

Native American Scholarship Board

NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP

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<https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/native-american-scholarship/>

PURPOSE & AWARDS

The Native American scholarship was established to provide scholarship awards to ND resident students who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe and who qualify through an application procedure. The scholarship provides awards to qualifying undergraduate, graduate, or professional students enrolled at a state accredited institution of higher learning, or accredited career and technical education program with a physical presence in this state. A student may qualify for an award by demonstrating academic merit, or by demonstrating 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. An applicant must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 for a merit-based scholarship or 2.00 for a need-based scholarship.
3. Award amounts are set by the Native American Scholarship Board (Board) for fall and spring terms of enrollment. Summer awards will be considered by the Board if funding remains following fall and spring terms.
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.

The priority deadline for submitting a completed application is July 15 of each year. Applications received after the priority deadline, or that have missing documents as of the priority deadline, will only be considered if funding remains after all eligible applicants as of July 15 have first been awarded.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must include the following to be considered complete. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is complete and submitted by July 15 for priority consideration.

1. All application materials must be completed EACH YEAR by July 15 for priority consideration.
2. Verification of tribal enrollment (not required if applicant received an award disbursement in the prior year).
3. The most recent transcript showing cumulative GPA (high school or college **unofficial** transcripts are acceptable.) Grade reports and class schedules will not be accepted.
4. A needs analysis form or adequate substitute received from the college financial aid office.
5. Certification of ND residency from the institution.
6. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Do not send your FAFSA results to our office.

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SATISFACTORY PROGRESS POLICY

To continue in good standing a student must maintain at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, meet the enrollment requirements of the program, and show continued financial need. If a student has at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA, they will automatically be considered under the “merit-based” rules. Students with cumulative GPAs of at least 2.00 but less than 3.50 will be considered under the “need-based” rules and must demonstrate financial need to receive the award. Students who do not meet the enrollment requirements, need-based requirements or merit-based requirements from term to term can lose scholarship eligibility. Grade point averages will not be rounded up in order to meet the GPA minimum requirements.

SELECTION PROCESS

All completed applications received by July 15 each year will be provided equal opportunity. Award priority for completed applications will first be given to merit-based applicants and then to need-based applicants, based on the priority selection process.

Any eligible applicant who is not offered an award but whose application was received by the priority deadline will be placed on a wait list for funds which may become available throughout the academic year. Applications received after July 15 will be considered only if all eligible applicants meeting the deadline are awarded and if funds remain. Late applications will be considered in date order received based on the priority funding guidelines set in the Administrative Rules.

APPEAL PROCESS

Any student who has been denied funding or who has lost funding may appeal to the Native American Scholarship Board.

1. A student must notify the Board that he/she is appealing in writing.
2. A description and explanation of the circumstances should be provided with any supporting documentation.
3. The appeal should be addressed to: Native American Scholarship Board, Attn: ND University System, 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 21, Bismarck, ND 58505-0602
4. The Board will consider the appeal and then contact the student regarding its determination within two weeks after it renders a decision.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS

Upon verification of enrollment from the school each term, a check shall be sent to the school to be applied to a student’s account. The award may be used to pay the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, and other educational expenses, not to exceed total cost of attendance when other aid sources are taken into consideration. To qualify for the spring payment, the student must maintain either the merit-based or need-based requirements and meet the enrollment requirements of the scholarship.

SEND APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

PREFERRED: Upload to the Secure Drop Box:

<https://ndus.edu/nd-university-system-financial-aid-secure-drop-box/>

-OR-

Native American Scholarship
North Dakota University System
600 E. Boulevard Ave Dept. 21
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602

DO NOT email your application

**NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP
2025-26 APPLICATION**

PRIORITY DEADLINE: All application materials must be **received** by the North Dakota University System no later than **JULY 15, 2025, for priority consideration.**

Incomplete applications will not be considered to have met the deadline.

Please send completed application to: Native American Scholarship
ND University System (NDUS)
600 E. Boulevard Ave Dept. 21
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602

PREFERRED: Secure Online Drop Box for document upload: <https://ndus.edu/nd-university-system-financial-aid-secure-drop-box/>

DO NOT email your application.

Complete applications include: (Applications will NOT be considered complete until ALL required documents are received by the North Dakota University System.):

- 2025-26 Application.
- Verification of tribal enrollment (*not required if applicant received an award disbursement in the prior year*).
- Most recent transcript showing cumulative GPA (*high school or college **unofficial** transcripts are acceptable*).
Grade reports and class schedules will NOT be accepted in lieu of a transcript.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is filed with your college (required for need-based awards).
- Needs Analysis Form (or substitute) and Certification of ND Residency from your institution.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name _____
Last First Middle (Maiden)

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

Current **mailing** address _____
Street or PO Box Number City State Zip code

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

I understand I need to be a North Dakota resident to receive this scholarship. _____ [Your college will verify this information]
(initial)

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Student ID number _____ Member of which tribe _____

What is the **NAME** of the ND college you plan to attend in? Fall 2025 _____ Spring 2026 _____

What grade level will you be in 2025-26? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

What is your field of study (major)? _____

What degree will you be seeking? Certificate Associates or Bachelors Graduate (Master's or Doctoral)

I certify that the information given by me on this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and if granted financial assistance, I will use it only for education expenses related to my education. I authorize my college to release required enrollment, financial aid, admission, and transcript data to assist in determining eligibility for the scholarship.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP
2025-26 - Needs Analysis Form and ND Residency

This form must be returned by July 15, 2025, for priority award consideration. **ALL PARTS ARE REQUIRED!** Part 1 must be certified by the financial aid office at your college. Part 2 may also be certified by the financial aid office, or by another authorized representative of your college. You must complete, sign, and date Part 3.

Please send completed form via secure Drop Box, Fax or Mail: Native American Scholarship
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PART 1 (COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE COMPLETES) - NEEDS ANALYSIS FORM:

Please request that the financial aid office complete Part 1, or you may provide an award letter, or other suitable documentation from the college with all of the information listed.

NEEDS ANALYSIS	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Cost of Attendance (COA)			
Financial Aid Resources (exclude loans)			
Student Aid Index (SAI)			
Financial Need (COA-SAI-Resources)			

Part 1 completed by (name/title/office): _____
(Required if no alternative needs analysis form is provided.)

PART 2 (COLLEGE COMPLETES) - CERTIFICATION OF NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENCY: Residency for the purposes of the Native American Scholarship is determined by the institution. Please have the appropriate office at your college, such as the financial aid or registrar's office, complete the following.

I certify that _____
 (Insert applicant's name)
 IS a resident of North Dakota
 IS NOT a resident of North Dakota

Name/Title (printed) of person certifying residency **Date**

Signature of person certifying residency

PART 3 - APPLICANT CONSENT/CERTIFICATION: I give my consent for my college to release financial aid, enrollment and residency information, which is required to complete my application for the Native American Scholarship. I certify that the information provided on this form has been completed by an authorized representative of my college and is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I have completed the 2025-26 FAFSA Application: YES NO

APPLICANT NAME (please print) **APPLICANT SIGNATURE** **DATE**