Utah Colleges: Native American Scholarships & Tuition Waivers

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Your Path to College

Top 3 Tips for Native American Students Planning for College

1. GET YOUR TRIBAL DOCUMENTATION EARLY!

Many Native-specific scholarships and college tuition waiver programs require proof of tribal enrollment or other qualifying documentation. Don't wait until scholarship deadlines are approaching!

- Contact your tribe's enrollment office to ask what documentation is available and how long it takes.
- Find out whether you need a tribal enrollment card, Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), or other documentation.
- If applying through a parent or grandparent, ask whether family records—such as birth certificates—are needed to establish the required connection.
- Start early. Some documentation can take weeks or months to obtain.

2. COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA EARLY!

Many Native-specific scholarships and college tuition waiver programs require students to complete the FAFSA. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for financial aid, complete it!

- Submit the FAFSA as soon as you can after it opens for the school year you plan to attend.
- Apply early! Some financial aid programs have limited funding and award money on a first-come, first-served basis. Applying early can make a difference.
- List all colleges you are considering and check each school's FAFSA priority date.
- Respond promptly to requests for additional information or verification.

3. RESEARCH COLLEGES & NATIVE AMERICAN FINANCIAL AID!

Not all colleges offer the same opportunities. Before deciding where to attend, research schools that provide financial assistance specifically for Native American students.

- Ask about Native American tuition waivers and Native-specific scholarships.
- Contact the college's Native American student services office.
- Ask whether awards can be renewed each year and whether they can be combined with other financial aid.
- Compare the full cost of attendance, including housing, food, books, fees, and transportation.