

Financial Aid Opportunities for Native Americans

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA FINANCIAL AID

NORTH DAKOTA STATE INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP (NDSIS). The NDSIS may be used to pursue any full-time course of study offered in a regular academic year by an institution of higher learning or state educational program in North Dakota. To qualify, a student must be at least 1/4 degree Indian blood and a resident of North Dakota OR must be an enrolled member of a tribe and now a resident of North Dakota. The NDSIS program offers two types of awards: financial need-based grants and merit scholarships. The priority date for applying is **July 15**. Applications are available from the North Dakota University System office located at the Kirkwood Office Tower, Suite 603, 919 South 7th St., Bismarck, ND 58504. Applications are also available on-line at <http://www.ndus.edu/students/default.asp?ID=252>

NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLARS PROGRAM. The North Dakota Scholars Program, a merit-based scholarship, provides approximately 40-45 new freshmen scholarships to North Dakota's best and brightest high school graduates to encourage them to remain in North Dakota to obtain their post-secondary training. The North Dakota Scholars Scholarship is a full tuition scholarship for students attending North Dakota's public and tribal colleges and a tuition scholarship equal to NDSU/UND's tuition for students attending North Dakota's private institutions. Persons interested in applying for the Scholars Scholarship or who may have any questions about the program are invited to contact the NDUS Director of Financial Aid via e-mail to peggy.wipf@ndsu.nodak.edu or by telephone (701) 328-4114. Students may obtain information on-line at <http://www.ndus.edu/students/default.asp?ID=252>

STATE STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANT (SSIG). The SSIG program is administered by the North Dakota State University System. The SSIG award is \$300 per semester. Students apply for this grant by completing the FAFSA by **March 15**.

TRIBAL OR BIA FINANCIAL AID SOURCES

EDUCATION LOAN/GRANT PROGRAM. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has a loan program available to its enrolled members. The loan must be secured through lease income collateral. The loan is to be used for current year needs. However, it may also be used to pay for unpaid education costs and to help students pay off defaulted federal student loans. Applications may be picked up from the Higher Education Office at the Standing Rock Tribal Administration Building in Fort Yates.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT. To qualify for a Higher Education grant, the student must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe with at least 1/4 degree of Native American descent. Applicants must be enrolled in academic course work. Applications must be completed each academic year; separate applications must be submitted for summer school enrollment. The priority date for Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for the academic year is **June 1**; for spring term is **November 30**; and for summer term is **April 30**. Other tribal agencies may have different priority dates for applying for assistance. Applications may be picked up from the Tribal Education Director or the BIA Office located at the tribal agency.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA). The WIA program is designed to assist underemployed persons to obtain vocational training. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe WIA program will pay either for tuition, books and fees or an incentive allowance based on actual hours in the classroom. The North Dakota State WIA programs may pay for tuition, books, and fees. Students must take the GATB test and will be selected for the program based on the poverty guidelines. Students should contact the WIA or JOBS offices in Fort Yates or Bismarck for applications. The WIA application must be updated every 45 days so students should contact WIA occasionally to see if they must update their eligibility application.

OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND. The American Indian College Fund (AICF) awards several designated scholarships each year. There is one application for all the scholarships and the deadline date is **June 30**. Applications are available at www.collegefund.org

- **Cartwright Scholarship Program.** The Cartwright program will award need-based scholarships of \$2,000 annually to outstanding American Indian males. This program was developed to encourage men to continue their education by attending a tribal college.
- **Coca-Cola Scholarship.** The Coca-Cola Foundation will award \$5,000 scholarships to American Indian students currently enrolled as a freshman and who are the first in their immediate family to pursue a higher education at a tribal college or university.
- **Ford Motor Company Tribal Scholarship.** Ford Motor Company will award up to \$5,000 annually, based on financial need. The scholarship is for students studying math, science, engineering, business, teacher training, or environmental science.
- **Morgan Stanley Tribal Scholars Program.** Morgan Stanley will award scholarships of \$2,500 annually to outstanding American Indian students currently enrolled at a tribal college or university who have an interest in business and the financial services industry.
- **Nissan North America Scholarship.** Nissan North America, Inc. will award scholarships to outstanding American Indian sophomore students currently enrolled in tribal colleges and universities, who are planning to pursue a bachelor's degree upon completion of an associate's degree. Selected students will receive \$2,000 annually.
- **Time Warner Tribal Scholars Program.** Time Warner will award scholarships of \$2,500 annually to outstanding American Indian students attending a tribal college or university.

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP. Must be Native American or Alaskan Native descent; full-time student; attending an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university or a vocational technical school. Three types of scholarships are available: freshman scholarships; undergraduate scholarships; continuing student scholarships. Deadline date is **June 1**. Amount of scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Applications are available at the SBC Financial Aid Office. You may also contact AIEF at 10029 SW Nimbus Avenue, Suite 200; Beaverton, OR 97708 or visit the web site at www.aiefprograms.org or email to scholarships@nrcl.org.

AMERICAN INDIAN FELLOWSHIP IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP. Each year, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development awards five scholarships to American Indian college or graduate students majoring in business. Eligible students must be enrolled full-time and be at the junior, senior, or graduate level. Applicants must submit an application as well as a statement requesting consideration and stating their reasons for pursuing higher education, their plans following completion of their degree and any other relevant information such as activities and commitment to the community. Submitted applications must include separate essays that specifically address Community Involvement, Personal Challenges, and Business Experience criteria to earn maximum points. Applicants are judged primarily on **achievement and commitment** to the community. The application is available at <http://www.ncaied.org/fundraising> and deadline date is early August.

Scholarship recipients are required to attend the Indian Progress in Business Awards Banquet (INPRO) in September. Airfare and lodging to attend INPRO are provided to recipients in addition to the scholarship from The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED).

AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND ASSOCIATION. Provides scholarships and loans to Native American students. To obtain an application, write to American Indian Scholarship Fund, 1508 Crossroads of the World, Los Angeles, CA 90020.

AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING SOCIETY (AISES). The AISES mission is “To substantially increase the representation of American Indian and Alaskan Natives in engineering, science, and other related technology disciplines.” Applications can be obtained on-line at <http://www.aises.org/highered/scholarships/>

- **Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Foundation Scholarship.** This scholarship is available to 5 new American Indian high school seniors every year, who reside in states serviced by the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Pacific Corporation and its affiliated companies: Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington. The award is for 4 academic years (8 semesters) or until baccalaureate degree is obtained (whichever occurs first). Applicants who are not selected as recipients will be given consideration in the A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Program, if all criteria are met. Eligible majors include business, engineering, math, medicine/health administration, natural or physical sciences, technology, and education. Deadline to apply is **April 15**.
- **A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to members of AISES who are American Indian/Alaskan Native college students pursuing academic programs in the sciences, engineering, medical, natural resources, and math. Deadline to apply is **June 15**.

AMERICAN INDIAN SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP (AIS). AIS of Utah has funds available to assist Native American students. Students may request an application in writing to AIS, 950 N. University Ave, Provo, Utah 84604. Applications are available at the SBC Financial Aid Office. Deadline dates to apply are: **Feb 15** for classes starting in April or May; **May 15** for classes starting in June; **Aug 15** for classes starting in August or September; **Dec 15** for classes starting in January. Applications are on-line at <http://www.americanindianservices.org/students.html>

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS (AAIA). The AAIA has several scholarships available as described below. Applications may be downloaded at the following web site <http://www.indian-affairs.org>. Applications are accepted from **mid-April to mid-July**. Check the website for specific criteria and dates.

The various scholarships are based on financial need and merit. Grants are paid directly to accredited educational institutions. The monies can be used for tuition, books, and other academic-related expenses. Students are chosen on the basis of their application, an essay, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation as well as proof of Native American heritage. The blood quantum requirement is a condition set down by the donor of this scholarship.

- **Allogan Slagle Memorial Scholarship.** The Allogan Slagle Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 are available to undergraduate students who are members of State Recognized tribes that are not federally recognized.
- **Adolph Van Pelt Scholarship.** This scholarship is available to undergraduate and graduate students in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$800. A grant is renewable for up to four years of support towards any one degree. Each year the grant is renewed, \$100 is added to the student's scholarship.
- **Displaced Homemaker Scholarship.** This scholarship (\$1,500) is based on financial need. It is designed to assist Native American students with childcare, transportation, and some basic living expenses.
- **Elizabeth and Sherman Asche Memorial Scholarship.** This \$3,000 scholarship is available to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a major in Public Health.
- **David Risling Emergency Aid Scholarship.** This scholarship is available in amounts usually ranging from \$50 to \$400 during the academic school year. The program is for full-time undergraduate students only; is based on financial need; and is limited by the availability of scholarship funds. Students may only receive one scholarship per academic year. Applicants must have a critical/sudden need due to a change in circumstances (death in family, medical emergency, car emergency, loss of job, etc.) – a need that wasn't expected or would prevent the student from attending school. There are **no deadlines** for applying.
- **Emilie Hesemeyer Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship is for full-time students with preference to students majoring in Education. The scholarship amount is \$1,500 and may be

renewed up to 4 years based on academic grades.

BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP. Available to full-time sophomores or juniors pursuing a degree in science, mathematics, or engineering. Applicant must have a 3.00 GPA, be a US citizen or resident alien, and must be nominated by the SBC faculty representative. Deadline date is **February 1**. Nomination materials are available on the web: <http://www.act.org/goldwater>.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S (BPW) FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

The BPW offers scholarships and loans to non-traditional female students with critical financial need who are seeking education necessary for entry or re-entry into the work force. The following are available:

- **AVON Products Foundation Scholarship Program** provides scholarships of \$1,000 for full-time or part-time programs at the undergraduate and graduate level in a business-related field.
- **Career Advancement Scholarship Program** which provides scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 for programs in the fields of computer science, teacher education, paralegal studies, engineering, science, or professional degrees.
- **New York Life Foundation Scholarship for Women in the Health Professions** provides scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 for full-time or part-time programs at the undergraduate level in a health-care field.

Deadline for applying for these scholarships and loans is **APRIL 15**. Students should request applications between October 1 and April 1 by writing to the Scholarships/Loans, BPW Foundation, 2012 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20036.

CATCHING THE DREAM provides financial assistance for American Indians in fields that are critical for the political, social, and business development of Indian tribes. Scholarships are **not** need-based but are awarded on merit and on the student's ability to most likely improve the lives of Indian people.

- **MESBEC (Math, Engineering, Science, Business, Education, and Computers)** is a program for high potential Native Americans planning to study in these fields. Maximum award is \$5,000 per year.
- **NALE (Native American Leadership Education)** is for high potential para-professional Native Americans who plan to complete their degrees and obtain credentials as teachers, counselors, or administrators.
- **Tribal Business Management Program** is for students in business, finance, management, economics, banking, hotel management, and related fields who plan to work in economic development for tribes.

Deadline dates are **MARCH 15** for summer school; **APRIL 15** for fall semester; and **SEPTEMBER 15** for spring semester. To receive information, write to Catching the Dream, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Affairs Office, 8200 Mountain Road, NE, Suite 203, Albuquerque, NM 87110 or contact NScholarsh@aol.com
Subject line: Scholarship Application Request.

COCA COLA TWO-YEAR SCHOLARS PROGRAM. Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is sponsoring 400 scholarships (\$1,000 each) nationwide for students who have completed 100 hours of unpaid community service within the past 12 months. Students must be US citizens or permanent residents who have earned a minimum 2.50 GPA and who plan to enroll in at least 6 credits during the next term. Nomination forms are available at the SBC Financial Aid Office. Deadline date to apply is **May 31**. Students must inform the Financial Aid Office of their desire to be considered for this nominated scholarship.

COLLEGESTEPS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP SWEEPSTAKES. Provided by Wells Fargo, the CollegeSTEPS Program Scholarship Sweepstakes involves a sweepstakes drawing and is NOT a merit based scholarship program. Winners must be U.S. residents enrolled in any U.S. institute of higher learning as either full or part-time students. Scholarships are \$1,000. To apply visit the website at www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps

CONTINENTAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF INDIAN WARS SCHOLARSHIP. A \$500 award is available to certified tribal members enrolled in an undergraduate education or social services program; student must plan to work on a reservation. Deadline date is in **June**. To obtain an application, write to Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars Scholarship, 206 Springdale Drive, LaGrange, GA 30240.

COOKE (JACK KENT) SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship program provides scholarships to four groups of students: young scholars, transfer students, graduate students, and dependents and spouses of the 9/11 attacks. The award will provide funding for tuition, room and board, required fees, and books for the remainder of the Jack Kent Cooke Scholar's undergraduate degree. Award amounts will vary for each recipient based on institution he or she attends. Students **MUST** be nominated by SBC faculty representative by February 1st. Write to Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; 2255 N. Dubuque Road; PO Box 4030; Iowa City, IA 52243. Students may also obtain information from the website at www.jackkentcookefoundation.org.

DAKOTA INDIAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (DIFS). The DIFS was established to further educational advancement of aspiring American Indian students with priority given to those of Sioux heritage. This is a \$500 per term scholarship for undergraduate or graduate students who have a minimum 2.00 GPA. Deadline dates are **August 1** for fall and **January 1** for spring term.

DRIVE YOUR FUTURE. Mercedes-Benz, USA aims to help first generation college-bound students achieve their academic goals and become part of the next generation of business, community, and global leaders. MBUSA will award \$10,000 scholarships (\$2,500 per year for 4 years) to 100 students each year. MBUSA also established Performance Awards in which 50 scholarships will be awarded to students planning to pursue degrees in music, theater, dance, or film. Scholarships are based on academic performance, leadership, and school and community activities. To apply for these scholarships, go to <http://www.mbusa.com/drivefuture>. Check the website in **late December**.

ETHEL AND EMERY FAST SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to qualified Native Americans enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a post-secondary educational institution. An applicant must be a Native American enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe; have successfully completed one year of post-secondary education at an accredited college or university; be currently enrolled in same as a full-time student in good standing; and demonstrate financial need. The deadline dates for applying are **August 15** for fall semester and **December 15** for spring semester. Applications can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is intended to increase the number of African-Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Americans, and Hispanic Americans enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs in disciplines where ethnic and racial groups are currently underrepresented. To qualify, a student must have a cumulative 3.3 GPA; must be accepted into an accredited college or university; have significant financial need; have demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service, extra-curricular activities, or other activities. Application packets may be obtained by visiting <http://www.gmsp.org> or by calling 1-877-690-GMSP (4677). Deadline date is early **February**.

HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCE ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENTS (HEROS) SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is available to students enrolled full-time in a North Dakota institute of higher education who has earned a minimum 3.00 GPA or better and who is an enrolled member of a tribe. Up to seven \$100 scholarships are available: one per North Dakota reservation; one for any other federally recognized tribe; one for incoming freshman who have just recently graduated from high school; and one for a graduate student. Deadline date to apply is **July 31**. <http://www.nduso.org/heros.htm>

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The HSF offers a variety of scholarship programs for students at different points in their academic careers. Each one is different and many have varying requirements and application dates. To qualify for an HSF scholarship, applicants must be of Hispanic heritage; must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident; must be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at a U.S. accredited and Title IV-eligible institution in the United States; must apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA; and must be completing their first undergraduate or graduate degree. For scholarship descriptions, go on-line to <http://www.hsf.net/scholarships.php>

HOLLINGS (ERNEST F.) UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. To be eligible to receive an Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship, at the time of application, the student must be a U.S. citizen, enrolled or planning to matriculate as a junior-level, full-time student in fall term in an accredited college or

university within the United States or U.S. territories, with a cumulative 3.00 grade point average in all completed undergraduate courses and in the major field of study. The student must have declared a major in a discipline including, but not limited to, oceanic, **environmental**, biological, and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, engineering, remote sensing technology, physical and social sciences including geography, physics, hydrology, geomatics, or **teacher education** that support NOAA's programs and missions. Related discipline areas of study may include: biological, social, and physical sciences, mathematics, engineering, computer and information sciences; behavioral sciences; and teacher education. Awards are a maximum of \$8,000 per year for two years. Applications for the Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship program are available through Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) at <http://www.orau.gov/noaa/HollingsScholarship>

INDIAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. Fellowship grants are awarded to students to pursue courses of study leading to undergraduate degrees in business or administration, natural resources, engineering, and related fields. Students may request an application from Indian Fellowship Program, 400 Maryland Ave SW, Portals Building, Room 4300, Washington DC 20202.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (IHSSP). The IHSSP is available to conduct three inter-related scholarship programs to train the health professional personnel necessary to staff IHS health programs and other health programs serving the Indian people. To obtain an application, write to Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service, Federal Building, Room 309, Attn: 437 Scholarship Coordinator, Aberdeen, SD.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS, INC. provides a \$500 grant to Native American students enrolled in a technical, vocational, or undergraduate level course of study. Students must request an application between **September 1 and March 1** by writing to Mrs. Harry E. Stuard, Jr, 5451 Cameo Court, Pleasanton CA 94588 or by calling 1-510-847-0105. Deadline date is **June**.

MASSACHUSETTS INDIAN ASSOCIATION. This is a scholarship for undergraduate or graduate students. Deadline date is **September 15**. To obtain an application, write to Massachusetts Indian Association, 245 Rockland Road, Carlisle, MA 01741. Applications may also be picked up at the SBC Financial Aid Office.

NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION provides a one-time award of \$500 to Native Americans based on financial need, academic achievement, and ambition. Students must have a 2.75 GPA. Deadline date for applying is **August 1** for fall term and **December 1** for spring term. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office or by writing to Mrs. Lyle A. Ross, National Chairman, American Indians Committee, 3738 South Mission Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406-4250 or call 1-520-680-0839.

NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION GRANTS. Scholarships (\$200 to \$2,000) are available to students who meet the following criteria: preference to members of Presbyterian Church (membership not required); US citizen or permanent resident; enrolled full-time at an accredited institution in the United States; making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree; demonstrate financial need; photocopy of tribal identification card. Deadline date to apply is **June 1**. Applications are available by writing to: Office of Financial Aid for Studies; Attn: Native American Education Grant; Presbyterian Church (USA); 100 Witherspoon Street; Louisville, Kentucky 40202. Telephone # is 1-888-728-7228 ext 5760 www.pcusa.org/highered

NATIVE AMERICAN FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND. This scholarship is for students who are majoring in Finance, Accounting, Business Management or Business Administration who have a minimum 2.8 grade point average. Deadline date to apply is **May 1**. Applications may be obtained by writing to NA Finance Officers Association Scholarship Fund, PO Box 12743, Green Bay, WI 54307 or call 1-920-490-3510.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Up to \$2,500 per year is awarded to Native American high school seniors who have at least 1/4 Indian blood. The deadline date is **March 15**. Applications are available by writing to the Native American Scholarship Program, Santa Fe Pacific Foundation, 1630 30th St. Suite 301, Boulder, CO 80301 or by calling 1-303-492-8658.

NATIVE VISION SCHOLARSHIPS. The guiding principle for Native Vision is to cultivate the core strengths, values, and positive relationships for American Indian youth that will make them resilient to the prevailing risks and help them transition to healthy, productive and fulfilling adulthood. Native Vision hopes to foster school completion, self-esteem, cultural attachment and personal identity, and healthy lifestyles. Two \$4,000 scholarships are available. Applications are accepted between **March-May** and are awarded in June. Any American Indian high school senior who has been accepted to a college may apply by contacting the Native Vision Office at 410-955-6931.

NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NDEA) SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship assists students who want to enter the profession of teaching. One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually upon the recommendation of the NDEA Foundation. The applicant must be an undergraduate student in good standing with a 3.00 GPA; must be enrolled in a North Dakota institution of higher education; must be enrolled in a teacher education program; must be prepared in a professional manner. An application may be obtained from the ND Education Association, Box 5005, Bismarck, ND 58502-5005. An application may be obtained from the SBC Financial Aid Office. Deadline date is **March 15**.

NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NDEA) MINORITY AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship assists minorities who want to enter the profession of teaching. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded annually upon the recommendation of the NDEA Minority Affairs Commission – one from a University and one from a Tribal College. The applicant must be a minority undergraduate student in good standing; must be enrolled in a North Dakota institution of higher education; must be enrolled in a teacher education program. An application may be obtained from the ND Education Association, Box 5005, Bismarck, ND 58502-5005. An application may be obtained from the SBC Financial Aid Office. Deadline date is **March 15**.

NORTH DAKOTA PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA) SCHOLARSHIP. The ND Congress of Parents and Teachers sponsors the ND PTA Scholarship. Applicants must be in their sophomore or junior years and must apply by March 31. This is a \$500 scholarship per 12-month period. The applicant must be a resident of North Dakota preparing to teach at the primary or secondary level. Applicants must write a response to the question: "What is your goal as a teacher and how do you assess your ability to achieve that goal?" Applicants may be obtained by contacting the ND Congress of Parents and Teachers, State Office, 810 Divide Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501.

NORTH DAKOTA WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services sponsors this scholarship. The applicant must be a North Dakota resident and enrolled in a North Dakota college; must be under the financial guidelines established for 125% of poverty; must have a completed application on file by **June 15**; must enroll full-time in an undergraduate academic degree or professional certification; must submit three letters of reference for the scholarship. Applications may be requested from the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services, 418 E. Rosser #320, Bismarck, ND 58501. Scholarship recipients will be notified of scholarship awards in August.

OBAN (Bill) SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded by the NDEA Foundation to an outstanding student who is preparing for a career in special education. To qualify, student must be a full-time undergraduate student in a teacher education program, maintain a minimum 3.00 GPA; and maintain membership in the NEA Student Program. Deadline date to apply is **March 15**. Applications are available at the SBC Financial Aid Office and also through the following: The Bill Oban Special Education Scholarship; NDEA Foundation, PO Box 5005, Bismarck, ND 58502.

ORPHAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA (OFA). OFA administers over \$1,000,000 in scholarship funding annually to outstanding undergraduate students. Some of the scholarships are the **Casey Family Scholars Scholarship, the Orphan Foundation of America Scholarship, the Pink Panel Scholarship**

for Young Women, the Hildegard Lash Merit Scholarship, Foster Student Education Foundation Scholarship, Tangled Hearts Scholarship to name a few. Students complete one OFA application to be considered for all that are available. To qualify, the applicant 1) must have been in U.S. foster care for the 12 consecutive months prior to his/her 18th birthday; OR 2) must have been adopted out of or taken into legal guardianship from foster care after his/her 16th birthday ;OR 3) must be an unadopted orphan who grew up in the United States and who can provide both parents' death certificates. In addition, applicant must be enrolled in, be accepted into, or have applied to an accredited post-secondary school; AND must be under the age of 25 on March 31. Applications are available **between January 1 and March 31** at www.orphan.org

PICARD (TRUMAN D.) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Sponsored by the Intertribal Timber Council, scholarships shall be awarded to current year high school graduates and current undergraduate students seeking an education in natural resources. The scholarships are \$1,200 for high school graduates and \$1,800 for undergraduates. Application deadline is in **March**. Application inquiries may be directed to: Intertribal Timber Council, Attn: Education Committee, 1112 N.E. 21 Ave, Portland, OR 97232. Phone 503-282-4296; Fax 503-282-1274; email: itc1@teleport.com

SALLIE MAE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS. The Sallie Mae Fund awards several scholarships each year.

- **Unmet Need Scholarship.** Open to families with a combined income of \$30,000 or less, the Unmet Need Scholarship program is intended to supplement financial aid packages of \$1,000 or more unmet need. The scholarship is available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, full-time undergraduate students with a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,800. Deadline date to apply is **May 31**. Apply online at www.salliemaefund.org
- **American Dream Scholarship.** This scholarship is open to African-Americans with financial need. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, full-time undergraduate students with a minimum 2.50 grade point average, who are Pell eligible. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000. Complete applications on-line at http://www.uncf.org/scholarships/scholar_detail.asp?Sch_ID=10771. Deadline date to apply is **April 15**. For more information, visit www.salliemaefund.org
- **First in My Family Scholarship.** This scholarship is offered to Hispanic-American students who are the first in their family to attend college and have financial need. Applicants must be Hispanic-Americans who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program, with a minimum 3.00 grade point average. The scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000. Deadline date to apply is **April 15**. Apply online at www.salliemaefund.org

SPIRIT OF SOVEREIGNTY SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is provided by the National Indian Gaming Association. One \$500 scholarship shall be awarded in the fall term and in the spring term to a student who is chosen primarily on accomplishments and contributions within the Native American community while attending school. Applicants must be enrolled in business or business-related fields. Applications may be obtained from the SBC Financial Aid Office and also by email from marisa@mktgfactory.net.

TALBOTS WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Five women will each be awarded \$10,000 scholarships and 50 women will each be awarded \$1,000 scholarships. All applicants must be seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or vocational-technical school. Scholarship awards are based primarily on financial need and previous achievements for women who earned their high school diploma or GED at least 10 years ago. Applications are accepted during the fall term with the application deadline of **January 3 or until the first 1000 eligible applications have been received, whichever is earlier.** To apply, go to www1.talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp?BID=S2006184114036C428F726D32E4EFC887F92&h=

TYLENOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The makers of Tylenol are giving away \$250,000 in scholarships to students pursuing careers in healthcare. Highlights of the program are: \$1,000 to 150 undergraduate and \$5,000 to 20 graduate students; applicants will be judged on leadership qualities and academic performance. Deadline date is **September 30**. To apply, visit their website at www.tylenol.com.

UDALL (MORRIS K.) SCHOLARSHIP. SBC may nominate up to 6 students each year for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to TWO groups of Students: 1) Those who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and who study the environment and related fields 2) Native American and Alaska Native students who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and are in fields related to health care or tribal public policy. In addition, student must have a minimum 3.00 GPA and be a US citizen, a permanent resident alien, or a US national. Each scholar receives up to \$5,000, or the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board, whichever is less. Contact the SBC financial aid office for further information. Deadline date is **mid-January**.

USA FUNDS ACCESS TO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP. This scholarship is intended to assist students in meeting the gap of their education costs. The scholarship is \$1,500 for full-time undergraduates and graduates and \$750 for part-time undergraduates. The deadline to apply is in **March**. Applications are on-line at www.usafunds.org

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) SCHOLARSHIP. The aim of the Tribal Scholars Program is to strengthen a partnership between NRCS and 1994 Land-Grant institutions; increase the number of students studying in agriculture and agency-related disciplines; and to offer employment opportunities. Tribal scholarships are awarded to U.S. citizens who are pursuing a degree in agriculture or related natural resource sciences at a 1994 tribal land-grant institution. The scholarship provides full tuition, fees, books, use of a personal computer and software while on scholarships, room and board each year for up to four years as well as employment and employee benefits. Apply on-line <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/scholarships.html>

American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS. Two scholarships will be awarded to an American Indian/Alaska Native student pursuing a degree in a natural resources field. The scholarship amount is \$200. There are two categories: one for members of the AI/ANEA and one for any American Indian or Alaska Native student in the natural resources field. Applications are accepted between **January 1 and April 1**. The application criteria and form can be obtained at www.aianea.com.

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Fellowships of \$600 to \$24,000 are available for American Indian or Native Alaskan undergraduate or graduate students studying education, psychology, guidance counseling, or a related field. Obtain an application by calling 1-202-732-1924 or by writing to Indian Education and Psychology Fellowships, U.S. Dept. of Education, Room 2177, Mail Stop 6267, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

VETERANS BENEFITS. Veterans of active military service should contact their local Veterans Administration Office. Courses offered by SBC may be approved for veteran students. Veteran students receiving education benefits must comply with the policies, procedures, and regulations of the Veterans Administration and the college. Veteran students attending SBC may contact the SBC Registrar for an application.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (Voc. Rehab). The Voc. Rehab program is intended to assist students who have disabilities to become active members of the labor market. Students who think they may qualify are encouraged to contact one of the nearest Voc. Rehab offices: Sitting Bull College Voc. Rehab, North Dakota State Voc. Rehab, or South Dakota State Voc. Rehab.

WEST RIVER TELEPHONE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP. The West River Telephone Corporation sponsors three \$500 scholarships to help students from their current subscribers. The scholarships are payable upon the successful completion of one term and proof of enrollment in the next semester in college. Applications may be obtained by contacting West River Telephone Corporation in Hazen, ND or on-line at www.westriv.com. Deadline date of application is in **March**.

PRESBYTERIAN NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS . For Alaska Natives and Native Americans pursuing full-time post-secondary education. Criteria: preference given to members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); be high school graduates or GED recipients; be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.; demonstrate financial need; Preference will be given to students who have completed at least one semester of work at an accredited institution of higher education. **Deadline: June 1.** Application information- contact Frances Cook, (888) 728-7228 x5776. **Applications may be downloaded at Presbyterian Church USA website -www.pcusa.org/financialaid/programfinder/natameredgrnthtm.** This application must be accompanied by the Federal W-9 Form completed by the institution.

INTERNET AND OTHER RESOURCE SITES

College Information Service, Bank of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND, provides a free service to assist students in locating financial aid and academic information for any college in the United States. Interested students may contact CIS at their website at www.mystudentloanonline.nd.gov or e-mail to bndsl@nd.gov. You may also call 1-800-554-2717.

American Indian Graduate Center: <http://www.aigc.com/home.asp>

The Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship:
<http://www.discoverfinancial.com/data/philanthropy/tribute.shtml>

Education Assistance Corp: www2.eac-easci.org - Native American Students Resources for Financial Aid

FastWEB---database of more than 180,000 private scholarships: www.fastweb.com/

Financial Aid for Native American Students: www.finaid.org/otheraid/natamind.phtml

Indian Resource Development: Indian Resource Development is a statewide non-profit, public service program headquartered at New Mexico State University and administered by the College of Agriculture and Home Economics in Las Cruces, New Mexico. At the Indian Resource Development Program, students are encouraged to obtain baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate degrees in Agriculture, Business, Engineering, Math, and other science-related degrees. It is expected that the student will be able to contribute to the development and the management of tribal and state resources, government, and/or private sector. Contact: New Mexico State University, Box 30001 – Dept. 3IRD, Las Cruces, NM, 88003-8001. (505) 646-1347 or fax (505) 646-7740. E-mail: ird@nmsu.edu

Intertribal Timber Council: <http://www.itcnet.org/education.html>

Native American Scholarships: www.free-4u.com/native1.htm

Native Web - This web site provides resources for indigenous cultures around the world:
www.nativeweb.org

Office of Indian Education Program - This is the web site of an organization dedicated to lifelong education for Native Americans: www.oiep.bia.edu/

UCLA Yahoo education grants: www.yahoo.com/education/Financial_Aid/Grants/

<http://www.scholarshipplus.com/cumberland/discipline.cfm>

http://www.turtle-mountain.cc.nd.us/scholarships_2.htm

Scholarship Opportunities for Members of Minority Groups:
<http://scholarships.fatomei.com/minorities.html>

Sources of Financial Aid Available to American Indian Students published by:
IndianResource Development, PO Box 30003, Dept. 31RD, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

Students are encouraged to visit their local library to research other sources of financial aid available.



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1-800-554-2717
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