

The Pramila K.Tummala Memorial Scholarships for American Indian Students  
Department of Native American Studies  
Montana State University

To the Selection Committee:

I wish to be considered for a Pramila K. Tummala Scholarship in the following category:

I have made separate application for admission to Montana State University-Bozeman and have read and believe I meet the criteria for Pramila K. Tummala Scholarship Candidates.

Criteria: Native American/American Indian students

Good academic standing

Pursuing or planning to pursue a degree in the hard or natural sciences, including; animal sciences, biochemistry, cell biology, chemistry, earth science, biological sciences (ecology), environmental sciences, land resource sciences, microbiology, neuroscience, physics, and plant sciences or similar successor curricula

I include in this application the material indicated below:

1. One copy of my high school or college transcript, certified by the Registrar or other appropriate official.
2. One copy of Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or Proof of Tribal Enrollment
3. A personal essay, not to exceed 4 pages, double spaced, 12 pt. font only, in which you address the following.
  - a. Introduction – Introduce yourself using your full name and tribal affiliation. Include information about your home, family and community.
  - b. Academics – Describe yourself as a student; how you made the grades you did, and how much time you spend studying. Tell us who/what inspired you to pursue a college education. Describe any school leadership positions you have held and how they shaped you. Tell us about any support systems you will have while pursuing your degree. Tell us about school activities you were involved in.
  - c. Career Plans – Describe your ultimate career goal. Tell us the steps you are taking to reach your goals. Explain what qualities you see in yourself that will help you in your journey and career. Discuss your strengths and weaknesses.
  - d. Service to the Tribal Community – Share your Native heritage and what it means to you. Describe your plan to help make positive changes in the Native community. Explain how your college education will allow you to do so. If you were to return to work in your community, what would you do?
  - e. Leadership/Community Service – Describe and explain your community involvement, including school activities, extra-curricular activities, clubs, and organizations both inside and outside the academic environment.
4. Two Letters of Recommendation - Letters do not have to be confidential or in sealed envelopes. **One letter must be from a teacher, school administrator or counselor.** Other recommendations can be from, but are not limited to, tribal leaders, employers, professors, ministers, or coaches, for example. Letters from family or friends are not acceptable. Letters should be on letterhead if applicable. All letters *must include* printed contact information and relation to applicant. Letters should show work ethic, work habits, character, ability, and potential for success and/or other relevant information.

Mail to: NAS Scholarship Committee  
Department of Native American Studies  
PO Box 172340  
Bozeman, MT 59717-2340

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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