

North Dakota Indian Scholarship Board

NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The North Dakota Century Code Chapter 15-63 establishes a state board for Indian scholarships.

PURPOSE & AWARDS

The intent of the ND Indian Scholarship Program is to assist Native American students in obtaining a college education. Both undergraduate and graduate students may apply. Priority funding will be provided to undergraduate, full-time students. Scholarships will not exceed \$2,000 per academic year per eligible student. Two types of awards are available. Recipients of the merit-based scholarship must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50. All valedictorians meeting the application criteria will also receive an award if the application deadline has been met and if they attend a college in North Dakota. Recipients of the need-based scholarship must show 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 vocational education program within North Dakota.
3. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time and must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or higher. Scholarship funds are available to part-time students who may need minimal credits to complete their degree requirements within one semester.
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 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.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All NEW applications submitted must include:

1. Completed application form
2. Verification of tribal enrollment
3. Most recent transcript (high school or college – unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
4. A Needs Analysis Form completed by college financial aid office

All RENEWAL (award received in prior academic year) applications submitted must include:

1. Completed renewal application form
2. Most recent transcript (high school or college – unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
3. A Needs Analysis Form completed by college financial aid office

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SATISFACTORY PROGRESS POLICY

To continue in good standing a student must maintain at least a 2.00 GPA, be enrolled full-time as determined by the college, and show continued financial need. If a student consistently maintains a 3.50 cumulative grade point average or higher, he/she will automatically be transferred to the merit-based program.

MERIT-BASED PROGRAM

A student must meet the established eligibility requirements for the program; however, need is not a factor for the merit-based scholarship. The priority of candidates is as follows for merit-based scholarships:

1. High school valedictorians
2. Students with a GPA of 3.50 or above

APPEALS 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. Students who appeal must have maintained at least a 2.00 GPA and full-time status in the previous semester.
4. The appeal should be addressed to:
North Dakota Indian Scholarship Board
North Dakota University System
1815 Schafer St., Ste. 202
Bismarck, ND 58501-1217
5. The Board shall consider the appeal and will contact the student regarding its decision within two weeks after it renders a decision.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS

Upon notification of full-time 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.

SEND APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO

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North Dakota University System
1815 Schafer St. Ste. 202
Bismarck, ND 58501-1217

-OR-

Fax: 701.224.5707

NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP 2014-2015 NEEDS ANALYSIS FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION AND RELEASE

Deadline for application and supporting document submission is July 15, 2014.

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 _____

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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1815 Schafer St. Ste. 202
Bismarck, ND 58501-1217

Phone: 701.224.2648
Fax: 701.224.5707
Email: ndfinaid@ndus.edu

CERTIFICATION OF ADMISSION BY COLLEGE OFFICIAL:

As of today, has this student has been accepted for enrollment at your college or university for the 2014/15 academic year? **YES / NO (circle one)**

	FALL 2014	SPRING 2015	SUMMER 2015 (if applicable)
<u>COST OF ATTENDANCE</u>			
Tuition	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Fees	_____	_____	_____
Room & Board	_____	_____	_____
Books	_____	_____	_____
Transportation	_____	_____	_____
Personal Items	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<u>RESOURCES</u>			
BIA Scholarship/Grants	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Tribal Grant	_____	_____	_____
FSEOG	_____	_____	_____
PELL Grant	_____	_____	_____
INMED	_____	_____	_____
ND State Grant	_____	_____	_____
ND Academic or CTE Scholarship	_____	_____	_____
Loans: Direct/Perkins/Alternative	_____	_____	_____
Veteran Benefits	_____	_____	_____
Social Security	_____	_____	_____
Federal or College Work Study	_____	_____	_____
Parental Contribution (EFC)	_____	_____	_____
Student Contribution (EFC)	_____	_____	_____
Other/Institutional/Private Resources	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
UNMET FINANCIAL NEED	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Signature/Title _____ Date _____

Financial Aid Officer

Name of Institution _____ Phone _____