

Native American Education Grant



DEADLINES

May 15: Getting Started, Essay, Copy of Tribal ID, Church / Campus Ministry Endorsement

June 15: Financial Information Form

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Student must:

- Be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Be a member of a Native American (Alaskan Native Tribe)
- Be a full-time student at an accredited college or university in the United States
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate financial need

Introduction

The Native American Education Grant was created for Native American and Alaska natives pursuing full-time post-secondary education attending a college or university in the U.S.A. We invite applications from students of all tribal backgrounds; however, 55% of the funds supporting this program are donor restricted to members of the following tribes: Hopi, Pima, Papago, Tohono O'odham, Navajo, Nez Perce, and Eskimo.

Native American Education Grant applicants will explore who God created them to be in a series of essay questions intended for students to explore with mentors and peers. This program requires that students maintain an active involvement in a worshipping community or campus ministry program while they are attending college. Visit pcusa.org/NAEG/Guide to explore the essay topic. Students entering the program in any year other than sophomore may select either the question for rising sophomores or the question for the rising juniors and seniors. Students receiving the Native American Education Grant Scholarship in the current academic year may expect to receive the renewal application in an email.

Mailing Address/Contact Information

Financial Aid for Service
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Toll Free: 800-728-7228 ext. 5224

Fax: 502-569-8766

Email: finaid@pcusa.org

Deadline: May 15 (Postmark)



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GETTING STARTED

ATTACHMENTS

- Getting Started
- Essay (See Guidelines document for topic)
- Church/Campus Ministry Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

County of Residence _____

Email _____

Phone (Day) Home Work Cell

Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender _____

Race/Ethnicity _____

Tribal Membership _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City, St, Zip _____

Are you, or any member of your family, employed by the PC (U.S.A.) in a church occupation? Yes No

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Degree _____

Enrollment Part-time Full-time

Are you preparing for a career in ministry as a:

- Teaching Elder Christian Educator
- Minister of Sacred Music Missionary

ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Email _____

I authorize PC (U.S.A.) Financial Aid staff to respond to requests for information initiated on my behalf to the above named person.

Relationship to Student _____

Phone (Day) _____

Initial Here _____

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) communicates with students primarily by email. When you provide us with an email we assume that you will check your email regularly. Please add finaid@pcusa.org as a trusted sender of email.

The Biographical Questionnaire is for office use only. This element of your application is used to collect information we need to manage your application. Complete the form at your earliest opportunity so we can respond to questions that you or your alternative contact may have about the status of your application. The form may be submitted by email, fax, or mail.

Deadline for Application is May 15.

Confidentiality of Evaluations

Information collected to support your application is maintained by Financial Aid for Service. The endorsement elements and work product of the staff and reading committee are confidential and will not be released to the student. Only staff members with responsibility for the Native American Education Grant program and the NAEG reading committee members view applications.

Release of Information

I understand that Financial Aid for Service will seek information regarding enrollment, satisfactory academic progress, and financial aid in order to determine my eligibility for award, and by my signature, I give the above named college or university permission to provide information to the Office of Financial Aid for Studies to determine eligibility for need based aid and/or verification of enrollment.

Signature _____

Date _____

Church or Campus Ministry Endorsement

Student's Name

Date Sent to Pastor

Part I. Membership Verification (To Be Completed by Home Church Pastor or Elder)

If the applicant is related to the endorser, another church officer should complete Part I and II.

The student named above is applying for an undergraduate scholarship from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and active in church or collegiate ministry. Please complete Part I and return the form to the student. You or a college minister will complete the evaluation in Part II.

Name of Church

PIN Number

Presbytery

Church Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number

E-mail

Membership

Baptized Active Affiliate

Attendance

Weekly Monthly Occasionally Never

Attends Elsewhere: _____

Is the applicant serving the congregation as an intern or staff member? Yes No

Endorser's Name

Signature

Date

Third Party Verification for Funds Matching

The student is not a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident and:

Resides in the U.S. and wants to remain after college Is in the U. S. for college only

Note: The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has funding for immigrants and appreciates your assistance identifying students who are immigrants.

Country of Origin

Part II. To Be Completed by College Minister, Chaplain, or Pastor

The Native American Education Grant responds to three goals established for Financial Aid for Service:

- to ameliorate poverty
- to recognize students who are active, engaged, members with gifts for leadership, and
- to engage students in a meaningful exploration of Christian vocation.

Sixty percent of the funding in this program is donor restricted for racial ethnic students. We seek applicants who are willing to work with a congregational leader or college minister to define their gifts for leadership and embrace opportunities to participate in the mission and ministry of the church through participation in a congregation or collegiate ministry.

If the student has special needs or circumstances that you would like to convey to the Office of Financial Aid for Service, please email finaid@pcusa.org or prepare a cover letter.

Church or Campus Ministry Endorsement

Student's Name _____

How has college impacted the student's attendance and participation?

Describe the student's gifts for leadership.

What expectations do you have for the student's attendance and participation over the next year?

The Native American Education Grant (NAEG) Reading Committee will select students based on their understanding of personal qualities of character and leadership as reflected in contributions to church, school, and community. Based on your knowledge of the student, please tell the NAEG Reading Committee why you recommend this student for a scholarship from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Phone Number (Day)

Email

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