North Dakota Indian Scholarship Board

NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
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http://www.ndus.edu/students/paying-for-college/grants-scholarships/#NDIS

PURPOSE & AWARDS

The North Dakota Indian scholarship program was established to provide scholarship awards to Indian students who qualify through an application procedure. The scholarship program provides awards to qualifying undergraduate or graduate students admitted to any institution of higher learning or state career and technical education program within the state. A student may qualify for an award by demonstrating academic merit, or by demonstrating financial need. Graduating high school valedictorians who meet the eligibility requirements will be automatically awarded a merit-based scholarship for the academic year directly following high school graduation. Valedictorians must re-apply in subsequent years and meet eligibility requirements based on academic merit or 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 career and technical education program within North Dakota.
3. 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.
4. Scholarship funds are available to students enrolled full-time or to part-time students who will complete their degree requirements in the current term.
5. Full time enrollment is generally considered 12 credits for undergraduate students and 9 credits for graduate students.
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 priority deadline for submitting a completed application is July 15 of each year. Applications received after 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

All applications submitted must include the following to be considered complete:
1. An application 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 will not be accepted.
4. A needs analysis form & certification of acceptance must be completed by college financial aid office.
5. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed at your college.

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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.

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 valedictorians. Valedictorians will be considered under the merit-based rules in the academic year immediately following high school graduation. Next priority is given to merit-based applicants. Grade point averages will be ranked from highest to lowest for merit-based applicants. Merit-based applicants with the same GPA will be further ranked on highest unmet need to lowest to determine eligibility. Final priority is provided to need-based applicants. This category will be ranked from highest unmet need to lowest based on the needs analysis completed by the financial aid office. The FAFSA is required to determine need. Applicants with the same unmet need will be further ranked on highest GPA to lowest GPA to determine eligibility.

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 indicated above.

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.
3. The appeal should be addressed to: North Dakota Indian Scholarship Board, 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 notification of enrollment from the school each term, 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, and meet the enrollment requirements of the scholarship.

SEND APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO

North Dakota Indian Scholarship Program
North Dakota University System
600 E. Boulevard Ave Dept. 21
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602
-OR-
Fax: 701.328.2979

NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP
2017-2018 APPLICATION

DEADLINE: All application materials must be **received** by the North Dakota University System no later than **JULY 15, 2017.** *Incomplete applications will not be considered to have met the deadline.*

Please send completed application to: ND Indian Scholarship Program   Phone: 701.328.2964
ND University System   Fax: 701.328.2979
600 E. Boulevard Ave Dept. 21   Email: ndfinaid@ndus.edu
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602

In person drop off location: State Capitol Building, Judicial Wing 1st Floor, Room 103

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

☐ 2017-18 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 will NOT be accepted in lieu of a transcript.

☐ Needs Analysis Form completed by college financial aid office. The FAFSA is required.

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_____ Sex: ☐ Male   ☐ Female

State of legal residence (**required**)_____How long resident of this state (**required**)_____

Email Address_____Phone Number_____

Student ID number_____ Member of which tribe_____
(Ask the college you are attending for your ID number)

Which college do you plan to attend in: fall 2017_____ spring 2018_____

What grade level will you be in 2017-18? ☐ Freshman   ☐ Sophomore   ☐ Junior   ☐ Senior   ☐ Graduate

What is your field of study (major)? _____

What degree will you be seeking? ☐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 related to my education. 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
2017-2018 NEEDS ANALYSIS FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION AND RELEASE
Deadline for application and supporting document submission is July 15, 2017.

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.

_____   _____
STUDENT SIGNATURE   STUDENT ID   DATE

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 2017-18 academic year? **YES / NO (circle one)**

	FALL 2017	SPRING 2018	SUMMER 2018**
COST OF ATTENDANCE			
Tuition			
Fees			
Room & Board			
Books			
Transportation			
Miscellaneous Living Expenses			
TOTAL	$	$	$
***RESOURCES**			
BIA Scholarship/Grants			
Tribal Grant			
FSEOG			
Pell Grant			
ND State Grant			
ND Academic or CTE Scholarship			
Loans: Direct/Perkins/Alternative			
Veteran Benefits			
Social Security Benefits			
Federal Work Study/CWS			
*Parental Contribution (EFC)			
*Student Contribution (EFC)			
Other / Institutional / Private Sources			
TOTAL	$	$	$
FINANCIAL NEED (COA – Resources)	$	$	$

*Applicants applying for the need-based scholarship must supply FAFSA data to determine need. Please do not leave the EFC blank.
**Summer awards will be considered by the Board if funding remains following fall and spring terms.
***If the student has not completed the FAFSA or has been selected for verification, please write "FAFSA has not been completed" across the resources area.

Signature/Title _____   **Date** _____
FINANCIAL AID OFFICER

Name of Institution _____   **Phone** _____