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:

Montana State University
Office of Admissions
PO Box 172190
Bozeman, MT 59717
admissions@montana.edu
1-888-MSU-CATS
Direct: 406-994-2452
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 Gros Ventre Tribe of the Fort Peck 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.