

Scholarship Opportunities and Financial Aid for St. Paul Public School Native American Students



Tribe-Specific Scholarships and Financial Awards

In order to encourage post-secondary education among their community, some tribes may offer scholarships or financial awards to enrolled members. Each tribe participating in these types of awards will have a specific process for application, so interested parties should contact the tribe directly for more information (see National Congress of American Indians directory link below for contact information). Students may need a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CIB), Proof of Tribal Enrollment, or Proof of Lineage to receive an award. Families can contact the tribe directly and ask for the enrollment office to assist in obtaining documents and certifications.

Tribe Specific Scholarship Database compiled by Tami Johnson (http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/Native_American_Scholarship_Database.pdf)

National Congress of American Indians Directory (<http://www.ncai.org/tribal-directory>)

MN Indian Scholarship

Scholarships are available to eligible Indian undergraduate students enrolled at least $\frac{3}{4}$ time and graduate students enrolled at least half time. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=149>

Naviance Scholarship Databases

St. Paul Public Schools maintains a current database of available scholarship opportunities on Family Connection/Naviance, including scholarships for Native youth. Families can access Family Connection/Naviance through a high school-specific website, personal username, and personal password. The scholarships are located under "Colleges" and then "Scholarship List". There will be an option on the next page to select a dropdown for "Tribal", which will bring up scholarships for Native youth.

Naviance also hosts a national scholarship database with over three million scholarships worth more than \$13 billion. The database is found under "Colleges" and then "National Scholarship Search". Student will need to answer a series of questions to filter the scholarships.

Free Internet Scholarship Search Databases

The internet contains several reputable scholarship search databases. The following are excellent resources and are free:

- Fast Web (<http://www.fastweb.com/>)
- CollegeBoard's Scholarship Search (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>)
- Scholarship.com (<http://www.scholarships.com/>)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Federal Student Aid Office is responsible for managing the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. These programs provide grants, loans, and work-study funds to students attending college or career school. In order to be considered for government grants, loans, and/or work-study funds, students need to submit a FAFSA form to the Federal Student Aid Office. Students/families can submit a completed FAFSA form to the Federal Student Aid Office starting in January of the student's senior year and then every January that the student is attending college. The form is online and requires student, parents, and/or guardians to have completed/filed their federal income tax documentation.

FAFSA website (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>)

High School Career Centers

The SPPS High Schools have college resource centers with knowledgeable staff who can assist in the scholarship search process. Students can stop into the centers and ask for more information.

College Financial Aid Office

Each college will have a financial aid office where financial aid counselors are available to help understand how families can fund/finance a student's education. Students and families can call the college's main phone number and ask for the financial aid office. Interested parties can indicate that they would like assistance with reviewing all forms of financial aid available for the student's education.



Other Native Scholarship List Resources

- American Indian Education Fund (http://www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_home)
- My College Options Native American Scholarship List_ (<https://www.mycollegeoptions.org/A/0/American-IndianAlaskan-Native/search-results-scholarship-search-by-ethnicity.aspx>)
- American Indian Graduate Center Scholarship List (<http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/>)
- Cobell Scholarship (<http://cobellscholar.org/>)
- Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarship List (<https://aigc.academicworks.com/> and <http://www.aigcs.org/aigc-scholarships/>).
 - This website publishes an e-newsletter filled with Native scholarship announcements. To receive the e-newsletter, register using this following link: <http://www.aigcs.org/publications/sign-up-for-magazine-and-e-news/>
- Bureau of Indian Education (<http://www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/index.htm>)
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) (www.aises.org/scholarships)
- American Indian Education Foundation (http://www.nrcprograms.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_progs_sf_scholarshipfund)
 - This website publishes a Tools for Success resource guide for college admission and scholarship directory (http://www.nrcprograms.org/site/DocServer/pdf_Tools_For_Success.pdf?docID=901)
- American Indian College Fund (http://www.collegefund.org/students_and_alumni/content/scholarships)
- Free-4U.com Native American Scholarships (<http://www.free-4u.com/native1.htm>)
- National Indian Education Association's Scholarship Listing (<http://www.niea.org/for-students/support/scholarship-opportunities/>)
- Scholarship.com American Indian Scholarships (<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/minority-scholarships/american-indian-native-american-scholarships/>)
- Planet Youth's Scholarship Listing (http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/planet/learn_college.html#scholarships)



Local Scholarships

Minnesota Indian Education Association Scholarship
(<http://www.minnesotaindianeducation.org/awards--scholarship.html>) \$500

Ethel Curry American Indian Leadership Scholarship
(<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/indian/>)

Other Scholarships to Consider

This list is not an exhaustive list of scholarships for American Indian students; however, the scholarships listed should be strongly considered.

- Page Education Foundation Grant (\$1000-\$2500/year) for Minnesota students of color (<http://www.page-ed.org/>)
- Minnesota Association of Counselors of Color Student of Color Scholarship (https://mnacc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11&Itemid=153)
- Power of You (through St. Paul College and Minneapolis Community and Technical College)- free tuition for eligible students.
 - St. Paul College (<http://www.saintpaul.edu/prospectivestudents/Pages/PowerofYOU.aspx/>)
 - MCTC (<http://www.minneapolis.edu/Admissions/Power-of-YOU>)

Please read the weekly Maadaadizi E-Newsletter for updated scholarship opportunities. The E-Newsletter is sent to all high school Indian Education students every Friday to their school-issued gmail/google email.