



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR Caring for Our Own: A Reservation - University Partnership Nursing Student Stipend

All applicants must send the following items before their application will be considered for selection for the nursing student stipend:

- Completed application form
- Two letters of recommendation
 - One from a teacher or school administrator familiar with the student's academic background or potential to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing.
 - One from a tribal leader or IHS Director of Nursing who is familiar with the student's interest and commitment to completing a bachelor's degree in nursing and serving the Native American communities.
- Official copy of high school transcripts for incoming freshman or an official copy of all college transcripts if the student has already completed college courses
- A one page essay describing the student's interest in completing a bachelor's degree in nursing and describing their career plans
- A copy of the student's tribal enrollment or Certificate of Indian Blood

The COOP stipend amount is currently \$250 per month for 9 months (August 31 through April 30). All students receiving stipend support must be admitted to the university and have a declared curriculum major of Pre-Nursing. We recommend that all incoming freshmen pre-nursing students have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in HS, **OR** be in the top half of their graduating class, **OR** have a minimum ACT score of 22, **OR** a SAT score of 1030 (verbal/math), **OR** be admitted on probation.

All students receiving stipend support will be required to sign an "academic contract" each semester with COOP. This study contract will be designed for the individual student's academic program of study. If followed, this contract will provide students appropriate support necessary to obtain at least a 2.5 GPA.

All students are welcome to attend the one week "bridge" program, generally held the week before Labor Day on the Bozeman campus. All stipend recipients are **required** to attend!

All application materials should be sent to:

Caring for Our Own Program
College of Nursing
123 Sherrick Hall
Bozeman, MT 59717

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please call (406) 994-2710 or send an e-mail inquiry to: crystal.gust@montana.edu

