Dakota University System, Attn: Multicultural Education Coordinator
919 S 7th St, Ste. 206

Bismarck, ND 58504
Ph: (701) 328- 9661
Ndus.office@ndus.nodak.edu
http://www.ndus.nodak.edu/students/default.asp?ID=252

South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs: A variety of scholarships are available to residents of South Dakota including one geared specifically toward Native American students. Students who are attending any two- or four-year college or university, or a technical or vocational school may apply. Approximately 40 awards of between $1,000.00 and $2,500.00 are given each year. Deadlines vary. For more information,
Contact: South Dakota Department of Education
700 Governor's Drive
Pierre, SD 57501
Ph: (605) 773-3134
http://doe.sd.gov



Tribal Scholarships

The following is a short list of scholarships available to enrolled members of the sponsoring tribe. If your tribe is not listed here, contact your tribal education office more information:

Blackfeet Higher Education Program: Available to enrolled members of the Blackfeet Tribe who are full-time undergraduates at an accredited university. Amounts of the awards vary from $3,200-$3,800. Deadlines are February of each year for Fall/Spring, and March of each year for Summer.
Contact: Blackfeet Nation, Attn: Higher Ed Program
PO Box 850
Browning, MT 59417
Ph: (406) 338-7539
www.blackfeetnation.com

Cherokee Nation Scholarship Program: Available to enrolled members of the Cherokee Nation who don't qualify for a federal Pell Grant. Approximately 1,600 awards are given each year of $1,000.00 per semester. Deadline is June of each year.
Contact: Cherokee Nation
Office of Higher Education
PO Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465
Ph: (918) 458-6195 or Toll Free: (800) 256-0671 x 2465 or 2948
www.cherokee.org

Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Grants: Available to enrolled Cheyenne-Arapaho tribal members who are either undergraduate or graduate students. The amount of the award depends on the student's need. Scholarships are awarded each year. Deadlines are May, October, and March.
Contact: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Attn: Dept of Education
PO Box 38
Concho, OK 73022
Ph: (405) 262- 0305

Creek Nation Tribal Incentive Grant Program: Available to enrolled members of the Creek Nation attending an accredited college or university. Approximately 1000 awards of $1000.00 are given each year. Deadline is June of each year. Please contact the office for more information.
Contact: Nation of Oklahoma
Attn: Higher Education Program
PO Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447
Ph: (918) 732-7689
Email: cdavis@muscogeenation-nsn.gov
Eight Northern Pueblos Council Higher Education Grant Program: Available to enrolled members of the following Northern pueblos: Tesuque, San Ilddefonso, Nambe, Santa Clara, Pojoaque, Picuris (note: San Juan and Taos Pueblo are no longer program partners). Approximately 25 awards of between $1,000.00 and $5,000.00 are given each year.
Contact: Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Inc.
Attn: Higher Ed Program
PO Box 969
San Juan Pueblo, NM 87566
Ph (505) 753-1808
Fax: (505) 852-4835 or 753-7168

Fort Peck Tribes Scholarship Program: Available to Assiniboine and Sioux members of the Fort Peck tribes in Montana. Applicants must be undergraduates. Approximately 200

need-based awards are given each year of $1,800.00-$3,600.00. Deadlines are July of each year for the Spring and Fall terms, and April for Summer.
Contact: Fort Peck Tribes Assiniboine & Sioux
ATTN: Education Department
PO Box 1027
Poplar, MT 59255
Ph: (800) 799-2926
Fx: (406) 768-3556

Hopi Tribal Grants and Scholarships: Available to enrolled members of the Hopi Tribe. Applicants have a high school diploma or GED and a minimum GPA of 2.0. Approximately 56 scholarship awards in the amount of $1000.00/semester and 250 grants between $1,500.00 and $2,500.00 are given each year. For more information contact:
Hopi Tribal Grant and Scholarship Program
PO Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039
Ph: (800) 762-9630 or (520) 734-3533

Hualapai Tribal Scholarship: Approximately 70 scholarships are given each year to members of the Hualapi tribe for undergraduate funding. Award amounts vary based on need, and never exceed $2500. Deadlines are July 1st for Fall, November 1st for Spring, and April 1st for Summer. Contact:
Hualapai Tribal Scholarship
PO Box 179
Peach Springs, AZ 86434
Ph: (602) 769-2216



Navajo: Chief Manuelito Scholarship Program: Available to enrolled members of the Navajo Nation who are graduating seniors and are planning to attend an accredited college or university. This is a merit-based scholarship and applicants must have taken at least one credit in Navajo Language or one half credit in Navajo Government or one college credit in either Navajo Language or Government. Approximately 100 awards are given each year of $7,000.00. Deadline for this program varies each year. For more information,
Contact: Navajo Nation
Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program
PO Drawer 1870
Window Rock, AZ 86515-1870
Ph: (800) 243- 2956 or (520) 871-7640

Navajo Tribal Scholarship: A variety of scholarships are available to enrolled members of the Navajo tribe. Undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited university may apply. Approximately 3000 awards are given each year of $500.00-$3,500.00 depending on need, year in school, and major. Deadline is May 1st for Fall, October 1st for Spring.
Contact: Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance
P.O. Box 1870
Window Rock, AZ 86515
Ph: (800) 243-2956 or Direct (928) 871-7450

Northern Cheyenne Higher Education Program: Available to enrolled members of the Northern Cheyenne tribe who are pursuing any undergraduate area of study at a postsecondary institution. Approximately 80 awards are given each year of up to $6,000.00 depending on need. Deadline is March 1st for Fall, and October 1st for Spring.
Contact: Northern Cheyenne Tribal Education Department
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator
Box 307
Lame Deer, MT 59043
Ph: (406) 477-6602

San Juan Tribal Scholarship Program: Available to undergraduate students of any major. Applicants must be enrolled members of San Juan Pueblo and be attending or planning to attend an accredited two- or four-year-university. Awards of $125.00-$2,500.00. are funded. Applicants are encouraged to apply for federal financial aid to receive the most benefit. Deadlines are June 30 for Fall and December 30 for Spring.
Contact: Scholarship Coordinator
Pueblo of San Juan
Department of Education
PO Box 1269
San Juan Pueblo, NM 87566
Ph: (505) 852-3477
Fx: (505) 852-3030
www.sanjuaned.org
Turtle Mountain Higher Education Scholarship
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
Tribal Higher Education Scholarship Program
PO Box 900
Belcourt, ND 58316
Ph: (701) 477-8102



Internet Resources

There are many other types of educational resources available to students. Listed below are other potential resources for your consideration. Make sure to contact each individual resource for the most current information, The following is a list of Internet links, directly related to Native American education that may be useful in your search for scholarships:



www.fastweb.com
Fastweb is a free internet financial aid search engine. Use this link to identify scholarships that apply to you.

http://collegeapps.about.com
This website includes information on everything from initially looking at colleges to preparing applications and applying for financial aid and scholarships.

www.collegeview.com
This website lets you search for specific college information and allows you to identify colleges that fit your needs and desires. You can also find financial aid information and employment opportunities after college.

www.nativeculture.com/lisamitten/education.html
This website lists over 100 other educational resource links. There is access to Native American student organizations as well as information on Native American schools and programs.

www.hanksville.org
Links to all sorts of resources including scholarship programs, non-profit organizations, and other education based sites. This site is specifically aimed at helping Native Americans.

www.indianz.com
This website gives information on colleges, Native American programs, and financing your education.

www.niea.org/media/scholarships.php
This is the National Indian Education Association Site and contains additional scholarship information and resources.

http://www.oiep.bia.edu/
This site links you to the BIA Office of Indian Education Program and shares information on scholarships, grants, getting into college, employment opportunities, and other educational resources.

http://collegeapps.about.com
This website includes information on everything from initially looking at colleges to preparing applications and applying for financial aid and scholarships.

www.finaid.org
Contains information on loans, grants, scholarships, and military aid.

Books

There are more than just internet resources available to Native American students researching how to finance their education. The following is a list of publications that may be helpful in planning for college:



Financial Aid for Native Americans 2003-2005 by Gail Schlachter and R. David Weber, 2003. Reference Service Press, 5000 Windlplay Drive, Ste 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Book Two: "Paying for a College Education" Developing Your Vision While Attending College Series 1999. American Indian College Fund, 1111 Osage Street, Building D, Suite 205W, Denver, CO 80204; 303-892-8312

The National Indian Grant Directory by S. Jenkins & D. Chavers, 1999. Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc., 8200 Mountain Rd NE, Suite 203, Albuquerque, NM 87110; 505-262-2351

Financing College: How to Use Savings, Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Loans to Afford the School of Your Choice by Kristin Davis, 1996. Kiplinger Books, 1729 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006; 800-727-7015

The Seventh Generation: Native Students Speak About Finding the Good Path by Amy Bergstrom, et al. 2003.
This book identifies how over 100 individual Native American students overcame challenges and struggles to succeed in school and achieve their goals. This book is inspirational and highly recommended.