

Native American Scholarship Board

NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP 2026-27 APPLICATION YEAR (Fall 2026, Spring 2027, Summer 2027)



ELIGIBILITY

To qualify, you must:

1. Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe.
2. Be a North Dakota resident (as determined by your college).
3. Be enrolled in a certificate, undergraduate, graduate, or professional program at an accredited college or career school in this state.
4. Meet the GPA requirement (GPAs will not be rounded up):
 - Merit-based: 3.50 cumulative GPA or higher, or
 - Need-based: 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher.
 - The FAFSA is required for need-based award consideration.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE & SUBMITTAL

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is complete and submitted to the ND University System **by July 15 of each year for priority consideration.**

Completed applications include:

1. Complete and signed application.
2. Verification of tribal enrollment (required each year.)
3. Most recent transcript showing cumulative GPA (unofficial high school or college transcripts are accepted).
4. Needs analysis form (or adequate substitute) received from the college financial aid office.
5. Certification of ND residency from the college.
6. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for need-based awards.

Send completed application and supporting materials to:

- Option 1 (preferred): Upload to the [NDUS Secure Drop Box](https://tiny.ndus.edu/ndusfadropbox) (<https://tiny.ndus.edu/ndusfadropbox>)
- Option 2 (mail):
Native American Scholarship
ND University System
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 21
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602
- DO NOT email your application.
- DO NOT Fax - Faxes are no longer accepted.

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SELECTION PROCESS

Priority Deadline (received on or before July 15)

- All completed applications received by July 15 each year will be given equal consideration.
- Award priority will be given in the following order (as defined in Administrative Rules):
 1. Merit-based applicants
 2. Need-based applicants
- Eligible applicants who meet the priority deadline but are not immediately offered an award will be placed on a waitlist for any funds that may become available throughout the academic year.

Late Applications (received after July 15)

- Completed applications will be considered only if:
 - All eligible priority-deadline applicants have been awarded, and
 - Program funds remain available.
- Completed late applications will be considered in the order they are received, following the priority funding guidelines established in the Administrative Rules.

PAYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY RULES

Payment Process / Allowable Expenses / Award Limits

- Each term, after verification of the student's enrollment, payment will be sent directly to the school to be applied to the student's account.
- The award may be applied to tuition, fees, housing/food, books/supplies, or other educational expenses.
- Awards under the state grant and scholarship programs may not exceed cost of attendance (COA) at the college. If total COA is exceeded, state aid must be reduced or cancelled for that term of enrollment.

Enrollment Requirements

- Payments for students enrolled below full-time will be prorated, with a minimum of 3 credits required.
- Undergraduate full-time: 12 credits; Graduate full-time: 9 credits

Merit or Need-Based Eligibility

- Eligibility as a merit or need-based recipient is determined during the application review process.
- Students who no longer meet need-based criteria due to receiving additional aid or having FAFSA changes may have their award reduced or eliminated.

APPEALS

Any student who has been denied or lost funding may submit an appeal to the Native American Scholarship Board, Attn: NDUS, 600 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505-0602.

GOVERNANCE

The ND Native American Scholarship is governed by N.D. Administrative Code 42 and administered by the Native American Scholarship Board, with program operations managed by the ND University System.

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NEEDS ANALYSIS & CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORM

Applicant's 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.

Have you completed the 2026-27 FAFSA Application: YES NO

APPLICANT NAME (please print)	APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE
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This form must be completed and returned to the NDUS by July 15, 2026, for priority consideration.

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STOP! COLLEGE Completes the remainder of this form. Give this form to your financial aid office.

- NEEDS ANALYSIS – Financial Aid Office Completes** (A substitute award letter with the same information is suitable.)

NEEDS ANALYSIS	Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
Cost of Attendance (COA)			
Financial Aid Resources (exclude loans)			

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Check here if 26-27 FAFSA NOT completed.

Name/Title of Financial Aid Administrator Completing Needs Analysis

Signature of Financial Aid Administrator

Date

- CERTIFICATION OF NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENCY – Institution Completes**

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 of Campus Contact Completing Residency Certification

Signature of Campus Contact Completing Residency Certification

Date