

NATIVE AMERICAN
SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES





COLLEGES

GLOSSARY

- **FASFA**- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a free form that helps students determine if they are eligible for federal financial aid for college or career school. The FAFSA is used to apply for grants, work-study programs, and loans.
- **Cumulative GPA**- the average of all grades a student has received in 9th-12th grade.



SOAR Information

SOAR is a BYU college preparation & scholarship program that values and provides opportunities to domestic students who possess a variety of individual characteristics, perspectives, and talents, and who have a variety of life experiences and circumstances. It aims to expose students to BYU campus, faculty, and advisors to guide them through the admissions application in order to become competitive BYU applicants.

Benefits of the SOAR Program

1. Identify students committed to BYU's unique mission.
2. Exposure to BYU campus & college life
3. Strengthen students' BYU admissions application
4. Connect students to various university departments, faculty members, and administrators
5. Assign an advisor to help navigate SOAR and higher education
6. If admitted to BYU*, be considered for a 4 year need-based scholarship** and holistic advisement

Note: successful completion of the SOAR program **DOES NOT constitute acceptance to BYU. Students are still expected to go through the normal application process and will be evaluated by the admissions office: apply.byu.edu*

****Students are evaluated regarding their financial need**

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to receive the Native Student Scholarship, students must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Must be an admitted University of Utah student.
2. Must be a Utah resident or a non-resident student who qualifies for resident tuition.
3. Must be enrolled full-time (12+ units) in a degree seeking program.
4. Must be an enrolled member* of one of the federally recognized Utah tribes and eligible for in-state tuition.
 1. Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation
 2. Navajo Nation (Diné)
 3. Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Nation of Utah (Washakie)
 4. Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Cedar City Band of Paiutes, Kanosh Band of Paiutes, Koosharem Band of Paiutes, Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes, and Shivwits Band of Paiutes)
 5. San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
 6. Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah
 7. Ute Indian Tribe of Uintah & Ouray Reservation
 8. Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation
 9. Hopi
 10. Zuni
 11. Shoshone-Bannock
5. Must have a current completed FAFSA** on file at the University of Utah by the first day of classes each semester receiving the scholarship. (Students need to file the FAFSA once a year and we recommend filing the FAFSA by no later than February 1 each year).
6. This scholarship is renewable up to 8 semesters/terms. In order to renew, students must continue to make satisfactory academic progress toward degree completion.



The Native American Student GAP Scholarship is awarded to Native American students who are a member of one of the federally recognized tribes in and around Utah and who have applied for scholarships or financial aid with their tribe.

- 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- 12 credit enrollment minimum
- Must be a Utah resident or non-resident who qualifies for resident tuition rates
- Working towards first bachelor's degree
- Cannot have received more than 8 semesters of scholarships at UVU
- Must complete a FAFSA each year



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be an admitted Salt Lake Community College or Salt Lake Technical College student.
2. Must be enrolled in at least one course per semester as a degree-, non-degree or certificate-seeking student.
3. Must be a Utah resident or a non-resident student who qualifies for resident tuition. A student who is not a Utah resident, nor a member of one of the listed tribes below shall be granted in-state tuition rates upon submission of proof of enrollment in any federally recognized tribe. Upon qualifying for Utah residency, the student qualifies for the full award as described.
4. Student must submit proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe whose boundaries fall within or adjacent to the state of Utah (see list in #7).

–OR–
5. Student must submit a “Certificate Degree of Indian Blood” that demonstrates connection to a parent and/or grandparent enrolled in a federally recognized tribe whose boundaries fall within or adjacent to the state of Utah (see list in #7).

-OR-
6. Student must submit proof of Utah residency (living in Utah continuously for one year or graduating from a Utah high school) in addition to proof of tribal enrollment in any of the 574 federally recognized tribes. ([View complete list](#))
7. Qualifying federally recognized tribal nations with boundaries in or adjacent to the state of Utah include:
 - Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation
 - Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation
 - Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation
 - Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah
 - Navajo Nation
 - Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Cedar Band of Paiutes, Kanosh Band of Paiutes, Koosharem Band of Paiutes, Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes, and Shivwits Band of Paiutes)
 - Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians of the Kaibab Indian Reservation
 - San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
 - Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
 - Hopi Tribe of Arizona
 - Zuñi Tribe of the Zuni Reservation
 - Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify, a student must meet all of the following requirements:

- Must be an admitted student at Utah State University
- Must be a Utah resident or a non-resident student who qualifies for resident tuition.
- Must submit a [FAFSA](#)
- Must be enrolled full-time (12+ credits) in a first-time Technical Education Certificate program, Associate, or 1st Bachelors program.



Must be member of one of the [federally recognized tribes](#) in and around Utah:

- Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation
- Navajo Nation (Diné)
- Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation of Utah (Washakie)
- Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Cedar City Band of Paiutes, Kanosh Band of Paiutes, Koosharem Band of Paiutes, Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes, and Shivwits Band of Paiutes)
- San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
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- Ute Indian Tribe of Uintah & Ouray Reservation
- Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation
- Hopi
- Zuni
- Shoshone-Bannock

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the Native American Student Award, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be an admitted SUU student.
- Must be a Utah resident or a non-resident student who qualifies for resident tuition.
- Must be enrolled full-time (12+ units) in a degree-seeking program.
- Must be an enrolled member of one of the [federally recognized Utah tribes](#) or any [federal tribe and a graduate from a Utah high school](#) and eligible for in-state tuition.
- Must have a current completed FAFSA on file at SUU by the first day of classes each semester receiving the award. If a student is selected for verification, verification must be completed before funds are disbursed onto the student's account.
- This award will be renewable for up to eight semesters. In order to renew, students must continue to make satisfactory academic progress toward degree completion.
- Students that are interested in applying for the tuition waiver should visit [SUU's Financial Aid and Scholarships Office](#) or contact their financial aid counselor.



WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

This four-year (8 semester) award waives* 50% of resident tuition and general fees. To be eligible, students new to Weber State must:

- Have membership in one of the following tribes: Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Navajo Nation, Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation of Utah (Washakie), Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, Hopi and Zuni.
- Earn a 3.1 high school GPA or higher and/or earn a 21 composite ACT score or higher.
- Maintain full-time status (12 credits) and a 2.5 WSU cumulative GPA
- **Native American Scholarships are limited to 24 per year** for either students new to Weber State or transfer. Awards will be determined on a first come basis, according to the date the Financial Aid & Scholarship Application is completed. Recipients must be a Utah resident or working towards Utah residency reclassification. To apply, please provide tribal enrollment certification to Amanda Jones in SC 155. Please contact Amanda at 801-626-7367 or amandajones4@weber.edu for more information.



NATIVE AMERICAN TUITION WAIVER

- **The NATW only covers the tuition costs** for undergraduate, graduate, and non-degree-seeking students.
- You are responsible for all other costs associated with attendance, including books, student fees, housing, and meal plans. *You cannot combine the NATW with FLC merit tuition scholarships, but other scholarships such as tribal are stackable.*

Undergraduate students show eligibility for the NATW by being:

- An enrolled Tribal citizen
- Descended from an enrolled Tribal citizen



SCHOLARSHIPS

UNDERGRADUATE NAVAJO SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Need-Based Award

- Need-based funding is provided to students, who demonstrate financial need according to the Financial Need Analysis (FNA) form submitted on their behalf by the school of attendance.
- Students in this category are deemed to have insufficient personal or family resources to meet a college's or university's cost of attendance (e.g. tuition, books and housing).

No Need-Based Award

- No-need-based funding is provided to students, who are deemed to have enough resources to meet the cost of attendance (e.g. tuition, books and housing) at a college or university of their choice.

Part-Time Undergraduate Award

- Funding is available for eligible part-time undergraduate students. Part-time application requirements and award amounts vary.

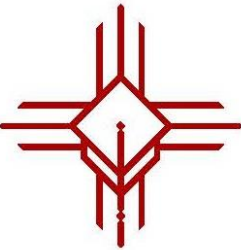
Chief Manuelito Scholarship

- Qualifications for the merit-based scholarship include a high grade point average and a commensurate ACT/SAT test score. (For details: ACT/GPA Graph)
- Students also are required to complete courses in Navajo Language (1 unit or 1+ college credit) and Navajo Government (½ unit or 1+ college credit) prior to graduation.
- Full-time undergraduate students may qualify for the Chief Manuelito Scholarship under the 24/3 rule by completing 24 credit hours of college-level courses with a 3.0 GPA.
- The Chief Manuelito Scholarship is based upon the GPA of college-level courses. Students seeking an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or Certificate are ineligible.
- The scholarship is not automatically renewed and students must re-apply each year for continued consideration.
- Policies concerning deadlines and the submission of documents are strictly adhered to.
- Contact a Financial Aid Counselor at your agency office if you think you may qualify.

GRADUATE NAVAJO SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Award -\$2,500 to \$5,000 per term

- Grant awards are provided to Navajo students seeking graduate-level degrees.
- Graduate applicants shall pursue only one degree at the same level: a master's degree, an education terminal degree, or a doctorate's degree.
- Full-time graduates or post-graduates must earn nine or more semester credit hours with a term grade point average of 3.00 or higher.
- Medical, veterinary, and law student applicants shall be a "full-time graduate applicant" and earn no less than a 2.00 grade point average or "passing" grade at the end of each academic term.
- Part-Time Graduate Award - *Varies*
- Funding is available for eligible part-time graduate students. Part-time application requirements and award amounts vary.

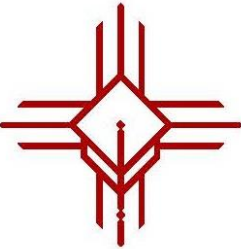


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scholarships for Native Americans

TRADE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Each trade program has its own registration requirements and deadlines, it is important that you have completed all registration requirements prior to applying for the AIS Trade School Scholarship.
- Enrolled or will enroll in a trade school (incoming first-time trade applicant accepted)
- School of choice MUST be an accredited school
- An enrolled member of a U.S. Federally Recognized American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe
- Must be a high school graduate or received a GED, with no more than 150-semester credits or 210 quarter credits (no degrees earned)
- Full-time or part-time status – excluding non-credit courses, taking a minimum of 6 credits
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 must be established and maintained after the first semester/quarter of trade school program
- Completed Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#))



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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Enrolled or will enroll (as a matriculated student) in a university, college, junior college or trade (technical) school located in the United States (incoming freshman accepted)
- School of choice **MUST** be an accredited school (Check accreditation status with your school, or visit here for [accredited school list. If your school is not accredited by any of the agencies, it is not eligible](#))
- An enrolled member of a U.S. Federally Recognized American Indian or Alaska Native Tribe.
- Undergraduate student with no more than 150-semester credits or 210 quarter credits (First bachelor's degree only, graduate studies NOT eligible)
- Full-time or part-time status – excluding non-credit courses, taking a minimum of 6 credits per term
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25 must be established and maintained after the first semester/quarter of college
- Completed Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#))

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NATIVE STUDENTS



NATIVE FORWARD
SCHOLARS FUND

They match you with the best scholarship opportunity!

- <https://www.nativeforward.org/>

Student Resource Center

- Preparing for College

What steps do you need to be taking in order to get into the college of your choice?

- Affording College

Taking the time, patience, and focus will help you find the resources needed to afford college.

- College Life

Creating your home away from home is key to having a successful college career.

- Guide to Graduate School

Learn more about the application process and what others wish they had known when planning for grad school.



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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NATIVE STUDENTS

The American Indian College Fund provides scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native college students enrolled in certificate, undergraduate, or graduate programs at tribal colleges and universities, or nonprofit, accredited schools.

High School Student

- The American Indian College Fund offers merit-based scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native high school students who plan to pursue higher education. Our application is available every year starting on February 1st in anticipation of the upcoming fall term. High school students should apply in the last semester of their senior year.

Opportunities Available

- Applicants only need to submit one application every year to be considered for the College Fund's portfolio of scholarships. Award amounts vary but average between \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Basic Eligibility

- Be an enrolled member of a federally or state-recognized tribe, or a descendent of an enrolled member;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00; and
- Be a high school senior in their last semester.
- Full-time enrollment at an accredited, nonprofit institution of higher learning.