

# MINNESOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP

Get the help you need to start  
and complete your education.



The Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program (MISP) gives postsecondary financial assistance to eligible Minnesota resident students who demonstrate financial need for an award.

## This scholarship is for you if you:

- ✓ Are 1/4 or more American Indian ancestry OR an enrolled member or citizen of a federally-recognized American Indian tribe or Canadian First Nation
- ✓ Are a Minnesota resident student
- ✓ Apply for other existing state and federal scholarship and grant programs
- ✓ Enroll at least 3/4 time as an undergraduate OR 1/2 time as a graduate student in an education program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree at an accredited postsecondary institution in Minnesota
- ✓ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- ✓ Are not in default on a federal or state student loan or, if in default, have regained eligibility for federal or state student aid
- ✓ Qualify for either a Pell or State Grant and demonstrate financial need as an undergraduate student OR demonstrate financial need as a graduate student

### Apply online:

[mnaid.guarantorsolutions.com/StudentPortal/](https://mnaid.guarantorsolutions.com/StudentPortal/)

### Request an application form:

Send an email to [Lara.Gerhardson@state.mn.us](mailto:Lara.Gerhardson@state.mn.us)

### Fill out the FAFSA:

[studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)

### Online Application



## How much money can you receive?

Eligible students can receive each year up to \$4,000 for undergraduate programs and up to \$6,000 for graduate program (view page 2 for award maximums).

## What is the deadline?

The priority deadline is July 1. However, applications are accepted throughout the year.

## What is the application process?

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Minnesota Dream Act application. Complete Minnesota Indian Scholarship application online. Printable PDF available upon request.

Learn more at:  
[ohe.mn.gov/indianscholarship](https://ohe.mn.gov/indianscholarship)

## Follow these steps to access all the financial aid available to you.

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### Fill out the FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used by colleges to apply the financial aid available to you and will help you anticipate your college expenses.

2

### Submit the MISP application

Available February 1 for the upcoming academic year. Make sure to submit your application ASAP. Awards are granted on a first completed, first served basis.

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### Find Additional Resources

Contacts for tribal scholarships in Minnesota are listed on the webpage listed below. You can also search for scholarships, grants, and other resources.

## Award Maximums

- ✓ Award amount is based on assessed need up to a maximum of \$4,000 per year for undergraduate students and up to \$6,000 for graduate students. One additional summer term is available per academic year for students who maintain eligibility. Summer terms count towards award maximums for each degree level.
- ✓ Students are eligible to receive scholarship funding for a maximum of 10 annual awards: five annual awards are reserved for undergraduate study with an additional five annual awards available for graduate-level study. Please note that if a summer term is used, it will count towards the equivalent annual maximums.
- ✓ Undergraduate students seeking less than a four-year degree (Certificate, Diploma, or Associate's Degree) can receive a maximum of three annual awards of scholarship funding in order to preserve two years of eligibility to complete a four-year degree.

Students may receive the scholarship for only one degree per undergraduate educational level and one terminal degree.



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## NEED HELP?

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

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