The eligibility requirements will be automatically satisfied for students enrolled full time.

The program is authorized by Article 42-01 of North Dakota state law.

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 career and technical education program within North Dakota.
3. An applicant must demonstrate probable and continuing success as a student by maintaining a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 for a merit-based scholarship or 2.00 for a need-based scholarship.
4. Scholarship funds are available to students enrolled full-time or to part-time students who will complete their degree requirements within one semester.
5. Full time enrollment is generally considered 12 semester hours for undergraduate students and 9 semester hours for graduate students, or their equivalents for quarter or clock hour enrollments.
6. Award amounts are set by the ND Indian Scholarship Board for fall and spring terms of enrollment. Summer awards will be considered by the Board if funding remains following fall and spring terms.
7. 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 deadline for submitting a completed application is July 15 of each year. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered to have met the deadline and will be considered only if funding remains.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications submitted must include:

1. A completed application – to be completed by July 15 of each year 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)
4. A needs analysis form – to be completed by college financial aid office
5. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – required each year
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 consistently maintains a 3.50 cumulative GPA or higher, he/she will automatically be transferred to the merit-based program. Students who do not maintain a 3.50 cumulative GPA will need to meet program requirements based on demonstrated financial need to continue receiving funding. Students who do not meet the enrollment requirements, need-based requirements or merit-based requirements from semester to semester may lose their scholarship eligibility.

Selection Process

Each year, award priority will be given to valedictorians, who are considered for the merit-based scholarship in the academic year directly following high school graduation, then to merit-based applicants, then to need-based applicants. Grade point averages will be ranked from highest to lowest for merit-based applicants. A cumulative GPA of 3.50 is required for merit-based awards. Grade point averages will not be rounded up. Demonstrated financial need will be ranked from highest need to lowest need for need-based applicants. Financial need will be determined based on the needs analysis provided by the financial aid office. The FAFSA is required to determine need. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required for consideration.

Any eligible applicant who is not offered an award but whose application was received by the 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 selection.

Appeal Process

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

1. A student must notify the ND Indian Scholarship Board that he/she is appealing in writing.
2. A description and explanation of the circumstances should be provided with any supporting documentation, such as a letter from a doctor.
3. The appeal should be addressed to:
   North Dakota Indian Scholarship Board
   North Dakota University System
   1815 Schafer St., Ste. 202
   Bismarck, ND 58501-1217
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 notification of enrollment from the school each semester, a check shall be sent to the school to be applied to a recipient’s account. The award may be used to cover the cost of registration, health, activities, board, books and other necessary items. After all expenses due the institution have been covered, the remaining balance may be disbursed to the student for other educational and living expenses. To qualify for the spring payment, the student must be maintaining either the merit-based or need-based requirements of the scholarship.

Send Application and Supporting Documents to

North Dakota Indian Scholarship Program
North Dakota University System
1815 Schafer St. Ste. 202
Bismarck, ND 58501-1217
-OR-
Fax: 701.224.5707
NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP
2015-2016 APPLICATION

DEADLINE: All application materials must be received by the North Dakota University System no later than JULY 15, 2015. Incomplete applications will not be considered to have met the deadline.

Please send completed application to: ND Indian Scholarship Program Phone: 701.224.2648
ND University System Fax: 701.224.5707
1815 Schafer St. Ste. 202 Email: ndfinaid@ndus.edu
Bismarck, ND 58501-1217

Complete applications include (Applications will NOT be considered complete until all required documents are received by the North Dakota University System.):
☐ Application
☐ Needs Analysis Form completed by college financial aid office (need-based awards require FAFSA data)
☐ Most recent transcript showing cumulative GPA (high school or college unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
☐ Verification of tribal enrollment (not required if applicant received an award disbursement in the prior year)

PLEASE PRINT

Name ____________________________________________

Last First Middle (Maiden)

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

Current mailing address ____________________________________________

Street City State Zip code

Social Security Number_________________________ Date of Birth______________ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

State of legal residence (required)______________ How long resident of this state (required)____________________

Email Address _______________________________ Telephone __________________________

Member of which tribe ____________________________________________

College you plan to attend in fall 2015, spring 2016 or summer 2016 ____________________________________________

Academic year for which you are applying ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate

Anticipated date of college graduation (REQUIRED) ______________ Month ______________ Year

Field of study (major) __________________________

Type of degree ☐ Certificate ☐ Associates or Bachelors ☐ Graduate (Masters or Doctoral)

I certify 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. I authorize my college to release all required financial aid, enrollment and transcript data to assist in determining eligibility for the scholarship.

_____________________________________________ ______________________________________________

STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE
**NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP**

2015-2016 NEEDS ANALYSIS FORM

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**STUDENT INFORMATION AND RELEASE**

Deadline for application and supporting document submission is July 15, 2015.

Student Name_____________________________ Social Security # _______________________

Address_____________________________ Phone # _______________________

I authorize my college financial aid office to release all budget and financial aid data required for the purposes of determining eligibility for the ND Indian Scholarship.

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**STUDENT SIGNATURE _______________________________ DATE _______________**

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The following data is to be completed by a **financial aid officer** at the institution where applicant is enrolled. The form should be returned to:

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**FINANCIAL AID OFFICE – DO NOT LEAVE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION UNANSWERED.**

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMISSION**

As of today, is this student considered to be accepted for enrollment at your college or university for the 2015-16 academic year? **YES / NO** (circle one)

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**FINANCIAL NEED (COA – Resources)**

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*Applicants applying for the need-based scholarship must supply FAFSA data to determine need.

**Summer awards will be considered by the Board if funding remains following fall and spring terms.

Signature/Title_________________________________________________________ Date__________________________

Financial Aid Officer _______________________________ Phone__________________________

Name of Institution_______________________________________________________