

# Native American College Resource List

## Financial Aid and College Preparation Resources for Native Americans

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### Native Americans & College

Why go to college? A degree or certificate from a college or trade school is a great advantage, leading to a much wider choice of occupations and, therefore, more likelihood of a fulfilling career and a chance to make a difference in your community.

In this fact sheet, we suggest some places to find information about preparing for college and paying for college.

### Information from the U.S. Department of Education

#### For Students

At [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov), you can do the following:

- Explore colleges to help you decide where to go.
- Learn about financial aid offered by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Get information about repaying student loans.
- And more! We hope you enjoy taking a look around. (And don't forget to check out the links we've compiled for you on page 2 of this fact sheet.)

#### For Parents

Use [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to help you prepare for your child's college education:

- Learn about college savings plans and education tax credits.
- See what classes your child should take in high school.
- Find out about PLUS loans so you can help your child pay for college.

#### For Counselors and Other Mentors

Explore our resources just for you at [FinancialAidToolkit.ed.gov](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov):

- Plan a financial aid night and download PowerPoint presentations, handouts, videos, and other resources to enhance your outreach.
  - Find a TRIO program (Upward Bound, Talent Search, etc.).
  - Order free publications (including our "We have a bright future" poster for Native students).
  - Find free in-person or online training.
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## Information From Other Federal Agencies and From Nonprofit Organizations

### Government Scholarships:

- Bureau of Indian Education scholarships—[www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/index.htm](http://www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/index.htm)
- Morris K. Udall Scholarship Program—[udall.gov](http://udall.gov)
- Indian Health Service Scholarship Program—[www.ihs.gov/scholarship/index.cfm](http://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/index.cfm)
- Scholarship for Service program—[www.sfs.opm.gov](http://www.sfs.opm.gov)
- NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program—[www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp](http://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp)
- Harry S. Truman Scholarship—[www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov)
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship—[www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program](http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program)

### Other Education Resources that Might Interest You:

- U.S. Department of Education Office of Indian Education—[www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oie/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oie/index.html)
- Resources for tribal college students—[students.aihec.org/Pages/Students\\_Home.aspx](http://students.aihec.org/Pages/Students_Home.aspx)
- American Indian College Fund—[www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)
- American Indian Graduate Center—[www.aigcs.org](http://www.aigcs.org)
- American Indian Education Foundation—[www.aiefprograms.org](http://www.aiefprograms.org)
- National Indian Education Association—[www.niea.org](http://www.niea.org)
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society—[www.aises.org](http://www.aises.org)
- Tribal Education Departments National Assembly—[www.tedna.org](http://www.tedna.org)

### Other Non-governmental Scholarship Lists

- Scholarships from Indian Country Today media network: <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/scholarships>
- Scholarships for American Indians/Native Americans: amounts, due dates, and eligibility vary: [scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com); also: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/american-indian-native-american-scholarships/>
- College Financial aid advice List of scholarships: amounts, due dates, and eligibility vary; <http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/native-american-scholarships.html>

## Other Scholarship Resources

Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) scholarship service program

Deadline: Dec. 1

For: Students already enrolled in a 4 year university.

<http://smart.asee.org/apply>

Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Deadline: Jan. 13

For: High School Seniors, minimum 3.3 GPA

\*Descendants may apply

<https://scholarships.gmsp.org/Program/Details/7123dfc6-da55-44b7-a900-0c08ba1ac35c>

Intertribal Timber Council- Truman D. Picard Scholarship

Deadline: Jan. 11

For: High School Seniors and College Students; interest in natural resources

\*Descendants may apply

[http://www.itcnet.org/about\\_us/scholarships.html](http://www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html)

Daughters of the American Revolution American Indian Scholarship

Deadline: Feb. 15, 2016

For: High School Seniors and Undergraduate Students

\*Descendants may apply

Amount: \$4,000

<http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/american-indian>

Francis Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship

Deadline: Feb. 15, 2016

\*Descendants may apply

<http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/american-indian>

American Indian Education Foundation: Paul Francis Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: March 1, 2016 for additional point; April 4, 2016

For: High School Seniors

\*Descendants may apply

[http://www.nrcprograms.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief\\_progs\\_sf\\_scholarshipfund](http://www.nrcprograms.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_progs_sf_scholarshipfund)

International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons North Indian Scholarship program

Deadline to request application: March 1, 2016

For: High School Seniors and Undergraduate

\*Descendants may apply

<http://www.iokds.org/scholarship/north-american-indian-scholarships.html>

#### Catching the Dream Scholarship

Deadline: April 30, 2016

For: High School Seniors and Undergraduate

\*1/4 or more

<http://catchingthedream.org/>

#### American Indian College Fund Scholarships

Deadline: Multiple Deadlines (Need to check weekly for available scholarships)

\*Descendants may apply; for Tribal Colleges and Non-Tribal Colleges

[http://www.collegefund.org/students\\_and\\_alumni/content/special\\_scholarships](http://www.collegefund.org/students_and_alumni/content/special_scholarships)

#### AMS Minority Scholarship

Deadline: Feb. 5, 2016

For: High School Seniors

\*Descendants may apply; atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. Marine Biology is not eligible

<https://www2.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/information-for/students/ams-scholarships-and-fellowships/ams-minority-scholarships/>

#### CANFIT Program Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2016

For: Undergraduate, Graduate, or Culinary Students only; Nutrition, culinary arts, physical education, public health

<http://canfit.org/scholarships/>

#### AAIA Scholarship

Deadline: First week of March-First week of June; application not available until then

<http://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships.html>

#### ACS Scholars Program

Deadline: March 1, 2016

For: a graduating high school senior, college freshman, sophomore or junior intending to or already majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering or a chemically-related science and planning a career in the chemical sciences or chemical technology

<http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/scholarships/acsscholars/eligibility.html>

#### ESA Foundation Scholarship Program

Deadline: May 15, 2016

\*Computer and Video game; Descendants may apply

For: High School Seniors and Undergraduate

<http://www.esafoundation.org/scholarship.asp>

#### Discover Scholarship Award

Deadline: Feb. 29, 2016

\*Any Student

[https://www.discover.com/student-loans/scholarships/award.html?acmpgn=P\\_BIN\\_BRND\\_BM\\_X\\_DSKP72&gclid=CPnv8r35yskCFRVtfgodFZcKZQ&gclid=c=ds](https://www.discover.com/student-loans/scholarships/award.html?acmpgn=P_BIN_BRND_BM_X_DSKP72&gclid=CPnv8r35yskCFRVtfgodFZcKZQ&gclid=c=ds)

#### Dell Scholars Program

Deadline: Jan. 15, 2016

\*Upward Bound Students ONLY

<http://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/how-to-apply/>

#### AXA Achievement Scholarship

Due: Dec. 15, 2015 OR the first 10,000 applications

\*This is available for all of the students

Amount: \$10,000 or \$25,000

<https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>

#### Apple Scholars Program

Deadline: Feb. 15, 2016 but must register no later than Feb. 1, 2016

Amount: Macbook, ipod and \$2,000

\*Available for all students

<https://www.afcufoundation.org/scholars.aspx>

#### Ford Scholars Program

Deadline: March 1, 2016

\*Available for all students

Amount: 90%

<http://www.tfff.org/what-we-do/successful-citizens/scholarship-programs/ford-scholars-program>

#### Indian Health Services Scholarship programs

For health professional students

Deadline: March 28, 2016.

The IHS Scholarship Program pays for tuition and required fees (calculated by the educational institution) directly applicable to your approved curriculum and scholarship requirements.

Eligibility: descendants

<http://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/index.cfm>

#### Native American Health Education Fund

Eligibility: pursuing health related field

Date March 30, 2016

Up to 1,000 dollars

Eligibility: Descendants

<http://trianglecf.org/award/native-american-health-education-fund/>

#### AIEF Scholarship

Deadline: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Amount: \$2,000

\*No info yet. Check in January

[http://www.nrcprograms.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief\\_progs\\_sf\\_scholarshipfund](http://www.nrcprograms.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_progs_sf_scholarshipfund)

#### Full Circle Scholarship Program

Deadline: January 1 - May 31, 2016

Amount: varies per scholarship

\*Non-Tribal Colleges Scholarships\*

[http://www.collegefund.org/students\\_and\\_alumni/content/special\\_scholarships](http://www.collegefund.org/students_and_alumni/content/special_scholarships)