

	MN Indian Scholarship Program MN Office of Higher Education 1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55108 (800) 657-3866 (651) 642-0567	MINNESOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS	2015-2016
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Read instructions before completing application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Return the application to:

Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program
Minnesota Office of Higher Education
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55108-5227

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program provides postsecondary financial assistance to eligible Minnesota resident students who are of ¼ or more American Indian ancestry and demonstrate financial need for an award. Eligible students must be attending eligible accredited institutions in Minnesota. Scholarships are available to eligible undergraduate students enrolled at least ¾ time and graduate students enrolled at least half time who are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements as defined by the institution and have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and applied for other state and federal scholarship and grant programs. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for up to five years of study at the undergraduate level (limited to 3 years of funding for students in less than 4-year programs) and an additional five years of study at the graduate level and may receive the scholarship for only one degree per undergraduate educational level and one terminal degree. The award amount is based on need up to \$4,000 per year for undergraduate students and up to \$6,000 for graduate students. Scholarships are awarded on a ‘first come – first served’ basis based on the date your **complete** application is received at the MISP office at the address listed above or via an online application.

COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

In order for your application to be considered **complete** once received at the MISP office, your application must include the following:

- The name of the college and the campus location, if applicable, that you plan to attend or are already attending
- A complete mailing address, to ensure that we can correspond with you
- A complete budget sheet completed by a school official in the financial aid office at your college (college may submit online)
- Documentation of ¼ American Indian ancestry showing blood quantum must accompany the application unless you have applied for the MISP before and it was submitted with your previous application
- Student signature and date

PRIORITY DEADLINE CONSIDERATION

Priority deadline is **July 1st**. In order to be considered for priority funding you must:

- Step 1: Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Step 2: Complete student section of attached Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program Application
- Step 3: Request college financial aid office to complete school budget section of application in paper or online
- Step 4: Submit completed application, including student section and school budget section to the MISP at the address listed
- Step 5: If applying for tribal scholarship, submit copy of completed MISP application to tribal scholarship office

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Scholarships are awarded on a ‘first come – first served’ basis based on the date your **complete** application is received at the MISP office at the address listed above or via an online application.
- If we require additional information, we will contact you via U.S. mail and/or your submitted email address.
- We make every attempt to contact you in regards to your application status via U.S. Mail and/or email, but if it is returned with no forwarding address, notification is sent to your college and will remain as the only notification.
- It is **YOUR** responsibility to contact us if you have a change of address or other information.
- It is **YOUR** responsibility to get **ALL** requested information to us as soon as you can, as delays may result in lack of funding.
- Registering on the **FIRST** day of class may result in a lack of funding or delayed disbursement of your MISP award if your college has to recalculate your budget.
- Undergraduate students must be registered for ¾ time or more and graduate students at least half time. Applications will not be considered for students not registered at the required enrollment level.
- We recommend that you apply for a tribal scholarship as soon as possible.
- We recommend that you contact your college financial aid office after you have submitted your MISP application to ensure that all the required documentation has been received.

QUESTIONS??

- If you need assistance filling out this application or have any questions, please contact us at:
Telephone Number (800) 657-3866 or (651) 642-0567
- You can also submit email inquiries to info.oh@state.mn.us.
- Be sure to specify your inquiry is related to the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Read attached program information sheet and visit www.ohe.state.mn.us/indianscholarship for more information on eligibility requirements
- **Complete** applications received after priority deadline of **July 1**, may be placed on a waiting list and awarded in order of the complete application date
- Applications can also be submitted online at www.ohe.state.mn.us/indianscholarship

Complete steps #1-5 by July 1st in order to be considered for priority funding:

1. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. Complete student section of Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program Application
3. Request college financial aid office to complete school budget section of application
4. Submit **complete** application by July 1st (must include school budget and ancestry documentation)

TYPE OF APPLICATION

- New (never applied)
 Renewal (applied to program before)

TERMS OF ATTENDANCE

- SSII (Starts after July 1)
 Fall
 Winter
 Spring
 SSI (Starts before June 30)

STUDENT SECTION – ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED

Name (Last, First, Middle)			Social Security Number		
Please list ALL names you have used (including maiden names) other than the name listed above			Date of Birth		
Mailing Address			E-Mail Address		
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number () -		
Permanent Address (if different from mailing address)		City	State	Zip Code	
College and campus site attending					
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Divorced, Separated etc.)			
Degree seeking <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate/Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate/Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate or Professional		Major/Program		Are you an Education Major? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Expected Graduation (month/year):
Did you graduate from high school? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If YES:	High School (Name, City, State)		Year of Graduation	If NO: Year of GED:
Tribal Affiliation (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Tribe <input type="checkbox"/> Combination		All new applicants <u>must</u> attach documentation from all tribes verifying ¼ or more American Indian blood. If combination, applicant <u>must</u> provide documentation showing blood quantum from each tribe.			
Please list all tribes with which you are affiliated (If Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, indicate band):					
Tribe and Band (if applicable):		Tribal Address (include city, state, zip):			
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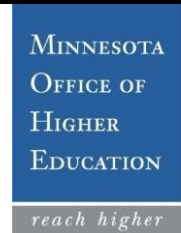
STUDENT CERTIFICATION AND PERMISSION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION
Please check the box next to each statement indicating that you understand the statement:

- I understand and accept the obligation to provide a written report to the college financial aid office of any changes in information provided on this application.
 I give permission to my college, the MISP and tribal offices to verify the information provided on this application and to obtain information for all funding sources relating to this application and for verifying my degree of Indian ancestry.
 I give permission to my college, the MISP and tribal officials to enter the information from this application onto the web-based application on my behalf.
 I certify that the information on this application is true and correct and I promise to provide additional documentation if requested.
 I understand that this form is used to establish eligibility for the MISP and that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form, I may be subject to a fine, prison sentence or both; and such action may result in the forfeiture of future awards from this program.
 I understand that any changes in my FAFSA, Pell Grant, MN State Grant, or other financial aid may cause my scholarship award to be adjusted.
 I understand that all awards are subject to the availability of funds.

 Applicant Signature

 Date

FINANCIAL AID OFFICER: PLEASE COMPLETE "PAGE 3" BUDGET SHEET ➔

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IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION	
Student Name	Social Security Number
Institution Name	Federal School Code

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION			
School Official (please print)	Signature	Date	Telephone Number () -
Does student meet MN State Grant residency requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	ISIR date this budget/EFC is based on:	Check here if Budget Sheet sent to Tribal Scholarship Office: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Type of Budget: <input type="checkbox"/> First Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Revision, Summer Add On <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Only	Revisions: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Revision Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Revision Date: <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Revision Date:
Student Will be Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Time <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Time (undergraduate students not eligible at 1/2 time)	Current Student Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Suspension <input type="checkbox"/> In Default on Federal or State Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Current degree student is seeking: <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate/Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate/Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate or Professional	
Budget Period: From: To:	Total Cost of Attendance for this Budget Period:		\$
Resources:	Parent Contribution: \$	Student Contribution: \$	Total Resources (EFC): \$
IMPORTANT:	Please list grants, scholarships, and institutional aid the student is receiving or expected to receive. Please do not list federal or private loans. Start Date will determine MISP disbursement date. Enrollment level used to confirm student is eligible each term.		

TERMS	SSII (2015)	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SSI (2016)	TOTAL
Start Date (for disbursement)						
Enrollment Level (FT, 3QT, HT)						
Assessed Need (COA – EFC)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
FEDERAL/ STATE/ COLLEGE/ PRIVATE OR OTHER GIFT AID DO NOT INCLUDE LOANS	PELL \$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	SEOG \$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	MN ST GT \$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONAL COMMENTS

TRIBAL AND MISP FUNDING (FOR MISP OFFICE ONLY)

TERMS	SSII	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SSI	TOTAL
DATE						
TRIBE	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
MISP	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Comments:
