



Tribal Homelands Scholarship

The Tribal Homelands Scholarship significantly reduces the amount of out-of-state tuition and is available to eligible Native American students who are not Montana residents. Recipients of the Tribal Homelands Scholarship **pay the in-state tuition rate**; the out-of-state tuition portion is paid by the scholarship.

The Tribal Homelands Scholarship is available to non-resident Native American students whose tribal ancestors called the area that is now Montana their “home” and who enter the university as new freshmen, transfer, or graduate students. Students who are enrolled in or affiliated with tribes whose historical life-ways intersected the boundaries of what has become the State of Montana may apply for the Tribal Homelands Scholarship. For a complete list of eligible tribes, please refer to the back of this page.

To be considered, applicants must complete the following no later than July 1st of the school year in which they plan to enroll:

1. Apply for admission to MSU at www.montana.edu
2. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
3. Provide proof of tribal enrollment or descent to:

Financial Aid Services
183 Strand Union
PO Box 174160
Bozeman, MT 59717-4160
406-994-2845

Participation in this scholarship program does not affect or determine residency status. To remain eligible for the scholarship, students must maintain reasonable academic progress in accordance with MSU’s satisfactory progress policy generally used in administering federal financial aid. This policy is available to view at: www.montana.edu/wwwfa/satisfactory.html.

For more information on the Tribal Homelands Scholarship Program or questions in general, please contact:

Heather Wofford, Minority Admissions Representative
Montana State University
Office of Admissions
PO Box 172190
Bozeman, MT 59717
heather.wofford@montana.edu
1-888-MSU-CATS
Direct: 406-994-1983

Tribal Homelands Scholarship Program Eligible Tribes

The resident tribes of the State of Montana which include:

The Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Belknap Indian Community
The Assiniboine Tribe of the Fort Peck Indian Community
The Blackfeet Tribe
The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation
The Crow Tribe
The Gros Ventre Tribe of the Fort Belknap Indian Community
The Kootenai Tribe of the Flathead Reservation
The Little Shell Chippewa Band
The Northern Cheyenne Tribe
The Salish Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
The Sioux Tribe of the Fort Peck Indian Community

And the following non-resident tribes:

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
The Coeur d'Alene Tribe
The Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma
The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
The Eastern Shoshone Tribe
The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
The Nez Perce Tribe
The Northern Arapaho Tribe
The Oglala Sioux Tribe
The Rosebud Sioux Tribe
The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
The Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe
The Southern Cheyenne Tribe
The Spirit Lake Dakota Sioux Tribe
The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
The Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa Indians
The Yankton Sioux Tribe
The Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Tribes)

If your tribal affiliation is listed above, we encourage you to explore what the Tribal Homelands Scholarship Program can mean for you. If your tribe is not listed, but you can make a case for being included in this scholarship program, we encourage you to give us a call. MSU is one of the few universities in the nation that offers a master's degree in Native American Studies. Additional programs offering both academic and financial support for Native American students interested in pursuing a degree/career in Nursing or Engineering are also offered. MSU is currently raising funds for a brand new Native American Student Center, which will have a prominent place on the campus.