

***FINANCIAL AID
POLICIES
&
PROCEDURES***

COLLEGE FEES STRUCTURE

Fees and expenses shown here are those in effect at the time of publication. All fees are subject to change without notice.

TUITION (charged fall and spring semesters – 12-18 credit hours)	\$1,800.00
TUITION (charged fall and spring semesters – per credit hour up to 11 credits or per credit hour over 18 credits)	\$125.00
TUITION (summer semester – per credit hour)	\$125.00
TUITION (charged each semester – per credit hour – Master’s programs only)	\$350.00
TUITION - AUDIT & CEU COURSES (charged each semester – per credit hour)	\$62.50
REGISTRATION FEE (charged each semester)	\$25.00
ACTIVITY FEE (fall and spring semesters)	\$30.00
TECHNOLOGY FEE	
• Full-time enrollment (fall and spring semesters – 12 or more credits)	\$150.00
• Part-time enrollment (fall and spring semesters – 1 to 11 credits)	\$15.00 per credit hour
• Summer semester (full-time and part-time)	\$15.00 per credit hour
LAB, HPER, PSI, OTHER FEES (charged each semester - varies with the different courses)	
TOOLS/COVERALLS FOR CONSTRUCTION TRADES PROGRAM (one-time charge for each of the following programs: building trades, electrical, heavy equipment operations, and welding)	\$500.00
COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE (one-time charge)	\$200.00
NURSING FEES: (charged during semester enrolled in the course, cost subject to change based on current market)	
• NURS 201 course (stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, pen light, tote case)	\$105.00
• NURS 206 course (background check, disposable supplies)	\$85.00
• NURS 206C course (liability insurance, uniform, shoes, scissors, hotel)	\$615.00
• NURS 231 course (fees)	\$100.00
• NURS 245 course (hotel - 4 nights in Bismarck)	\$300.00
• NURS 246 course (hotel and all Nursing Conference fees)	\$1,250.00
• NURS 297 course (hotel - 3 nights in Bismarck, HESI Testing, internship fees)	\$600.00
SBC GRADUATION FEE (purchase of cap, tassel, gown, diploma and cover)	\$100.00
SBC GRADUATION FEE (rental of cap and gown; purchase of tassel, diploma, cover)	\$50.00
SBC GRADUATION FEE (diploma fee with cover)	\$25.00
Duplicate diploma printing fee	\$20.00
TRANSCRIPT FEE (academic and CEU)	\$5.00
NO SHOW FEE: (charged per class for students who do not attend any class in the first three weeks and do not complete the form to officially withdraw from classes)	\$10.00

FINANCIAL AID SERVICES

Financial aid is made available to students who, without such assistance, would not be able to attend Sitting Bull College (SBC). These programs are designed to complement the student's own resources. Financial aid consists of grants and scholarships, loans, work-study programs, and waivers of tuition. Grants and scholarships are gifts of money that do not have to be repaid. Loans are funds borrowed that must be repaid. Work-study (student employment) allows the student to work and earn money for educational purposes.

The following process should be followed in applying for financial aid:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and list Sitting Bull College's code - **014993** - on the FAFSA. Students (and parents of dependent students) will need a Federal Student Aid Identification Number - known as an FSA ID - to sign the form electronically. To apply for an FSA ID, visit the FSA ID site at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>. The FAFSA is the application for the federal Pell grant program. Beginning with the 2017-2018 FAFSA academic year, the FAFSA application should be completed as soon as possible starting **October 1** for the following academic year. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) when completing the FAFSA.
- Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible starting October 1 to be considered for funding from the North Dakota State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG). This scholarship is only available to North Dakota residents who meet specific ND University System criteria. Eligibility information is located on their website at <https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/paying-for-college-ndopportunities/>.
- Complete the FAFSA by April 30 to receive priority consideration for funding from the Federal SEOG and Federal Work Study programs at SBC for fall term or October 31 for spring term.
- Complete the Higher Education Grant application by the priority date established by that program. For Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the following priority dates are established:
 - June 30 for a completed application for the academic year or fall term only
 - November 30 for a completed application for the spring semester only
 - April 30 for a completed application for the summer term
 - Applications may be accepted after these dates until funds are depleted.
 - Other tribes will have different priority dates for their program.
- Complete the Workforce Services P.L. 102-477 application in July or August for fall term and November or December for spring term.
- Complete the North Dakota Indian Scholarship by July 15. This scholarship is only available to North Dakota residents attending a North Dakota college and who meet the Native American requirements.
- Complete the SBC Application for Institutional Financial Aid to be considered for all institutional scholarships and grants available from Sitting Bull College by April 30 for fall term or October 31 for spring term.
- Apply for any and all sources of financial aid available to the student.

The SBC Financial Aid Office reserves the right to make the final determination regarding the type(s) and amount of aid awarded to students. Awards are based upon an evaluation of the student's eligibility as determined by the need analysis service using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and the availability of funds of the various aid programs. Students receiving additional scholarships not listed on the award letter must report the funding source and amount to the financial aid office. Adjustments may be made to a student's award letter if there is an overaward of need-based financial aid funds.

Students who submit the FAFSA should receive an early award letter notification by June 30. Only those students who have a completed financial aid file will receive payment of federal financial aid. If a student's FAFSA application is selected for verification and the process has not been completed, the student will receive a **tentative** award letter stating federal funds that s/he may be eligible to receive. However, federal funds will not be disbursed to the student until the verification process is completed.

To qualify for federal financial aid, the student:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
- Must have earned a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Must not have already earned a baccalaureate degree
- Must be enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program
- Must be making satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible course of study
- Must not be in default on a federal education loan
- Must not owe a refund or repayment on a federal education grant (Pell, SEOG, SSIG, ACG, SMART, TEACH, or other federal financial aid grant)
- Must have signed a statement of educational purpose located on the FAFSA
- Must be registered with U.S. Selective Service if required
- Must have signed an anti-drug abuse act statement located on the FAFSA
- Must have completely repaid fraudulently obtained funds, if convicted of a crime or pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving fraud in obtaining Title IV, HEA financial assistance
- Must be determined eligible based on information submitted on the FAFSA.

Beginning July 1, 2012 students are limited to a Pell lifetime eligibility unit (LEU) of 600% that equates to 12 semesters of full-time enrollment.

Financial aid awards are based on financial unmet need and availability of funds. Need is defined as the difference between the estimated cost of education and the EFC (expected family contribution) calculated by the Department of Education based on information the student provided on his/her FAFSA application.

The estimated cost of education (BUDGET) includes those line items necessary for a student to pursue an education: tuition, fees, books and supplies, room, board, transportation, computer rental or purchase, personal/miscellaneous expenses, child care expenses

The following list includes SBC's estimated direct education costs per year that include full-time tuition, fees, and books:

\$2,605 *1 semester Certificates
\$5,210. *2 semester Certificates and Associate degrees

\$5,210 *	Baccalaureate degrees
\$7,910.	Masters degrees

*The Building Trades, Electrical, Heavy Equipment Operator I, and Welding programs are higher (\$5,710) to accommodate the costs for tools, footwear, and/or coveralls (\$500) during the first term of enrollment. The Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program is higher (\$2,855) to accommodate the costs for testing fees for the driving permit.

*The Licensed Practical Nursing program is higher (\$6,265) in terms 3 and 4 to accommodate the costs for insurance, background check, uniforms, shoes, stethoscope, scissors, expenses for clinical experiences in Bismarck (\$1,155). The annual nursing conference and the capstone experience class costs an additional \$1,595 in the final 2 terms of the sophomore year (\$6,705).

The estimated indirect costs per year that include room, board, transportation, personal expenses, and childcare are:

\$ 7,334	Single student living with parents, not commuting
\$ 9,596	Single student living in dorms, not commuting
\$10,916	Single student not living with parents, not commuting
\$10,916	Married students, no dependents, not commuting
\$10,916	Single/Married students with dependent, not commuting

SBC has several housing units available for student use. Students who live in campus housing may expect to pay a monthly rent fee between \$350 and \$500 based on the type of house assigned to the student. SBC also has 24 single unit apartments available in Fort Yates and 18 single rooms plus 2 handicap accessible rooms in Mobridge. Students who live in the single unit apartments may expect to pay a monthly rent fee of \$250 per month.

The financial aid director may be contacted by e-mail through the college website at www.sittingbull.edu or by telephone at (701) 854-8013.

The financial literacy/financial aid assistant may be contacted by email through the college website at www.sittingbull.edu or by telephone at (701) 854-8064.

FINANCIAL AID SOURCES AT SBC

The following financial aid sources are available at SBC. Students are encouraged to refer to the SBC Bulletin for information about each program and to apply for all financial aid that is available to them.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

FEDERAL PELL GRANT

All students pursuing their first baccalaureate degree are eligible to apply for this grant if they meet all federal requirements of eligibility. The amount awarded by the F-Pell grant depends on the need of the student and the cost of the program of study in which the student is enrolled. Students must attend each class at least once to qualify for payment of F-Pell funds for the classes enrolled. Students apply for an F-Pell grant by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students and parents of dependent students must apply for a FSA ID to apply on-line. You complete the FSA ID request on-line at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when completing the FAFSA

There now is a limit to the length of time a student may receive a federal Pell grant.

Students may only receive the Pell grant for 12 semesters as a full-time student or the equivalent if enrolled less than full-time in a term a maximum of 600%. This provision applies to all students regardless of when s/he first received a Pell grant.

Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year, students may qualify for payment of a year-round Pell grant of up to 150% of the calculated Pell award.

This payment allows students the opportunity to earn their baccalaureate degree sooner by attending summer classes in addition to enrollment during the academic school year.

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AID ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN SOLDIERS:

An otherwise Pell-eligible student whose parent or guardian died as a result of U.S. military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, may receive increased amounts of federal student aid. The student may qualify if (at the time of the parent's or guardian's death) the student was less than 24 years old or was enrolled at an institution of higher education. There are two different provisions for such students, depending on whether the student has an EFC that falls within the range for Pell eligibility or not.

- **Zero EFC Treatment**

A school must use an EFC of 00000 to package all federal student aid if the student meeting the above criteria has a Pell-eligible EFC.

- **Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant**

A student with an EFC that is not Pell eligible is potentially eligible to receive an award under the Iraq & Afghanistan Service Grant program. The student must meet the other criteria for Pell eligibility. Iraq & Afghanistan Service Grants are made under the same terms and conditions as the Federal-Pell Grant.

CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Beginning with the 2018-19 award year, an otherwise Pell-eligible student whose parent or guardian died as a result of active service in the line of duty as a Public Safety Officer (defined under 42 U.S.C. 3796b, or a fire police officer) may receive the maximum Pell Grant and increased amounts of other federal student aid. To qualify, the student must have been less than 24 years old when the parent or guardian died or was enrolled at an institution of higher education at the time of the parent or guardian's death. A school must use an EFC of 0 to package all federal student aid if the student meeting the above criteria has a Pell-eligible EFC.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)

The FSEOG program assists students with exceptional financial need by supplementing other sources of financial aid. FSEOG grants range from \$100 to \$4,000. Students apply for the FSEOG by completing the FAFSA. Sitting Bull College gives priority to students who apply by April 30 for fall term and October 31 for spring term.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY (FWS)

The FWS program provides eligible students with an on-campus job to earn money to help pay college expenses. Awards range from \$800 to \$6,000 per academic year and the wage is set at \$12.00 per hour. Hard to fill jobs are paid \$15.00 per hour. SBC offers community service jobs at the following sites: Sitting Bull College Library that serves as the college library and the community public library and the Kampus Kids Daycare Center. Job opportunities are announced one month before each semester. At Sitting Bull College, priority is given to students who apply by April 30 for fall term and October 31 for spring term. Students must complete the FAFSA and the SBC FWS employment application.

FEDERAL DIRECT EDUCATION LOANS and FEDERAL DIRECT CONSOLIDATION LOANS

As of July 1, 1990, Sitting Bull College no longer participates in the federal education student loan programs; therefore, students may not receive a federal education student loan to attend Sitting Bull College. However, students attending SBC are eligible to receive an education deferment and must contact the holder of their loan(s) to request a deferment. Students should advise the Financial Aid Director at the time of their enrollment that they have an outstanding loan for which they need assistance in getting a deferment or forbearance.

Students who are in default on a federal education loan are not eligible to receive federal financial aid until they have resolved the default. There are options available for students to resolve the default.

- A student can resolve a default by repaying the loan in full, **including consolidation** through a program called the William D. Ford Federal Direct Consolidation Loan Program. For further information, a defaulted borrower may contact the Department of Education at 1-800-621-3115 to inquire how to consolidate, reinstate or rehabilitate a defaulted loan.
- If the student and the loan holder agree on a compromised amount for settling a loan, or if the school writes off a regulatory permissible amount and the student repays the amount, that also counts as paying the loan in full.
- A student can make satisfactory repayment arrangements by paying consecutive, full, voluntary payments on time. This option is only available to the student once.
- A student can rehabilitate the loan by making full, voluntary payments on time.

SBC INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID

All awards are pending availability of funding.

AIHEC STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Funded by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, the Student of the Year (SOY) scholarship is awarded to recognize one outstanding student from each of the tribal colleges to create an initiative for student excellence. To qualify at SBC, the applicant must be enrolled in at least 6 credits; must have earned a minimum 3.00 grade point average (GPA); must demonstrate financial need; cannot have previously earned an associate degree (if currently enrolled in an associate program) or cannot have previously earned a bachelor's degree (if currently enrolled in a baccalaureate program). Community service and volunteer work is considered. Priority application date is January 31. SBC faculty and staff may submit nominations for the scholarship. Applicants may be required to attend an interview.

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND – Tribal College and University (TCU) Scholarship

SBC receives financial assistance from the American Indian College Fund to help with scholarships and grants to students attending Sitting Bull College. Students are required to submit a Tribal College/University (TCU) scholarship application online at www.collegefund.org by September 30 (for fall term) and January 31 (for spring term).

Grants shall be provided to Native American students who have unmet financial need and have earned a 2.0 CGPA. Awards are calculated using a point system for need and GPA with a minimum award of \$500. Funds may be used to pay for direct education costs of tuition, books, and fees or living expenses while attending SBC. A small portion of the scholarship may be used to fund non-Native American students. Priority for funding shall be Native American students enrolled full-time; then Native American students enrolled part-time; finally non-Native American students enrolled full-time.

The TCU scholarship includes funds that have restrictions placed on the scholarship by the donors and the scholarship list varies each term.

BARDEN (DR. JACK) SCHOLARSHIP

Two \$500 scholarships (\$250 per semester) may be available to pay tuition costs to attend SBC to students at the associate or certificate level who have not earned an associate or baccalaureate degree. Applicants may be enrolled full or part time; must have a minimum 3.00 grade point average; must demonstrate financial need; must demonstrate leadership through participation in college clubs or community organizations. The deadline date is April 30 for fall term and October 31 for spring term. Students apply for the Dr. Barden Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application.

BUILD YOUR BRIGHTER FUTURE TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship of \$1,800 shall be awarded to current year high school graduates and GED completers who register full-time at Sitting Bull College in the fall or spring semester following their date of graduation. A second consecutive scholarship of equal or lesser value may be awarded to students who successfully pass each class enrolled in with a "C" or better letter grade (a minimum of 12 credit hours) in the first-term of enrollment based on the GPA earned by the student.

BUILD YOUR BRIGHTER FUTURE DORM SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship of \$500 shall be awarded to current year high school graduates and GED completers who register full-time at Sitting Bull College in the fall or spring semester following their date of graduation and who are living in the SBC dorm/efficiency apartments. A second consecutive scholarship of \$500 may be awarded to students who successfully pass each class enrolled in with a "C" or better letter grade (a minimum of 12 credit hours) in the first-term of enrollment based on the GPA earned by the student.

CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Funds are provided from the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation to help finance the higher education of outstanding young Indian people and to foster a greater understanding both within the Indian and non-Indian community. The scholarship is used to pay for education expenses of the student. Preference is given first to Standing Rock enrolled members. The scholarship is based on financial need, potential, and goals for the future. Priority date is April 30 for fall term and October 31 for spring term. Students apply for the Crazy Horse Memorial Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application.

DAKOTA/LAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP

Up to ten \$100 academic scholarships may be awarded each year to students attending SBC. Priority is given to Standing Rock enrolled members. To qualify, students must have completed 12 credits during the student's last term of enrollment at SBC with a 3.50 or higher cumulative grade point average. Deadline date is April 30 for fall term and October 31 for spring term. Students apply for the Dakota/Lakota Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application.

DORM CASH BACK INITIATIVE (DCBI)

Full time students living in the Fort Yates campus dorms or the Mobridge satellite dorms may be eligible to receive a cash back incentive at the end of the semester. The incentive is the cash back equivalent of up to two month's rent (\$500). Students must earn the first semester DCBI to qualify for a second, consecutive term of eligibility. This program is not available to students who are receiving the Build Your Brighter Future Dorm Scholarship.

The student must apply for occupancy in the SBC dormitory and receive a room assignment. To qualify for the DCBI the entire dorm costs for the semester (\$1,250) must be paid in full. Fall semester is August through December and spring semester is January through May. Additional requirements are: the student must remain an occupant of the SBC dormitory through the end of the semester; the student must maintain 75% attendance in all enrolled classes during the semester; and the student must pass a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester and earn in each class a "C" or better letter grade.

DOYLE BUTLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Doyle Butler Scholarship is awarded to students in financial need who are enrolled full-time in the Native American Studies major at Sitting Bull College who are in good academic standing with a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA and who are active participants in the Sitting Bull College

Culture Club. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe of American Indians. Applicants apply for the Doyle Butler Memorial Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application. In addition, applicants must submit to the SBC Financial Aid Office a typed, short biographical statement that includes the information above, expected graduation date, and where and in what capacity they see themselves working upon graduating from Sitting Bull College. In the statement the applicant must also write a heart-felt thank you to the donors. The scholarship amount varies and applications are accepted on an on-going basis.

EAGLE-RED TOMAHAWK (AVA MARIE) COURAGE AWARD

The Ava Marie Eagle-Red Tomahawk Courage Award is awarded to one individual who has overcome an illness or is currently battling an illness while pursuing their college degree at Sitting Bull College. The \$1,000 award is possible through donations from Wilbur Red Tomahawk, Porcupine District Representative serving on the SBC Board of Trustees. The award is to honor Ava Marie Eagle-Red Tomahawk's courage and commitment to completing her college education while struggling to overcome a severe illness. Applications may be obtained from the SBC Financial Aid Office. Deadline to apply is March 31.

ELVA FUND

The Elva Fund, established in 2019 by the Ward family, provides scholarships to students interested in careers in environment and land management including those hoping to pursue careers in environmental law. Two \$2,500 scholarships shall be awarded to Sophomore students enrolled full-time in the environmental science major at Sitting Bull College. The applicant must have earned a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average (cgpa). Submit a typed one-or two-page, double-spaced essay about yourself to the SBC Financial Aid Office. Be specific in detailing your plans/goals for your future when answering this question: How would this scholarship help you achieve the life you envision? Priority date is September 30.

FALLON, DEVIN & RACHEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Devin & Rachel Fallon Scholarship is awarded to Native American students in financial need who are enrolled full-time in any major at Sitting Bull College who are in good academic standing with a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA. Students apply for the Devin & Rachel Fallon Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application. In addition, applicants must submit to the SBC Financial Aid Office a typed, short biographical statement including the information above, what their degree is, when they expect to graduate, and where and in what capacity they see themselves working upon graduating from Sitting Bull College. In the biographical statement, they should also write a heart-felt thank you to the donors. The scholarship is for \$1,500. Priority date for applying is April 30.

FALLON-LEENIG SCHOLARSHIP

The Fallon-Leenig Scholarship is awarded to Native American students in financial need who are enrolled full-time in any major at Sitting Bull College who are in good academic standing with a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA. Students apply for the Fallon-Leenig Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application. In addition, applicants must submit to the SBC Financial Aid Office a typed, short biographical statement including the information above, what their degree is, when they expect to graduate, and where and in what capacity they see themselves working upon graduating from Sitting Bull College. In the statement, they should

also write a heart-felt thank you to the donors. The scholarship is for \$1,500. Priority date for applying is April 30.

RICHARD JOSEPH HEISNER and DR. BIRON D. BAKER SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Richard Joseph Heisner and Dr. Biron D, Baker established a scholarship for full-time Native American students in financial need who grew up in a fatherless home -- the cause of which is immaterial. Deadline date is April 30. Students apply for the Richard Joseph Heisner-Dr. Biron Baker Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application and submitting a statement on how the scholarship will be used.

JOCHIM-BARDEN SCHOLARSHIP

To honor the memory of Dr. Jack Barden who was instrumental in the establishment and growth of Standing Rock Community College (now Sitting Bull College), the Tim and Lena Jochim Foundation Fund will award each year a \$1,000 scholarship to two students of merit and need. To qualify, applicant shall enroll full-time in any major at Sitting Bull College; must have previously earned a 3.00 cumulative GPA; must have minimum unmet need of \$1,000; and must have community service experience. An application for the Jochim-Barden Scholarship will be mailed to student after the student completes the SBC Scholarship Application and indicates intent to apply for the Jochim-Barden Scholarship. Deadline to apply shall be September 30.

LAWRENCE (FRANK) BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

A \$100 scholarship is awarded to an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe who is a sophomore, junior, or senior student enrolled in the Business Administration program at SBC. The student must have at least a 3.00 or higher cumulative grade point average. Deadline date is April 30. Students apply for the Frank Lawrence Business Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application.

MCCARTHY (FRANK & CYNTHIA MCCARTHY) SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are available for part-time, "B" average (3.00 GPA) Native American students attending SBC. Deadline date is April 30 for fall term and October 31 for spring. Students apply for the Frank & Cynthia McCarthy Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application.

MCKISSACK (CAROL) SCHOLARSHIP

Two \$500 scholarships (\$250 per semester) may be awarded to pay tuition costs to attend SBC to students at the associate or certificate level who have not earned an associate or baccalaureate degree. Applicants must be enrolled in one of the following degrees: Teacher Education, Early Childhood Education, Business Administration; may be enrolled full or part time; must have a minimum 3.00 grade point average; must demonstrate financial need; must demonstrate leadership through participation in college clubs or community organizations. Deadline date is April 30 for fall term and October 31 for spring term. Students apply for the Carol S. McKissack Scholarship by completing the SBC Scholarship Application.

MISS and/or JR. MISS STANDING ROCK SCHOLARSHIPS.

Two scholarships may be awarded each year to students who represent Standing Rock Sioux Tribe as Miss Standing Rock and Jr. Miss Standing Rock. These scholarships are not transferable to other colleges. Criteria are:

- **Miss Standing Rock Scholarship.** A total of \$2,000 (\$500/term for 4 terms at SBC) tuition costs shall be awarded to Miss Standing Rock when she enrolls at SBC the fall or spring term following her high school graduation (if still in high school) or the fall term immediately following her coronation.
- **Jr. Miss Standing Rock Scholarship.** A total of \$500 (\$250/term for 2 terms at SBC) tuition costs shall be awarded to Miss Standing Rock when she enrolls at SBC the fall or spring term immediately following her high school graduation.

Each year, the student must complete the Tribal College/University (TCU) Scholarship application online at www.collegefund.org. Failure to complete these requirements will result in forfeiture of the remaining scholarship. To qualify for all payments, the student must pass 12 credits each semester with a 2.00 grade point average. Failure to complete these requirements will result in forfeiture of the remaining scholarship.

MNI WICONI SCHOLARSHIP

The Mni Wiconi scholarship may be awarded to one or more students enrolled full-time at Sitting Bull College. The applicant must have earned a 3.00 CGPA, demonstrate financial need, and must be enrolled in the Native American Studies or the Environmental Science undergraduate program. To apply, applicant must submit a typed, short biographical statement including the information above, what their degree is, when they expect to graduate, and where and in what capacity they see themselves working upon graduating from SBC. In the statement, the applicant should write a heart-felt thank you to the donors – The Knopf Family Foundation. The deadline date to apply is September 30.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS SPACE ADMINISTRATION SCHOLARSHIP (NASA)

Scholarships is awarded in various amounts to students who have reached sophomore status with a 3.00 cumulative GPA who show promise in an area of science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Students enrolled in the Information Technology or the Nursing programs also qualify for this scholarship. Applications for the ND Space Grant Consortium NASA scholarship are available at the SBC Financial Aid Office. Priority date for applying is September 30.

RAYMOND'S PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,800 for 2 semesters)

Two \$3,600 tuition scholarships is awarded from the Raymond's Promise Scholarship. Preference is given to students enrolled in the Electrical certificate program; however, students enrolled in other majors are invited to apply. The applicant must be a high school graduate with a minimum 2.00 GPA or be a GED graduate; must have earned a 2.00 or higher grade point average if student has completed at least one semester/quarter term in college; and must submit either a personal photograph of self or a photograph in JPEG format. To apply, applicant must complete the Raymond's Promise application form; submit a typed one-or two-page, double-spaced essay. Applicant shall be specific in detailing their plans/goals for their future when answering this question: How would Sitting Bull College help you achieve the life you envision? In the statement, the student should write a heart-felt thank you to the donor – James Piechowiak.

THERESA RESSLER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Theresa Ressler was a recipient of the excellent nursing care provided by SBC nursing graduates. To honor her memory, her family has established the Theresa Ressler Nursing

Scholarship to award to nursing students enrolled in their final semester at Sitting Bull College. Award amounts vary every year. To apply, complete the SBC Scholarship Application.

SOUTH DAKOTA EDUCATION ACCESS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The South Dakota Education Access Foundation (SDEAF), in its efforts to expand access to postsecondary education to South Dakota residents, has established the SDEAF Scholarship. Students must complete the FAFSA and be determined eligible to receive a federal Pell grant; must be enrolled at Sitting Bull College as an undergraduate student in a minimum of six (6) credits per term; must have a minimum 2.00 CGPA; must have demonstrated unmet financial need. All SD residents enrolled at SBC are considered for this scholarship.

SPIRIT OF SOVEREIGNTY SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded by the Indian Land Tenure, this scholarship was established as an avenue for tribes, businesses and individuals working in the Indian Gaming industry to give something back to the greater American Indian community. It is awarded to a Native American student, enrolled full-time at Sitting Bull College, who has earned a 2.5 minimum CGPA, and has unmet financial need. Scholarship recipient must submit a photo, and a signed release of information form to the SBC Financial Aid Office in addition to a typed biographical statement. The award is for \$2,000 per year. Priority date for applying is September 30.

TUITION WAIVER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior citizens may receive a waiver of tuition for one course per semester at SBC. To qualify, the applicant must be a non-degree seeking student who is at least 65 years of age. Due to limited funds available and the number of applicants, one student per semester may receive a waiver of tuition for only one course at \$500 maximum per semester. To qualify for the waiver, the student must pass the course with a letter grade of A, B, or C. Students who withdraw from the course or complete the course with a letter grade of D or F will be required to pay for the tuition expense. Students who audit a course are not eligible for the waiver of tuition. Priority date is April 30 for fall term and October 31 for spring term. Students apply for the Sr. Citizen Tuition Waiver by completing the SBC Scholarship Application and are selected at random from the applicant pool.

TUITION WAIVER FOR SBC STUDENTS

A waiver of tuition may be available to students who demonstrate financial need and who have been denied assistance for federal financial aid. Students who are not eligible because they have defaulted on a federal student loan or who are on financial aid suspension at SBC shall not qualify for a waiver of tuition. Due to limited funds available and the number of applicants, students may receive a waiver of tuition for only one course per semester. To qualify for the waiver, the student must pass the course(s) with a letter grade of A, B, or C. Students who withdraw from the course or complete the course with a letter grade of D or F will be required to pay for the tuition expense. The priority date is April 30 for fall and October 31 for spring term. Students apply for the SBC Student Tuition Waiver by completing the SBC Scholarship Application and are selected at random from the applicant pool.

TRIBAL OR BIA FINANCIAL AID SOURCES
(contact your local tribal agency for information)

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT (tribal enrolled members only)

To qualify for the Higher Education grant, the student must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe with at least 1/4 degree of Native American descent. Applicants must be enrolled in academic course work or vocational certificates. Applications must be completed each academic year; separate applications must be submitted for summer school enrollment. The priority date for Higher Education Grant funding from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for the academic year is June 30; for spring term is November 30; and for summer term is April 30. Other tribal agencies have different priority or deadline dates for applying for assistance. Applications may be picked up from the Tribal Education Director or the BIA Office located at the tribal agency.

SRST TUITION GRANT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Current high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who are enrolled members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe may be awarded funds from the SRST Tribal Education Department to pay for tuition, books, and fees for 6 credits per semester at SBC. Students should contact the SRST Higher Education Department before registering for college classes. Applications may be obtained from the SBC Financial Aid Office.

WORKFORCE SERVICES P.L. 102-477 (tribal enrolled members only)

The Workforce Services P.L. 102-477 program is designed to assist underemployed persons to obtain vocational training. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe WFS program will pay either for tuition, books and fees or an incentive allowance of \$5.00 per hour based on actual hours in the classroom. Applicants must meet poverty guidelines. Students should contact the WFS office in Fort Yates for an application. The WFS application must be updated every 45 days so applicants should contact the WFS office occasionally to see if they must update their eligibility application.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

All of the applications for the following North Dakota programs can be located at <http://www.ndus.edu/paying-for-college>

NORTH DAKOTA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship candidates must be North Dakota resident high school seniors, have GPAs of 3.0 or higher with no grade lower than a "C" on any class required for the diploma, complete the required high school program of study, and earn composite scores of 24 or higher on the ACT. GPA of 2.75 required for renewal. May be awarded for graduate or professional studies. Total possible value is \$6,000; \$750 per semester.

Full-time for this scholarship means enrollment in at least twelve credits during a student's first two semesters and enrollment in at least fifteen credits during each semester thereafter or enrollment in the equivalent number of credits. Apply with the ND Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in the spring of your senior year in high school.

NORTH DAKOTA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship candidates must be North Dakota resident high school seniors, have GPAs of 3.0 or higher with no grade lower than a "C" on any class required for the diploma, complete the

required high school program of study, and earn composite scores of 24 or higher on the ACT or three 5s on the WorkKeys assessments. GPA of 2.75 required for renewal. May be awarded for graduate or professional studies. Total possible value is \$6,000; \$750 per semester.

NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP (NDSIS)

Applicants must be North Dakota residents and enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe. Must be accepted for admission by a North Dakota institution of higher learning or state vocational education program. Scholarships are based on unmet need or merit. A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required. Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 - 3.499 must show unmet need to qualify. Students are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher can qualify based on merit.

NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This program provides premier merit-based, full-tuition scholarships to qualifying North Dakota high school graduates who choose to earn undergraduate degrees in North Dakota. High school students who score at or above the ninety-fifth percentile among those who took the ACT prior to July 1st in the calendar year preceding the individual's enrollment in college will be considered for the award. Students will be awarded in descending rank order until available funds are expended or until the pool of applicants has been exhausted.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANT (SSIG)

The State Grant Program provides non-repayable grants to North Dakota residents who are North Dakota high school graduates or GED graduates and pursuing an undergraduate degree at a public, private, or tribal college within North Dakota. Awards are based on unmet need. North Dakota State Grants award up to \$3,300 per academic year, based on enrollment status. Students may reapply each year by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

NORTH DAKOTA CAREER BUILDERS SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN REPAYMENT

The 2019 North Dakota Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 1171, creating a skilled workforce scholarship and student loan repayment program aimed at attracting people into high need and emerging occupations in the state. The result is the ND Career Builders Scholarship and Loan Repayment program. Qualifying programs reflect the high need and emerging occupations in the state. Both the scholarship and loan repayment have ND residency and ND work requirements. Up to \$17,000 benefit. The private/public partnership requires a \$1 of private-sector funding for each \$1 of state funding. For more information, including the list of high need and emerging occupations and qualifying educational programs, visit:

<https://ndus.edu/career-builders/>

OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

AAC'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

In 2015, acknowledging the growing need for qualified addiction and mental health professionals to help those struggling with addiction and co-occurring disorders, AAC launched an educational scholarship program to assist students who were enrolled in college programs in the area of Behavioral Health. The Behavioral Health Academic Scholarship awards provide financial assistance that would enable undergraduate and graduate students to pursue careers in the areas of behavioral health and addiction-related studies. Eligible majors are: nursing, counseling, psychology, social work, marriage/family therapy, or other curriculum focusing on treatment of mental health and substance use disorders. Undergraduate and graduate applicants with a 3.2 or higher GPA may apply. Applications are available January through April at <https://americanaddictioncenters.org/behavioral-health-academic-scholarship/>.

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND - FULL CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP

The American Indian College Fund (A*CF) awards several special scholarships each year. Students complete one on-line application to be considered for all of the Full Circle scholarships. The deadline date for Full Circle Scholarship Program for the academic year is May 31. To apply, complete the Full Circle Scholarship application at www.collegefund.org.

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION FUND (AIEF)

The purpose of AIEF is to assist Native American students in realizing their dreams and goals through postsecondary education. To qualify, applicant must document Native American or Alaska Native descent (student or one parent must be enrolled); must attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college/university or technical/vocational school; must be enrolled as a full-time student; GPA between 2.0 and 3.4 is desirable (but ALL current or future undergraduate college students are encouraged to apply). An ACT score of 14 or above is desirable. Scholarships are available for undergraduate studies only – online colleges are not eligible. Scholarship can only be used for tuition and books. Download application and information at www.aiefprogram.org.

AMERICAN INDIAN FELLOWSHIP IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development awards five scholarships to American Indian college or graduate students majoring in business. Eligible students must be enrolled full-time and be at the junior, senior, or graduate level. Applicants must submit an application as well as a statement requesting consideration and stating their reasons for pursuing higher education, their plans following completion of their degree and any other relevant information such as activities and commitment to the community. Submitted applications must include separate essays that specifically address Community Involvement, Personal Challenges, and Business Experience criteria to earn maximum points. Applicants are judged primarily on achievement and commitment to the community. The application and deadline date is available at www.ncaied.org.

Scholarship recipients are required to attend the Indian Progress in Business Awards Banquet (INPRO) in September. Airfare and lodging to attend INPRO are provided to recipients in addition to the scholarship from The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED). Scholarship shall be forfeited if recipient does not attend the banquet.

AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The AISES mission is "To substantially increase the representation of American Indian and Alaskan Natives in engineering, science, and other related technology disciplines." Application information and deadline dates can be obtained on-line at <http://www.aises.org/scholarships>.

- Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Foundation Scholarship. Five \$2,500 scholarships are available to American Indian high school seniors every year, who reside in states serviced by the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Pacific Corporation and its affiliated companies: Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington. The award is for 4 academic years (8 semesters) or until baccalaureate degree is obtained (whichever occurs first). Applicants who are not selected as recipients will be given consideration in the A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Program, if all criteria are met. Eligible majors include business, engineering, math, medicine/health administration, natural or physical sciences, technology, and education.
- A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to members of AISES who are American Indian/Alaskan Native college students pursuing undergraduate (\$1,000) and graduate (\$2,000) academic programs in the sciences, engineering, medical, natural resources, and math.

AMERICAN INDIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (AIS)

AIS of Utah has funds available to assist Native American students. Students access applications for the AIS scholarship online at www.americanindianservices.org/students.html. Deadline dates have changed to the following:

- Feb. 1 for classes starting in April or May;
- April 1 for classes starting in June or July;
- June 1 for classes starting in August, September, October or November;
- October 1 for classes starting in December, January, February or March.

Applicants are required to complete the online application and to mail in additional documents.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS (AIAA)

The AIAA has several scholarships available for enrolled members of federally recognized tribes and one available for enrolled members of non-federally recognized tribes. Visit www.indian-affairs.org to download the scholarship application between March through June 01. The various scholarships are based on financial need and merit (minimum 2.50 GPA). Grants are paid directly to accredited educational institutions. The monies can be used for tuition, books, and other academic-related expenses. Review the list of applicant criteria on the website.

- **Allogan Slagle Memorial Scholarship.** The Allogan Slagle Memorial Scholarships are available to undergraduate students who are from tribes that are not federally recognized.
- **Adolph Van Pelt Scholarship.** This scholarship is available to students in any curriculum.
- **Displaced Homemaker Scholarship.** This scholarship is based on financial need. It is designed to assist Native American students with childcare, transportation, and some basic living expenses.
- **Elizabeth and Sherman Asche Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship is available to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a major in public health or science.
- **Awanah Anderson Scholarship.** This scholarship is for undergraduate female students who are juniors enrolled in all fields of study.

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Every year the AXA Achievement Scholarship in association with U.S. News & World Report awards \$670,000 in scholarships to exceptional young people across the nation (one \$10,000 recipients in each state plus Washington, DC and Puerto Rico). The scholarship winners are known as AXA Achievers. They are ethnically and economically diverse, but they share these qualities: ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and ability to succeed in college. The Achievement scholarship application period opens in the early fall and winners are announced in the spring. Applications are available at www.axa-achievement.com.

AZAZIE SCHOLARSHIP

Azazie Scholarships are available to high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students in the U.S. and Canada. To apply for this \$1,000 USD scholarship, students must answer this question: "What is a problem within the industry you're currently majoring in, and how will you solve this issue?" All applications must be submitted by May 31. Application instructions can be found on the website: <https://www.azazie.com/scholarship>

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA DUAL CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BND has a program to assist eligible students to pay for up to two (2) Dual Credit courses per academic school year. To be eligible, a student must be a current sophomore, junior or senior attending a North Dakota high school. The student must receive authorization from the high school to take approved dual credit courses. The student must qualify for Free or Reduce Price Lunch. Costs covered include application fee, tuition and fees, and book for the course.

Call 1-800-554-2717 for information. Application is available at https://bnd.nd.gov/pdf/dual_credit_assistance_application.pdf.

BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue research careers in these fields. The \$7,500 scholarship is available to full-time sophomores or juniors pursuing a degree in science, mathematics, or engineering. Applicant must have a 3.00 GPA, must be a US citizen or resident alien, and must be nominated by the SBC faculty representative. Deadline date is February 1. Nomination materials are available on the web: www.act.org/goldwater

BASIN ELECTRIC-MOR-GRAN-SOU.

Sponsored by Basin Electric Cooperative, four \$500 scholarships are given to graduating seniors who are planning to attend college next fall and whose parent(s) is an employee of Basin Electric or whose parent(s) are either employees or members of MOR-GRAN-SOU Electric. Due in March, applications are available online at www.morgransou.com

BESTCOLLEGES.COM SCHOLARSHIPS

In an effort to make higher education more accessible to minority groups, hundreds of public and private organizations offer specialized minority student scholarships and aid programs. If you are a student with minority status, it's worth your while to see what's available. To make it easier on you, BestCollege.Com compiled a directory of these diversity scholarships and educational support programs and arranged them by category: African American Students, Hispanic and Latino Students, Native American Students, Pacific Islander Students,

Undocumented Students. Scholarship Directory for minority students can be found online at: <https://www.bestcolleges.com/financial-aid/minority-students/>

BUICK ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program wants to reward students who have succeeded both inside and outside of the classroom—and who may not be able to attend college without financial assistance. Scholarships of up to \$25,000 each for 4 years are awarded to applicants enrolled in a full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university who are planning to major in science, technology, engineering, math, business administration, finance, marketing or design. Due in February, applications are available at www.buickachievers.com

CAREERS IN GEAR TRUCKING SCHOLARSHIP

Careers in Gear has been dedicated to helping truck drivers get jobs since 2006. One scholarship recipient will be selected annually for CIG's \$3,500 trucking scholarship. The CIG team will review applications and select an applicant based on financial need and career aspiration. Apply at <https://www.careersingear.com/cdl-scholarship>.

CARING.COM SCHOLARSHIP

The Student-Caregiver Scholarship provides financial assistance to students who are caring for an adult relative while enrolled in college. Two scholarships of \$1,500 are awarded each year to student-caregivers to help cover costs of tuition and books. Applicants must be full-time college students at an accredited two-or-four-year college or university in the United States, or full-time high school students who are registered to attend a qualifying institution the following semester. <https://www.caring.com/caregivers/scholarships-for-student-caregivers>. Deadline is June 30.

CATCHING THE DREAM.

This program provides financial assistance for American Indians in fields that are critical for the political, social, and business development of Indian tribes. Scholarships are not need-based but are awarded on merit and on the student's ability to most likely improve the lives of Indian people.

- **MESBEC (Math, Engineering, Science, Business, Education, and Computers)** is a program for high potential Native Americans planning to study in these fields. Maximum award is \$5,000 per year.
- **NALE (Native American Leadership Education)** is for high potential para-professional Native Americans who plan to complete their degrees and obtain credentials as teachers, counselors, or administrators.
- **Tribal Business Management Program** is for students in business, finance, management, economics, banking, hotel management, and related fields who plan to work in economic development for tribes.

Deadline dates are March 15 for summer school; April 15 for fall semester; and September 15 for spring semester. Applications are available at www.catchingthedream.org.

CHAFEE FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM).

North Dakota's commitment to foster youth does not end when they are discharged from the foster care system. The Chafee Foster Care Independent Living Program is committed to ensuring that young people who spent time in foster care, in particular those who aged out of the foster care system or enter a kinship guardianship or are adopted at age 16+ are given the opportunity to make the transition from foster care to living successful lives as young adults. Independent Living

Programs are available in each of the eight regions of the state. Program information is available at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childfamily/fostercare/chafee.html

COBELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Cobell Scholarship is managed by Indigenous Education, Inc. Both merit-based and need-based, the competitive Cobell Scholarship is annual, non-renewable, and available to any post-secondary (after high school) student who is: an enrolled member of a US Federally-Recognized Tribe; a full-time, fully admitted and degree-seeking student; and attending any nationally, regionally and industry accredited non-profit, public and private, institution. Applicants must be pursuing a vocational certificate or diploma, associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctoral, professional degree or certificate. Application is available in February at <http://cobellscholar.org/>

COCA-COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholars Program is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. The online application for this scholarship opens in August and closes in October. It is available at www.coca-colascholars.org/

CONTINENTAL SOCIETY DAUGHERS OF INDIAN WARS SCHOLARSHIP

An annual \$5,000 award is available to certified tribal members enrolled as an undergraduate student in the field of Education or Social Services. Applicant must plan to work with Native Americans. Deadline date is June 15. Scholarship Information is available at www.csdiw.org/scholarships.html

COOKE (JACK KENT) SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship program provides scholarships to three groups of students: young scholars, transfer students, and graduate students. The award will provide funding for tuition, room and board, required fees, and books for the remainder of the Jack Kent Cooke Scholar's undergraduate degree. Award amounts will vary for each recipient based on institution he or she attends. Applications are accepted September through November. For more information, write to Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; 2255 N. Dubuque Road; PO Box 4030; Iowa City, IA 52243. Students may also obtain information from the website at www.jackkentcookefoundation.org

DAKOTA INDIAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The DIF Scholarship was established to further educational advancement of aspiring American Indian students with priority given to those of Sioux heritage. This is a scholarship for undergraduate or graduate students who have a minimum 2.50 GPA. Deadline dates are August 1 for fall and January 1 for spring term. Applications are available at www.dakotaindianfoundation.org

DREAM WARRIORS SCHOLARSHIP

The Dream Warriors Scholarship encourages undergraduates, high school seniors, and GED recipients to pursue their creative curiosities and passions by providing a scholarship geared towards these types of arts: visual, painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, creative writing, music, performance art, dance, and drama/acting. The award is \$1500 (one-time

scholarship dispersed over two (2) semesters in increments of \$750 each semester). Students should apply online at <https://dreamwarriors.co/dream-warriors-scholarship/>

ELMER RAPP NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP

Eligible applicants must be a member of the Hidatsa, Arikara, or Mandan tribes. Priority will be given to a graduate of any Fort Berthold Indian Reservation High School. A student awarded a scholarship shall receive (for the next school year) that portion necessary to pay the student's room, board and tuition at a school of higher education or vocational or technical school.

Application should be made to the Elmer Rapp Scholarship Program, Diocese of Bismarck, P.O. Box 1137, Bismarck, ND 58502-1137

ERICKSON MERKEL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Erickson Merkel Foundation Scholarship shall be awarded to high achieving students who have aimed at taking control of their academic, professional and financial futures as best as possible. The EMF aims to select and reward scholarship candidates who exemplify the values of hard work, creativity, and service...not just students who earn a high GPA, but the sort students who are putting themselves through school by working tenaciously. "We want to reward workhorse scholars who are doing what is necessary to achieve their goals, all while avoiding burdensome and economically damaging student loan debt." Applications are accepted January 15 through March 31. Apply at <https://ericksonmerkelfoundation.submittable.com/submit>

ETHEL AND EMERY FAST SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to qualified Native Americans enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a post-secondary educational institution. An applicant must be a Native American enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe; have successfully completed one year of post-secondary education at an accredited college or university; be currently enrolled in same as a full-time student in good standing; and demonstrate financial need. The deadline dates for applying are August 15 for fall semester and December 15 for spring semester. Applications can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

FIRST NATIONS NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS SCHOLARSHIP

First Nations will award 20 to 25 scholarships of \$1,000 to \$1,500 each to Native American students majoring in agriculture and agriculture-related fields. Fields including but not limited to agribusiness management, agriscience technologies, agronomy, animal husbandry, aquaponics, environmental studies, fisheries and wildlife, food production and safety, food-related policy and legislation, food science and technology, horticulture, irrigation science, and sustainable agriculture or food systems. Deadline is September 30.

<https://www.firstnations.org/grantmaking-scholarship/>.

FLOSUM SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited 4-year university or college located in United States. Must be a graduating high school senior with a GPA of 3.5 or above. Applicants must be pursuing or intending to pursue their bachelor's degree which can be in the fields of computer engineering, computer science or in another technical discipline such as electrical engineering, physics or mathematics with an interest in the field of computer science. To apply, submit your scholarship application to apply-scholarship@flosum.com

FOOL SOLDIER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Annual awards for undergraduate students who are descendants of Teton Lakota men known as Fool Soldiers. Number of awards and award amount may vary. Contact student's high school guidance counselor or the Foundation for more information and/or application. Due March 5.

<http://www.sfacf.org/>

FOSTER CARE TO SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP

Continuing Education and Job Training Program is open to those who received services from Casey Family Programs in Louisiana, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota or Wyoming and covers vocational, undergraduate and graduate studies. Application dates: Undergraduate March 1-May 1 and August 1-October 1 annually; Graduate February 1-April 1 annually. Undergraduate scholarships are renewable up to 6 years; graduate scholarships up to 4 years. Applicant must be starting or currently attending a technical school, college or university in pursuit of a certificate, associate's, bachelor's or postgraduate degree.

<http://www.fc2success.org/our-programs/information-for-students/>

GROZA LEARNING CENTER SCHOLARSHIP

The Groza Learning Center Education Scholarship was created to help students interested in higher education reach their goal of attending college or university. Each year a theme will be chosen and students will have the chance to respond in a short essay. A committee will select a winner by the end of January. One winner will be selected and receive \$1000 towards higher education. Application form is online: <http://grozagivesback.com/>

HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCE ORGANIZATION FOR (NATIVE AMERICANS) STUDENTS (HEROS) SCHOLARSHIP.

This scholarship is available to students enrolled full-time in a North Dakota institute of higher education who has earned a minimum 3.00 GPA or better and who is an enrolled member of a tribe. Up to nine \$100 scholarships are available: one per North Dakota reservation; one for any other federally recognized tribe; one for incoming freshman who have just recently graduated from high school; two who have a 2.00 to 2.99 CGPA, and one for a graduate student. Apply between May 31 and September 1. Applications are available at <http://und.edu/orgs/higher-education-resource-organization-for-students/index.cfm>

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The HSF offers a variety of scholarship programs for students at different points in their academic careers. Each one is different and many have varying requirements and application dates. To qualify for an HSF scholarship, applicants must be of Hispanic heritage; must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident; must be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at a U.S. accredited and Title IV-eligible institution in the United States; must apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA; and must be completing their first undergraduate or graduate degree. For scholarship descriptions, go on-line to www.hsf.net

HORATIO-ALGER SCHOLARSHIP

The Career & Technical Scholarship Program is funded through the Horatio Alger Endowment Fund and the generosity of Association Chairman Emeritus and Endowment Fund President Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarships are awarded to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives who wish to pursue a career or technical education at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution. Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books and supplies. All scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution on behalf of the recipient. Students may apply online: <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/technical/>

HOWARD J. SNORTLAND SCHOLARSHIP

Capital Credit Union invites students pursuing an associate or undergraduate degree, or technical certificate to apply for the opportunity to receive one of eight \$1,000 scholarships created to assist them in achieving their higher education goals. The scholarship can be used at any North Dakota or Minnesota college, university or technical school. All applicants must have a Capital Credit Union account. Capital Credit Union employees and board members, as well as their children or direct relatives, are not eligible. Deadline is January 15. Apply at capcu.org/scholarship.

INDIAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellowship grants are awarded to students to pursue courses of study leading to undergraduate degrees in business or administration, natural resources, engineering, and related fields. Scholarship information is available at www.myfinancialprograms.com/grants-for-minority/native-americans-scholarships/indian-fellowship/

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (IHSSP)

The IHSSP is available to conduct three inter-related scholarship programs to train the health professional personnel necessary to staff IHS health programs and other health programs serving the Indian people. Scholarship information is available at www.ihs.gov/scholarship/index.cfm

INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF AT&T EMPLOYEES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The ICAE scholarship program provides several scholarship grants to qualified Native American applicants who are selected primarily for their individual merit: scholastic discipline, personal achievement, and community involvement. Students must request an application in September from AT&T, AT&T Way, Room 2B207A, Bedminster, NJ 07921. The deadline date to apply is in October.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS, INC.

Provides a \$500 - \$700 grant to Native American students enrolled in a technical, vocational, or undergraduate level course of study. A student must personally request information concerning requirements and application forms. The request must be submitted through postal mail and include a stamped, self-addressed, legal-sized envelope for the director's reply. The deadline for application requests is March 1st. Requests must be sent to: IOKDS, North American Indian Department Director, P.O. Box 1040, Chautauqua, NY, 14722-1040.

LOWRY ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Lowry Engineering Scholarship (\$1,000) is a tuition scholarship program to assist qualified students in obtaining degrees from accredited academic institutions of higher learning specific to the field of engineering for the purpose of continuing growth and education around quality leadership in engineering for the states of North Dakota and Minnesota. Deadline is April 1. Mail application to Lowry Engineering, 1111 Westrac Dr. Ste. 108, Fargo, ND 58103. More information located at www.lowryeng.com

MANDAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Mandan Education Association Scholarship (\$500) is open to any Mandan High School graduate who will be enrolled as a junior or senior in college and is planning on entering the field of education. Applications open in February and close the first Monday of April. Send the completed application to Mandan Education Association Scholarship, Mandan Middle School, 2901 12th Ave. NW, Mandan, North Dakota 58554.

MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides scholarship to the children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attending accredited community colleges, universities, and vocational/technical institutions, with particular attention given to those with a parent who was killed or wounded in action, or who have demonstrated financial need. Application dates vary. Information about the Undergraduate/Associate Scholarship and the Career and Technical Education Scholarship are available at www.mcsf.org.

MASSACHUSETTS INDIAN ASSOCIATION

This is a scholarship for undergraduate or graduate students. Deadline date is September 15 for fall term and January 15 for spring term. To obtain an application, write to Massachusetts Indian Association, 245 Rockland Road, Carlisle, MA 01741. Applications may also be picked up at the SBC Financial Aid Office.

MENSA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation's college scholarship program bases its awards totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program or financial need. Applicants have until Jan. 15 to write an essay of not more than 550 words explaining their career, academic and/or vocational goals and how they plan to achieve those goals. The U.S. scholarship application process opens Sept. 15 and closes Jan. 15. No application forms are available at any other time. Applications can be found online at: <https://www.mensafoundation.org/>

MOBRIDGE REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION MEDICAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation's goal is to award applicants who will choose to pursue a healthcare career in a profession involving direct patient care within the hospital setting. An applicant must be either a traditional or non-traditional student from the four county areas (Campbell, Corson, Dewey and Walworth). Scholarship applications are available annually the first week in February and must be completed and returned to the Foundation no later than the last business day in March. Due in March, applications are available at www.mobridgehospital.org/foundation/

MOR-GRAN-SOU SCHOLARSHIP

Mor-Gran-Sou will award nine \$500 scholarships to qualified applicants whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are members of the co-op. School representatives from Elgin-New Leipzig Public School, Flasher Public School, Glen Ullin Public School, Hebron Public School, Mandan Public School, New Salem-Almont Public School, Standing Rock Community School, Selfridge Public School and Solen Public School will select one graduating senior to receive the funds. The co-op will also award one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from a school outside of the service area. Applications can be found online:

<http://www.morgransou.com/content/scholarship-applications-available>

NATIONAL FFA SCHOLARSHIP

Founded in 1928, the National FFA is a youth organization actively involved in agricultural education. Many of the scholarship we administer are available to students already enrolled in college. Due in February, applications are available at www.ffa.org/scholarships

NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

- **DAR American Indian scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to help Native Americans students of any age, any tribe and in any state striving to get an education at the undergraduate or graduate levels. However, undergraduate students are given preference. All awards are judged

based on financial need and academic achievement. Applicants must be Native Americans (proof of American Indian blood is required by letter or proof papers) in financial need and have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. **There will be no exceptions.** This is a one-time \$4,000 award.

- **Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded once a year to one student. A candidate for this scholarship must be enrolled full time at a 2- or 4- year college or university. Applicants must be Native Americans and proof of American Indian blood is required by letter or proof papers. Students must demonstrate financial need, academic achievement, and have a 3.25 GPA or higher. A recipient may reapply for this scholarship and be considered along with other members of the applicant pool. The amount of scholarship is based on total return of the endowment, and may vary year to year.

Applications are available at www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm

NATIONAL CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

This program supports Native students pursuing degrees in business-related disciplines. Available to American Indian tribe members and Alaska Natives who are juniors, seniors, or graduate students majoring in a business related field. Deadline is mid-October. Applications are available at <http://nafoa.org/education/scholarships>

NATIONAL DEBT RELIEF SCHOLARSHIP

National Debt Relief will award 5 scholarships of \$1,000 each to outstanding college students pursuing studies in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. Provide a unique solution to the following issue: Come up with a unique way to solve the \$1+ trillion dollar student loan crisis. You can be creative and create a YouTube video, write an essay or create an infographic for your solution.

Applicants must submit materials to: Scholarships@nationaldebtreief.com.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Up to \$2,500 per year is awarded to Native American high school seniors who have at least 1/4 Indian blood. To be eligible for consideration, the student must be the dependent of a full-time BNSF Railway active or furloughed employee or retiree, a senior in high school and be able to provide an official SAT or ACT score prior to the application deadline. Applications are available at <http://bnsffoundation.org/programs/>

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES-NATIONWIDE SCHOLARSHIP

The National Association of Counties has partnered with Nationwide Retirement Solutions to offer four \$2,500 scholarships for high school seniors. Winning applicants will have written a short essay describing why it's important for a public sector employee to start saving early for retirement. The Nationwide-NACo scholarship program is intended to encourage high-school seniors to think about retirement. Application is available April 1 through May 31 at <http://www.nrsforu.com/scholarship>.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (NFSF)

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) is pleased to offer two scholarships as Undergraduate Scholarship and Construction Trades Scholarship. Knowing

that women represented only a small fraction of the construction industry, the founders organized NAWIC to create a support network. The scholarships are open to the residents of U.S. Each year they award over \$25,000 to worthy recipients in construction-related programs.

NO ACCIDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Parry & Pfau, personal injury attorneys in Las Vegas, are pleased to promote higher education and give back to the community with a scholarship for creative and safety-minded students. Open to high school seniors and college or graduate students who live in the United States. Student must enroll in college or graduate school beginning no later than Fall term. Winner is not based on financial need, but will be selected by Parry & Pfau's selection committee based on creativity, humor, and overall quality. Award amount is \$1,500. Complete application at: <http://p2lawyers.com/scholarship>

NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NDACO) - INSTITUTE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ILG) SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Children and grandchildren of county officials and employees are eligible to apply. The scholarship fund is supported by corporate sponsors and county donors from across the state. Six \$2,000 scholarships are awarded. Applications are available online at: <https://www.ndaco.org/image/cache/2020-Scholarship-App.pdf>. Deadline is early June.

NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS (NDACE) SCHOLARSHIP

Two \$2,000 scholarships are available to college students in their second year or above who are attending any North Dakota institution and are majoring in any of the following programs: Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Construction Engineering, Civil Engineering Technology, Survey Technology, or Construction Management Technology. The Forest Jennings Scholarship \$2,500 Award will be given to the highest scoring applicant. Half-time students are eligible to apply. Deadline date is December 31 of each year. Applications shall be submitted online at ndace.org/scholarship.

NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Individual students may apply for an educational grant from one of the many scholarship funds managed by the North Dakota Community Foundation. Each scholarship has its own set of specific eligibility requirements, preferences, and priorities. In some cases, additional information, such as an essay, is required. In all cases, the scholarship deadline is firm - applications received after the deadline will not be considered. To learn more about the many scholarships available, visit NDCF at <https://ndcf.net/receive/scholarships/>

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WELFARE, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the NDCSW selects students as recipients for up to a \$500 scholarship. The scholarship selection is based on the student's written essay of 1000 words or less about a social welfare issue that is important to them, how they plan to address the issue as a student or a professional, their professional goals, and what information about NDCSW interests them. Scholarship recipients are invited to attend the NDCSW fall conference in September to receive their scholarship. The scholarship application deadline is June 15, 2018. Applications are available online at: <http://www.ndcsw.org/awards.html>

NORTH DAKOTA CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association will award 10 – \$1,000 scholarships in 2019. Students must submit: a completed application, career plans, at least two letters of recommendation from non-family members, a resume and a copy of their most recent transcript. High school seniors and post secondary students are eligible to apply. Applicants are required to be a member of a North Dakota Corn Growers Association. Student memberships are available for high school and post secondary students for \$10. Mail applications to the North Dakota Corn Growers Association office at 4852 Rocking Horse Circle S., Fargo, ND 58104. Download application here: [2020 Scholarship Application Form](#)

NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NDEA) SCHOLARSHIP

Several scholarships are available through the NDEA such as:

- NEA Jack Kinnaman Scholarship
- Bill Oban Special Education Scholarship
- Excellence in Education
- Ethnic Minority Scholarships

This scholarship assists students who want to enter the profession of teaching. The applicant must be an undergraduate student in good standing with a 3.00 GPA; must be enrolled in a North Dakota institution of higher education; must be enrolled in a teacher education program; must be prepared in a professional manner. Mail in application only. Application deadline: March 1 to March 15.

NORTH DAKOTA INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (NDIEA) SCHOLARSHIP

Must be an enrolled member of a North Dakota tribe with at least one-fourth (1/4) degree Indian blood quantum, and must be enrolled as a full time student for the current school year in an accredited institution of higher learning or vocational school in North Dakota. Deadline date is first week of March sent to: Charles Morin, Box 211, St. Michael, ND 58370.

http://und.edu/orgs/north-dakota-indian-education-association/files/docs/ndiea_scholarship.pdf

NORTH DAKOTA WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services sponsors this scholarship. The applicant must be a North Dakota resident and enrolled in a North Dakota college; must be low income according to federal poverty guidelines; must have a completed application on file by June 15; must enroll full-time in an undergraduate academic degree or professional certification; must submit three letters of reference for the scholarship. Applications are available at <http://www.cawsnorthdakota.org/index.php/aboutus/womensopp/>

NURSE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The [Nurse Corps Scholarship Program](#) (NCSP) awards funds to students enrolled in a diploma, associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree nursing program in exchange for their commitment to serve in high-need, underserved communities. Scholarship support includes payment of tuition, required fees, other reasonable educational costs, and a monthly living stipend.

After completion of graduation/training, recipients can fulfill their service commitment at a number of approved health care facilities currently experiencing a critical shortage of nurses. Each scholar serves for a minimum of two years and receives one year of financial support (up to four years) for each additional year of service. Deadline is May 21.

OBAN (BILL) SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This \$500 scholarship will be awarded by the NDEA Foundation to an outstanding student who is preparing for a career in special education. To qualify, student must be a full-time undergraduate student in a teacher education program, maintain a minimum 3.00 GPA; and maintain membership in the NEA Student Program. Deadline date to apply is March 15. Applications are available at the SBC Financial Aid Office and also through the following: The Bill Oban Special Education Scholarship; NDEA Foundation, PO Box 5005, Bismarck, ND 58502.

ODENZA MARKETING GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

The Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship is designed for students who are between the ages of 16 and 25 who have maintained a 2.5 GPA or greater in the most recent year completed. Due in September, applications are available at www.odenzascholarships.com.

PAYSCALE SCHOLARSHIPS

Whether you're a woman planning on studying STEM, or a student heading into the world of HR, PayScale offers two distinct scholarships to help you achieve your professional goals while you're in college. Applications will be available every fall semester at <https://www.payscale.com/scholarships>.

PICARD (TRUMAN D) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM...INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL

Sponsored by the Intertribal Timber Council, scholarships shall be awarded to current year high school graduates and current undergraduate students seeking an education in natural resources. The scholarships are \$2,000 for high school graduates and \$2,500 for undergraduates. Application deadline in January. Applications are available at www.itcnet.org

RANKIN (JEANNETTE) WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund honors the name and legacy of an American woman of incredible spirit and determination by providing much needed aid to women with the same attributes. Jeannette Rankin was a proponent of women's rights and was the first woman to be elected to the United States Congress in 1916. An applicant for a JRF scholarship must be: a woman, age 35 or older, low-income, U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States, pursuing a technical or vocational education, an associate's degree, or a first bachelor's degree, and enrolled in, or accepted to, a regionally or ACICS accredited school. Applications are available at www.rankinfoundation.org

REAL DEAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA)

To qualify, applicant must be a senior in high school with a 2.5 GPA or greater, involved in school/community, and attending a ND college next year. Eight seniors are selected each month, October – March, from seven regions across the state. They will each receive a \$500 scholarship. In April, the 48 seniors have the chance to compete for a \$3,000 scholarship. Applications are available at <http://banknd.nd.gov/collegeplanning/index.html>

RECOVERY VILLAGE HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP.

Recovery Village is an organization with locations across the country, dedicated to helping those struggling with substance abuse into recovery. The Recovery Village Health Care Scholarship is a \$1,000 award to students pursuing a health-related degree program who have been personally affected by addiction. Deadline is June 30. Apply at <https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/scholarships/>

REUBEN T GUENTHER SCHOLARSHIP

Two scholarships in the amount of \$350 each will be awarded in May. The applicant must be a graduating senior from a North Dakota high school, have completed one or more career and technical education courses between grades 9 and 12. Students must complete online application form at: <https://www.nd.gov/cte/students/RTGScholarship.html>

POKEO CONNECTIONS SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible, applicants must be either a recently graduated high school senior who will enroll as a freshman at a four-year or two-year college or university in the fall or a full-time student currently enrolled at an accredited four-year or two-year college or university. Must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above and must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Due in July, applications are available at www.spoeko.com/spoeko-connections-scholarship

STUDENT CAREGIVER SCHOLARSHIP

Caring.com is offering two \$1,500 scholarships to two students attending an accredited U.S. college or university and caring for a loved one. Student answer to a prompt in a 1500-word essay or 2-minute video. Judging will be based on submission quality and adherence to application guidelines. Applications are due June 30th. Applications can be found online at: <https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living#scholarship>

10 WORDS OR LESS SCHOLARSHIP

Anyone who is between the ages of 14-25 who will be attending school in the Fall term may apply. This scholarship is provided by StudentScholarships.org. To apply, students must go to www.facebook.com/myscholarships and place a comment on any post answering the question: In 10 words or less, tell us why you deserve the \$500 scholarship. Before or after writing, student will also need to "Like" the Facebook page.

THERESA A. MIKE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Inspired by the life-journey of Theresa A. Mike, the TAM Scholarship Foundation provides financial support for undergraduate and graduate-level students to help them achieve their dreams of higher education, live successful and prosperous lives, and assume positions of responsibility and leadership in their communities. Every penny counts! Help our students achieve their dreams! Keep the dream alive! Applications are available at www.theresamike.org

TYLENOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The makers of Tylenol are giving away \$250,000 in scholarships to students pursuing careers in healthcare. Highlights of the program are: \$1,000 to 150 undergraduate and \$5,000 to 20 graduate students; applicants will be judged on leadership qualities and academic performance. Deadline date is May 15. Applications are available at <https://www.tylenol.com/news/scholarship>

UDALL (MORRIS K) SCHOLARSHIP

SBC may nominate students each year for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to TWO groups of students:

- 1) Those who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential and who study the environment and related fields; and
- 2) Native American and Alaska Native students who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and are in fields related to health care or tribal public policy.

In addition, student must have a minimum 3.00 GPA and be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident alien, or a U.S. national. Each school receives up to \$7,000, or the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board, whichever is less.

US BANK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Up to \$20,000 in scholarships is awarded to graduating high school seniors or current undergraduate college students enrolled by September 1 who will attend college in the fall. Applicants must be academic achievers, and have demonstrated significant community service. Applications are available at

<https://www.usbank.com/community/financial-education/scholarship.html>

US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – USDA/1994 TRIBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This scholarship is for applicants attending 1994 Land Grant Tribal Colleges and Universities seeking careers in agriculture and natural resource sciences, and/or other related disciplines. The aim of the Tribal Scholars Program is to strengthen a partnership between NRCS and 1994 Institutions, increase the number of students studying in agriculture and Agency-related disciplines, and to offer employment opportunities. The application period opens each fall, and closes in February. See the [high school application](#) (PDF, 577 KB) and the [college application](#) (PDF, 592 KB) for details. For other questions, email 1994@usda.gov.

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Fellowships of \$600 to \$24,000 are available for American Indian or Native Alaskan undergraduate or graduate students studying education, psychology, guidance counseling, or a related field. Applications are available at www.ed.gov

VETERANS BENEFITS

Veterans of active military service should contact their local Veterans Administration Office. Courses offered by SBC may be approved for veteran students. Veteran students receiving education benefits must comply with the policies, procedures, and regulations of the Veterans Administration and the college. Veteran students attending SBC may contact the SBC Registrar for an application. Information is also available at www.qibill.va

VIVINT SMART HOME SCHOLARSHIP

Five one-thousand dollar scholarships available. Open to high school seniors or college students who are legal residents of the United States Scholarship payable only to students living in the United States. Winner is not based on financial need. Home-schooled students may apply so long as their completed coursework equals a high school senior. Applicants required to submit a video (see “Make A Video” tab for details). Student must be declared, or have intent to declare a major in one of the eligible disciplines listed in the Scholarship Official Rules. Apply at <https://www.vivint.com/scholarship#application>

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

The Vocational Rehabilitation program is intended to assist students who have disabilities to become active members of the labor market. Students who think they may qualify are encouraged to contact one of the nearest Voc. Rehab offices: Sitting Bull College Voc. Rehab, North Dakota State Voc. Rehab, or South Dakota State Voc. Rehab.

WELLS FARGO COLLEGE STEPS SWEEPSTAKES

Whether you're planning for college or already there, sign up for the CollegeSTEPS Program today and get tools, tips, and a chance to win \$1,000. Information is available at www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps

WELLS FARGO SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Wells Fargo Scholarships for Undergraduate American Indian and Alaska Native Students will fund full-time and degree-seeking college freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors who hold a current GPA of 2,7 or higher with up to \$5,000 for one year of study in any chosen major at any accredited institution in the United States. Application is available at the American Indian Graduate Center www.aigcs.org/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/

WEST RIVER TELEPHONE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The West River Telephone Corporation sponsors three \$500 scholarships to help students from their current subscribers. The scholarships are payable upon the successful completion of one term and proof of enrollment in the next semester in college. Deadline date of application is in March. Applications may be obtained by contacting West River Telephone Corporation in Hazen, ND or on-line at www.westriv.com

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) is a federally funded program that provides training assistance to eligible individuals. Classroom training is provided for both occupational skill development and basic or remedial skills. Typically, this training takes place within an established course curriculum offered through a secondary or post-secondary training institution. Tuition, books, fees, and supplies can be paid for through programs administered by Job Service North Dakota or Job Service South Dakota.

Graduate Degree - Funding Source Database

Funding Source	Eligibility Requirement
<p>Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Higher Education Graduate Scholarship Ethnicity: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Enrolled Member Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: \$500/Credit Hour Application Deadline: June 1st Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe - Must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA - Must be a full-time student in accordance with policy - Must declare and state his or her program study as part of the initial application for the Graduate/Doctorial Program - Must have a complete application prior to consideration for funding with the program - For an application, please contact the SRST Tribal Department of Education @ (701) 854-8545
<p>Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Graduate Scholarship Ethnicity: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Enrolled Member Award Amount: Amounts Vary Application Deadline: June 15th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete both Higher Education Scholarship and Application/Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Scholarship - Must be enrolled full-time in accordance with policy - Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood - Letter of Acceptance from eligible institution - Must have High School Diploma or GED - Must maintain 2.0 GPA - Updated College Transcript - Financial Aid Package/Needs Analysis Form - For an application please visit: www.crsteducationservices.com
<p>Higher Education Grant Program Ethnicity: Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation Enrolled Member Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: N/A Application Deadline: March 15th Scholarship Resource: Higher Education Grant Program 404 Frontage Road New Town, ND 58763 P.(701) 627-4112 F.(701) 627-2295</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher Education Grant Program Application - Letter of Acceptance and Updated college/university transcript - High school transcripts or GED scores - Signed Release of Grade form - Signed Privacy Act form - Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood(CDIB), which can be obtained by calling (701)627-4238 - Financial Needs Analysis form (from Financial Aid Officer) - For an application, please contact the Higher Education Grant Program @ (701) 627-4112
<p>Lower Brule Higher Education Grant Program Ethnicity: Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Enrolled Member Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: \$2,000 Application Deadline: July 15th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application for Lower Brule Higher Education grant - Verification of enrollment from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe with degree of Indian blood - Copy of high school transcript or GED certificate - Acceptance letter from an institution of higher education - Copy of a completed Student Aid Report (SAR - Pell Grant) - Signed Financial Needs Analysis form - Signed Privacy Act statement - Class schedule for upcoming semester/quarter - For an application, please contact the Lower Brule Higher Education Program @ (605) 473-9232

<p>Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Tribal Higher Education Scholarship Program Ethnicity: Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Enrolled Member Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: Amounts Vary Application Deadline: September 1st Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood - Letter of Acceptance/Admission - Student Award Letter - High School Transcript or GED - College Transcripts - For an application please visit: www.tm.edu
<p>Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Higher Education Grant Program Ethnicity: Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Enrolled Member Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: N/A Application Deadline: June 15th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Higher Education Grant Application with signature. - Financial Aid Budget (completed and signed by the Financial Aid Office) - Degree of Indian Blood which can be obtained by the Tribal Enrollment Office at (605) 698-3911, ext.#215 - Letter of acceptance from the College or University. - Continuing students must submit a copy of their current transcripts - For an application, please contact the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Higher Education Endowment Program @ (605) 742-0150
<p>Massachusetts Indian Association Ethnicity: Native American/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: \$1,500 Application Deadline: September 15th Scholarship Resource: Marjorie M. Findlay 245 Rockland Road Carlisle, MA 01741 F.(978) 369-5828</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must complete application - Must submit completed Financial Aid Verification Form - Application can be mailed or faxed to the contact information - For an application, please contact the SBC Financial Aid Office @ (701) 854-8016
<p>The American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship Ethnicity: Native American/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: Amounts Vary Application Deadline: May 31st Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - U.S. citizenship - Enrolled in full-time in a graduate program - Registered as a member of a federal or state recognized tribe, or a descendant of at least one grandparent or parent who is an enrolled tribal member. (Alaska Natives may use Native Corporation membership.) - Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA - Application are submitted online @ www.collegefund.org

<p>The Ethel and Emery Fast Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Ethnicity: Native American Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: N/A Application Deadline: August 15th Scholarship Resource: Carol Minami, Manager Ethel & Emery Fast Scholarship Foundation, Inc. 12620 Rolling Road Potomac, MD 20854 P.(301) 762-1102 F.(301) 279-0201 E. qccarol@erols.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be an American Indian of a Federally recognized tribe - Have successfully completed on year of a post-secondary education at an accredited college or university - Be currently enrolled in same as a full-time student in good standing - Demonstrate financial need - For an application, please contact the Ethel and Emery Fast Scholarship Foundation @ (301) 762-1102
<p>Native American & Alaska Native Fellowships: Grace Wall Berreda Memorial Fellowship Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaska Native Degree Plan: Environment Studies/Public Health Award Amount: \$500 - \$5,000 Application Deadline: December 15th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrolled full-time in a graduate program - Able to demonstrate financial need through submission of the AIGC Financial Need Form (FNF) - Enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native group - Apply online: www.aigcs.org/scholarships/graduate-fellowships/
<p>Allgoan Slagle Memorial Scholarships Association on American Indian Affairs Ethnicity: Non-Recognized American Indian Tribes Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: \$1,500 Application Deadline: February 28th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be Native American from continental US tribes or Alaska Native - Must be enrolled in their tribe, a copy of tribal enrollment is required - No minimum blood quantum requirement for eligibility - Must be enrolled as full-time student for both fall and spring semester - Minimum need of \$750 both fall and spring semester to be eligible - Must be attending an accredited school. *See FAQ's for more info. - Apply online: www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/allogan_slagle.htm
<p>Elizabeth & Sherman Asche Memorial Scholarship Fund Association on American Indian Affairs Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaska Native Degree Plan: Public Health/Science Award Amount: \$1,500 Application Deadline: February 28th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be Native American from continental US tribes or Alaska Native and document enrollment in the tribe. - No minimum blood quantum requirement for eligibility. - Must be enrolled as full-time students for both fall and spring semester. - Minimum need of \$750 both fall and spring semester to be eligible. - Must be attending an accredited school. *See FAQ's for more info. - Apply online: www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/elizabeth_asche.htm

<p>Sequoyah Graduate Scholarships Association on American Indian Affairs Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaska Native Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: \$1,500 Application Deadline: February 28th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be Native American from continental US tribes or Alaska Native. - Must be enrolled in their tribe. A copy of tribal enrollment is required. - No minimum blood quantum requirement for eligibility. - Must be enrolled as full time students for both fall and spring semester. - Must have a minimum need of \$750 both fall and spring semester to be eligible. - Must be attending an accredited school. *See FAQ's for more info. - For additional scholarship information please see the scholarship page of the website. - Apply online: www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/sequoyah.htm
<p>AISES Intel Scholarship Ethnicity: Native American/Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian Degree Plan: Science/Technology/ Engineering/Math Award Amount: \$10,000 Application Deadline: June 28th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must provide a personal essay with no more than 1000 words. This essay is evaluated by stating educational and/or career goals, stating interest in and motivation to continue higher education, understanding the importance of college and a commitment to completion, expressing commitment to learning, and giving back to the community. - Apply online: https://aises.academicworks.com/opportunities/4
<p>A.T Anderson Memorial Scholarship Ethnicity: Native American/Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian Degree Plan: Science/Engineering/Medicine/ Natural Resources/Math/Technology Award Amount: \$2,000 Application Deadline: June 28th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The AISES Intel Scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship for AISES members. - The applicant must provide a personal essay with no more than 1000 words. This essay is evaluated by stating educational and/or career goals, stating interest in and motivation to continue higher education, understanding the importance of college and a commitment to completion, expressing commitment to learning, and giving back to the community. - For additional scholarship information please see the scholarship page of the website.
<p>American Indian Education Foundation Ethnicity: Native American/Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiian Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: N/A Application Deadline: April 4th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Native American ,Alaska Native , Native Hawaiian (student or one parent must be enrolled and have documentation) - Attending or have been accepted to an accredited graduate school (online colleges are not applicable, ABD not applicable) - Must be enrolled between 6-18 credits (level of scholarship funding dependent on # of credits enrolled) - GPA between 2.5-3.5 is desirable - For additional scholarship information, please see the scholarship page of the website

<p>Helen Gough Scholarship Foundation Ethnicity: Three Affiliated Tribe Enrolled Member Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: N/A Application Deadline: June 1st Scholarship Resource: Higher Education Grant Program 404 Frontage Road New Town, ND 58763 P.(701) 627- 4112 F.(701) 624-2295</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete application form - High school transcripts - College letter of acceptance - Proof of membership with the Three Affiliated Tribes (1/4 blood quantum) - Three recommendations from adults not related to you continuing applicant - Application form - Current college transcript - For an application, please contact the Helen Gough Scholarship Foundation @ (701) 627-4112
<p>HSF/General College Scholarship Ethnicity: Hispanic Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000 Application Deadline: December 15th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be of Hispanic heritage - Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident - Minimum 3.0 GPA - Enrolled full-time with an accredited college or university - Must apply for federal financial aid - Be pursuing first undergraduate or graduate degree - Apply online: www.hsf.net
<p>ESA Foundation Scholarship Program Ethnicity: All-Ethnicities Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: \$330 - \$5,000 Application Deadline: February 1st Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application Requirements: Recommendation(s), Essay, & Transcript - Applicant must demonstrate: academic achievement, character, financial need, leadership, & service to others - Application Fee: \$5.00 - Apply online: www.scholarshipscollege.com/esa-foundation-scholarship-program/
<p>Hawaiian Homes Commission Scholarship Ethnicity: Native Hawaiian or Lessee of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: N/A Application Deadline: March 1st Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School must be accredited - Application Requirements: Recommendation(s), Essay, & Transcript, SAR, FAFSA, & Personal Statement - Minimum 3.0 graduate - Must either be native Hawaiian or lessee of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) - Applicants not required to be Hawaiian resident - Apply online: www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholarships/how-apply-scholarships
<p>Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship Awards Ethnicity: Hispanic Degree Plan: Any Graduate Study Award Amount: \$5,000 Application Deadline: April 16th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full-time enrollment a graduate/professional program - Must demonstrate financial need - Consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities - Strong writing skills-Applicants must be U.S. citizens - Application Requirements: resume, recommendation(s), essay, SAR, financial need, leadership & service to others - Apply online: www.chci.org/scholarships/

<p>Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program Ethnicity: Women/Minority Groups Degree Plan: Public Policy/International Affairs/ Public Administration/Business/Economics/ Political Science/Sociology/Foreign Language Award Amount: Up to \$40,000 Application Deadline: January 30th Scholarship Resource</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be a United States citizen - Minimum 3.2 or higher GPA - Must be enrolled full-time master's degree program in either public policy, international affairs, public administration, or in an academic field such as business, economics, political science, sociology, or foreign languages (U.S. graduate institutions only). - Must demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and academic achievement in programs relevant to the work of the U.S. Department of State, such as international affairs, management, communications, history, political science, economics, and foreign languages. - Must demonstrate financial need. - Apply online: www.woodrow.org/pickering
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STUDENT POLICY – STANDARDS OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY_ **EFFECTIVE FALL 2019**

Policy:

Sitting Bull College, in compliance with federal regulations, established the following policies and procedures to ensure that students who receive federal financial aid (Pell, SEOG, FWS, SSIG) are making satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward a certificate, associate degree or baccalaureate degree. Students who fail to meet these standards of satisfactory academic progress will not be eligible to receive federal financial aid until eligibility is once again established.

Measures of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP):

SAP standards are measured as qualitative academic standards (grade point average) and quantitative rate of progression or PACE of completion (number of credits completed divided by number of credits attempted) in the degree.

Grade Point Average or GPA (Qualitative):

Students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 if they receive federal financial aid from any of the following programs at SBC: Pell Grant, Federal Work Study (FWS); Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG); or State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG).

- For purposes of determining financial aid eligibility, the cumulative GPA calculation will include transfer credits accepted towards degree or certificate at SBC.
- Remedial course honor points are included in the CGPA.

At the end of each semester, SBC shall evaluate the cumulative GPA for students who received federal Title IV aid in the semester. Any student who does not meet the 2.00 minimum CGPA standard will be placed on Financial Aid Warning for the next semester the student enrolls at SBC. Students on Financial Aid Warning have access to all financial aid programs for which they are eligible for during that semester. If the student does not earn a 2.00 cumulative GPA during the warning semester, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Disqualification which terminates financial aid eligibility. A disqualified student may file an appeal to reestablish eligibility for federal financial aid.

Completion of Attempted Credits or “Pace” (Quantitative):

Pace is measured in two increments:

- Completion of Attempted Credits: Students must successfully complete two-thirds (66.667%) of the cumulative credits attempted in the degree or certificate.
 - The percentage is calculated for the cumulative pace by dividing the total number of successfully completed credits by the total number of credits attempted in the degree or certificate. The number of attempted credits for the term shall be determined based on number of credits enrolled on the last day to add or change a class at 100% tuition refund rate.
 - When credits are first transferred in, the cumulative credit calculation on the academic transcript includes all transfer credits accepted by SBC plus all SBC credits attempted and completed.
 - Remedial course credits are not included in the 66.667% semester and maximum time frame calculations.

- **Maximum Time Frame:** All students are expected to complete the degree or certificate requirements within 150% of the published length of the program. For example, if a program requires 60 credits to complete, the student would be allowed 90 attempted credits (**60 credits x 150% = 90 attempted credits**). Similarly, a 16 credit hour certificate program would be allowed 24 attempted credits of Title IV eligibility.
 - A student will be placed on Financial Aid Disqualification if the student has not completed the degree requirements within the 150% maximum time frame. A student may appeal the disqualification status due to the 150% maximum time frame limitation.

Unofficial Withdrawals

Students who receive all failing or incomplete grades in a given semester are considered to have unofficially withdrawn from SBC and are subject to immediate placement on either Warning or Disqualification status. Federal regulations require that a refund calculation be completed for all students receiving federal financial aid unless SBC can document an official last date of attendance beyond the 60.01% point in one of the student's classes. If required to calculate a Return to Title IV (R2T4) calculation, the R2T4 calculation may result in the student owing a balance to SBC and/or the U.S. Department of Education. Federal financial aid recipients whose class activity cannot be verified may have to pay back all or a portion of their grant.

Successful Completions

Successfully completed credit hours include grades of A, B, C, D, and P (Pass). Credit hours that are **not** considered successfully completed include I (Incomplete), IP (In Progress), F (Fail), and W (Withdraw); however, these hours are included as attempted hours. If a grade is officially changed by the instructor, the student is asked to notify the Financial Aid Office.

Dropped Courses and Official Withdrawals

Classes that a student drops or withdraws from do not count toward the cumulative credits attempted if they are dropped or withdrawn from on or before the last day to add or change a class in the term at 100% tuition refund rate.

How are non-standard credits calculated in the SAP policy?

- Audit credits are not included in the GPA calculation and are not included in either the 66.667% or the maximum time frame calculations.
- Pass credits are not included in the GPA calculation but they are included in both the 66.667% and the maximum time frame calculations.
- Transfer credits accepted (A, B, C grades) are included in the cumulative GPA calculation as well as both the 66.667% and the maximum time frame calculations.
- Students may repeat a previously passed course once and have it calculated in federal financial aid payments. The highest grade of the two repeated courses is included in the GPA calculation.
- Each repeated course credit is included in both the 66.667% and the maximum time frame calculations.

Remedial Courses

Remedial course credit hours (# 010 courses) are not included in the 66.667%, and the maximum number of credit hours attempted or successfully completed when assessing SAP. Students are allowed to enroll in a maximum of 30 credit hours of remedial course work that can be included in the Pell grant payment.

Remedial course numbers changed from "100" to "010", "011" etc in Fall 1997 term.
Remedial course numbers changed again from "010" and "011" to "099" beginning Summer 2012 term.

Transfer Credits

SBC accepts transfer credits with letter grades A, B, or C. Transfer credits earned at another institution that are accepted by SBC shall be used in calculating the total credits attempted and earned as well as in determining the cumulative GPA in the degree in which the student is enrolled.

How is SAP calculated if a student reaches the maximum time frame before completing degree requirements?

If the student reaches the 150% maximum time frame before completing the degree or certificate, the student may appeal the 150% maximum time frame limit. Based on accepting the appeal, the student will be notified of the additional amount of credits allowed to complete the degree.

How is SAP calculated if a student wants to change their major or add another major?

If a student changes majors, the credits earned under the major he/she is pursuing that will apply to the new degree or certificate will be included in the calculation of attempted, earned, and maximum time frame. The maximum time frame will be adjusted if the student decides to switch majors or discontinue to pursue the second major.

How will I know what my SAP status is each term?

After grades are posted at the end of each semester, students will receive written notification of their SAP status (eligible, warning or disqualification) through the U.S. mail. This letter will come from the SBC Financial Aid Office.

What happens if you do not meet SAP requirements?

The first time a student does not meet the SAP requirements he/she will be placed on Financial Aid Warning for the next semester of enrollment. Students on warning status do not need to file an appeal.

- Financial aid may be received during the semester of warning. During the semester of warning status, students are encouraged to seek assistance from various SBC resources that may help them in meeting their educational goals i.e. the Student Support Services, the Center for Student Success, tutoring programs, Library Services.
 - Students who once again meet the SAP requirements at the end of the warning semester will automatically be removed from warning status.
- Students who do not meet SAP requirements at the end of the warning semester will be placed on Financial Aid Disqualification. **If the student had an extenuating circumstance that negatively impacted his/her academic performance, the student is advised he/she should appeal the disqualification.**
- Financial aid disqualification means the student has lost eligibility for federal student aid until:

- he/she completes one term at SBC in which all SAP requirements are met, or
 - he/she has successfully appealed the financial aid disqualification status.
 - If the appeal is successful, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Probation and/or Financial Aid Probation on an academic plan.
- Note: Financial aid probation is **not** the same as **academic** probation.
- Financial aid probation means during the next semester of enrollment at SBC, the student may receive federal financial aid, but must meet all SAP requirements at the end of the semester.
 - A student who is placed on Financial Aid Probation on an academic plan must pass 66.667% of attempted credits in the semester with a minimum 2.00 semester GPA.
 - If he/she does not meet SAP requirements at end of term, the student will once again be placed on Financial Aid Disqualification for federal financial aid.
- Note: Financial aid disqualification is **not** the same as **academic** suspension.
- If the student did not have an extenuating circumstance or does not wish to file an appeal, he/she may attend SBC at his/her own expense (unless suspended academically by SBC).
 - If a student is on Financial Aid Probation and s/he does not meet SAP requirements at the end of that term, the student may file another appeal **IF** there is another extenuating circumstance that prevented her/him from meeting the SAP requirements in the term, and the extenuating circumstance is different than the previous circumstance in which the appeal was approved.

How can my financial aid be reinstated?

- To have financial aid eligibility reinstated, the student must make up the credit hour and/or GPA deficiencies without the receipt of federal financial aid; or
- If a student files an appeal for extenuating circumstances, he/she may be reinstated if the appeal is successful and the student is placed on financial aid probation. A student may be placed on financial aid probation with or without an academic plan.

What is the Appeal Process?

A student who is placed on Financial Aid WARNING or Financial Aid Disqualification may appeal this status:

- if the student had an extenuating circumstance that negatively impacted his/her academic performance i.e. documented medical problems (personal injury or illness/hospitalization of the student), impaired emotional health, family difficulties (divorce, death or illness of a family member); youthful indiscretion, job conflict, extreme financial hardship, or other circumstances beyond the student's control);
- If the student who was on DISQUALIFICATION does not have an extenuating circumstance on which to base the appeal, she/he must successfully complete a semester passing a minimum of 6 credit hours without the benefit of federal aid and must have earned a 2.00 cumulative gpa;
- If the student who was on WARNING remains disqualified following the successful completion of a semester, she/he may submit an appeal based on academic success

and demonstrated ability to be successful in future semesters [example: student passed at least 6 credit hours in the semester and earned a 2.00 semester gpa].

- if the student has exceeded the maximum time frame (i.e. she/he has transfer or SBC credits that do not pertain to the current degree or switched majors and credits earned do not apply to the new major being pursued).

Specific documentation must be submitted to support the appeal. Submission of an appeal does not guarantee approval and reinstatement of financial aid eligibility.

A student on financial aid disqualification may complete an appeal form and submit all requested documents to the SBC Financial Aid Office. The student must indicate the reason why SAP standards were not achieved and what has changed that will allow the student to complete successfully. Students will be notified in writing of the decision of the Financial Aid Appeal Committee **within 30 days** of filing their appeal. The Financial Aid Appeal Committee shall consist of the Financial Aid Director, the Academic Counselor, and the Financial Literacy/Scholarship Coordinator.

The notification may include information outlining the student's responsibilities in attempting to regain eligibility for federal financial aid at SBC and will include, at the least, notification of one of the following status categories:

- Denied: The student's appeal may be denied due to insufficient documentation or incomplete information on the appeal form. Student will not be eligible for federal financial aid.
- Probation: The student may be placed on financial aid probation for one term if it is determined she/he can meet SAP standards (2.00 cumulative GPA, maximum time frame, or 66.667% credits completed) at the end of the probation term. A student who is placed on financial aid probation will continue to qualify for federal financial aid if she/he meets all other federal financial aid requirements; or
- Probation on Academic Plan: The student may be placed on probation with an academic plan that outlines how she/he will continue to progress toward degree completion.
 - The academic plan will be developed between the student, advisor, the financial aid director, and the academic counselor.
 - The academic plan may include limitations on number of credits allowed for enrollment per term, expected semester GPA requirements, expected percentage of credits completed each term; and/or other criteria with the specific goal of successfully moving the student toward completion of degree requirements.
 - A student who is placed on financial aid probation will continue to qualify for federal financial aid if she/he meets all other federal financial aid requirements and continues to meet the requirements of the academic plan.
 - If needed, the academic plan may be revised through another appeal process.

If the appeal is denied, the student may request a review by the Vice President of Operations whose decision will be final.

FINANCIAL AID GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

It is the policy of SBC that all financial aid applicants have at their disposal during the period when they are students, specific and equitable procedures which afford due process for resolving grievances.

A grievance is an alleged unfair, inequitable, or discriminatory application or implementation of college policy or procedure. A grievance can result from issues that require institutional attention for which there is no policy or procedure.

The purpose of the informal procedure is to require the parties involved in a grievance to attempt to resolve the problem themselves through the following steps:

1. The student should attempt to discuss the complaint with the person(s) who appears to be the source of the grievance.
2. If the problem is not resolved at the first step, the student may take the complaint to the respondent's supervisor.
3. If the problem is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student through the informal process, the student may enter the formal grievance procedure.
 - a. The grievant shall submit to the SBC Financial Aid Ad Hoc Committee a written grievance containing a concise description of the grievance and the requested remedy to the grievance.
 - b. A hearing shall be held within ten working days after the grievance has been submitted to the Financial Aid Office.
 - c. A recommendation shall be made to the College President within ten working days of the hearing. The President may:
 1. Institute the recommended action of the Financial Aid Ad Hoc Committee;
 2. Refer the matter back to the Financial Aid Ad Hoc Committee for additional consideration and review; or
 3. Reject the recommendation of the Financial Aid Ad Hoc Committee and resolve the grievance.

The grievant shall be informed in writing of any and all actions taken.

**RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS (FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID) POLICY
(Effective Fall 2013)**

Federal regulations require all college institutions to develop a policy that determines the amount of Title IV grant or loan assistance that a Title IV aid recipient has earned as of the recipient's withdrawal date.

At SBC, federal financial aid will be paid to students on the fourth Friday after the semester has begun and on the first Friday of consecutive months in the term.

In calculating the return of Title IV funds at SBC, the following 8 steps shall be taken:

- 1. SBC shall collect information about Title IV aid the student received.**
A review of the student's award notification shall reveal information about aid disbursed and aid that could have been disbursed.
- 2. SBC shall calculate the percentage of Title IV aid earned by the student.**
The percentage of Title IV aid earned is determined by dividing the number of completed calendar days in the period of enrollment by the total number of calendar days in the period of enrollment (excluding scheduled breaks of 5 calendar days or more) rounded down to the nearest tenth of a percent.
- 3. SBC shall calculate the amount of Title IV aid earned by the student.**
The amount of Title IV aid earned is determined by multiplying the percentage of Title IV aid earned times Title IV aid disbursed plus Title IV aid that could have been disbursed during the payment period.
- 4. SBC shall determine if the student is due a post-withdrawal disbursement OR if Title IV aid must be returned.**
The amount of aid disbursed is compared to the amount of aid earned.

If the amount of aid earned is more than the amount of aid disbursed, the student is due a post-withdrawal disbursement of Title IV aid. *

*If a student is due a **post-withdrawal disbursement**, payment shall be made within 45 days from the time SBC determines that the student withdrew. The post-withdrawal disbursement shall first be applied to the student's account for outstanding current period charges due to SBC. If funds remain, SBC shall notify the student in writing that s/he is due a post-withdrawal disbursement. The school shall identify the type and amount of funds and explain the option to accept or decline all of part of the disbursement. The student shall be advised that s/he must respond within 14 days of date of notice to receive payment of the post-withdrawal disbursement.

If the amount of aid earned is less than the amount of aid disbursed, Title IV aid must be returned**

** If a student must return unearned aid to the Title IV programs, SBC shall send a notice to the student within 30 days after it has determined the student withdrew from school. The

notice shall explain to the student that s/he retains eligibility for Title IV funds for a 45-day period during which one of the following should happen:

- Repayment in full
- Satisfactory repayment arrangement with SBC to repay the funds (within a 2-year period)
- Satisfactory repayment arrangement with the Department of Education

If a student fails to repay the overpayment or sign an agreement with the school within the 45 day period or fails to meet the terms of agreement signed with SBC, the college shall report the overpayment to the Department of Education NSLDS department. At that time, the student shall lose her/his eligibility for federal Title IV financial aid.

5. SBC shall calculate the amount of unearned Title IV aid due from the school.

SBC shall calculate the actual institutional charges (tuition, fees, books, room and board) for the payment period. The institutional refund is calculated by multiplying the amount of institutional charges times the percentage of Title IV aid unearned. This amount is compared to the amount of Title IV aid that must be returned and the lesser amount is refunded to the Title IV aid programs.

6. SBC shall determine the Return of Title IV Funds by the school.

SBC shall return the unearned aid for which it is responsible by repaying funds to the following sources, in order, up to the total net amount disbursed from each source: Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, Iraq Afghanistan Service Grant.

7. SBC shall calculate the initial amount of unearned Title IV aid due from the student.

To determine the initial amount of unearned title IV aid due from the student, SBC shall subtract the amount of Title IV aid due from the school from the amount of Title IV aid to be returned.

8. SBC shall determine the Return of Title IV Funds by the student.

If the initial amount of unearned Title IV aid due from the student is greater than zero, the student must return unearned aid for which s/he is responsible by repaying funds to the following sources, in order, up to the total net amount disbursed from each source, after subtracting the amount the school will return: Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, and Iraq Afghanistan Service Grant. Amounts to be returned by students to grants are reduced by 50%. A student does not have to repay a grant overpayment of \$50 or less.

For a student who was awarded Title IV financial aid, SBC shall calculate the percentage of Title IV aid earned through the 60% point in an enrollment period. After the 60% point of the enrollment period, the student has earned 100% of Title IV financial aid awarded.

How is the withdrawal date determined?

The withdrawal date for calculating refunds/return of Title IV funds shall be determined as follows:

- the date the student began the withdrawal process or officially notified the college of intent to withdraw (in writing or orally) – see note below on programs offered in modules to determine withdrawal date;
- the last date of documented attendance for a student who unofficially withdraws or leaves without notifying the college (SBC does not have a policy for an approved leave of absence);
- documented date of student's last attendance at academically-related
 - Examples of academic attendance or attendance at an academically-related activity include:
 - Physical class attendance where there is direct interaction between instructor and student;
 - Submission of an academic assignment;
 - Examination, interactive tutorial, or computer-assisted instruction;
 - Study group assigned by school;
 - Participation in on-line discussion about academic matters;
 - Initiation of contact with instructor to ask question about academic subject.
- if student didn't notify due to circumstances beyond the student's control, the date related to that circumstance;
- if student rescinded (in writing) a withdrawal notice and later withdraws from all classes, the date the student initially began the withdrawal process unless the school documents a later date based on the student's attendance at an academically-related event.
- A program offered in modules is defined by the U.S. Department of Education as a course or courses in a program that do not span the entire length of payment period or period of enrollment. A student is considered to be a withdrawal if he/she does not complete all days scheduled to complete within the payment period or term. A student is not considered a withdrawal if he/she provides written confirmation of intent to attend a future module in the same period of enrollment and the written confirmation is provided at the time of withdrawal. The student may change the return date in writing but it must be provided prior to the original return date. Also, the return date for the future module must begin within 45 calendar days of the student's withdrawal date.

Office to contact to withdraw from classes:

The designated sites students must contact when they intend to withdraw from all classes are the Academic Counselor's and/or Career Counselor's office at the Fort Yates campus.

Exceptions to Return of Title IV Funds Policy:

Any exceptions to this policy shall be based upon extenuating circumstances and must be approved by the financial aid director. The college shall, upon application by eligible students, grant waivers to the refund policy and refund 100% of tuition and fees for students who withdraw or drop classes because they are called to active military duty.

SBC INSTITUTIONAL REFUND POLICY
(No Show and Official/Unofficial Withdrawals)
Effective Fall 2014

SBC shall use the last day of the third week of each semester or the 3rd held class session for classes that meet once a week as the census date for determining student enrollment for the fall and spring terms. For the summer term, the census date shall be the 6th scheduled class day after classes begin.

A student who does not attend any class prior to the census date shall be considered a “no show” and a 100% tuition refund will be issued for the classes not attended. The student will be billed a “no show” fee of \$10.00 per course, a \$25.00 registration fee, and the total cost of purchases made at the SBC Bookstore. Students may return books (no later than mid-term) if the books have not been written in or if the books are still enclosed in the shrink wrap in which they were shipped.

If a student attends any class, s/he will be considered to be enrolled in all courses registered in during that term. Tuition will only be refunded if the student withdraws from a course(s) during the first 3 weeks of the fall or spring semesters or during the first 6 class days of the summer term based on the refund schedule listed below:

During Fall and Spring terms the refund shall be calculated as follows:

- 100% refund will be issued the first week of classes,
- 80% refund will be issued the second week of classes, or
- 60% refund will be issued the third week of classes
- 0% refund issued after the third week of classes.

During the Summer term the refund shall be calculated as follows:

- 100% refund will be issued the first two days of classes,
- 80% refund will be issued the third and fourth day of classes, or
- 60% refund will be issued the fifth and sixth day of classes
- 0% refund issued after the sixth day of classes.

In the programs offered in modules (Energy Technician, Wind Turbine, and Accelerated Business Administration), 100% of tuition will be refunded if the student officially withdraws from the class prior to the start of the class. If a student attends class during the first week in any of the modules, no tuition will be refunded for that module.

The above policy applies to ALL courses regardless of when they actually begin and also applies to students who do not officially withdraw from all their classes.

FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE **(Effective Fall 2018 Term)**

Federal Pell and SEOG grants will be authorized for payment at the end of week four (4) of the semester. Federal financial aid funds will only be issued to students who have a completed financial aid file. Financial Aid files that are completed after the first scheduled disbursement date will be paid out on the next scheduled financial aid disbursement date. Pell grants are paid once per semester unless the student requests more disbursements or another funding source pays for the student's tuition, books, and fees.

If a student's FAFSA application is selected for verification, no funds shall be issued from Title IV federal financial aid sources until verification is completed. If selected, students will be notified by the Financial Aid Office.

Financial aid disbursements may be issued to students as a debit on their SBC Mazaska Master Card or on their personal bank account debit card. If a student prefers not to use a debit card, their financial aid will be disbursed by check.

An ATM machine is available at the Fort Yates campus in the Student Services Department. Brochures about the Mazaska Card are available at the Financial Aid Office in Fort Yates.

Attendance will be verified before financial aid disbursements are authorized. Funds may be withheld from any student who has not attended class during the two weeks prior to the disbursement date.

- If there is an issue with a student's attendance, the debit card will not be uploaded. Checks will be issued but will not be mailed to the student.
- The student will be required to meet with the academic or career counselor prior to picking up their disbursement check on or after the disbursement date.

Federal Pell grant program requires that the students attend all of their classes to qualify for the payment. For example, if enrolled full-time (12 or more credit hours), students are required to attend at least 12 credit hours to qualify for the payment.

- Students enrolled in the TREND certificates and students enrolled in the accelerated Business Administration degree will not receive excess Pell funds until attendance is documented for all the classes in which they are enrolled.

Student grades are reviewed by the Financial Aid Director at the end of each semester to determine whether a student is meeting satisfactory academic progress [SAP] standards toward meeting the declared major.

A student may be required to repay federal financial aid funds if any of the following situations occur prior to the completion of 60.01% of the semester:

- it is determined that the student did not attend all the classes for which she was paid;
- it is determined that the student officially withdrew from all her classes; or
- it is determined that the student quit attending classes without officially withdrawing from college.

SBC monitors attendance every 2 weeks. Adjustments to Pell will be made if a student quits attending class. If the student is considering withdrawing from classes, it is recommended she visit with the Financial Aid Director to determine how it will affect future financial aid eligibility.

Financial aid awards will be paid on the following expenses before funds are issued to the student.

- Current term tuition, books, and fees expenses.
 - SBC shall grant an extension of credit to students to purchase their books from the SBC Bookstore. Students may choose not to utilize this option and must notify the financial aid office in writing at least one month prior to the start of the term. These students may receive excess federal financial aid to purchase their books somewhere else if they have attended all their classes by the end of the first week of school.
- Current term housing fees and rent (if living in student housing or in the efficiency apartment or dorm.)
- Current term daycare expenses – as authorized by the student.
- If student owes SBC for prior-year expenses, up to \$200 per year will be taken from excess federal financial aid funds (Pell, FWS or SEOG) and used to pay on the prior-year debt to SBC.

Federal Work Study jobs (\$12.00 per hour) are available on campus. Students do not earn benefits. Job announcements are posted in all campus sites in mid-August and mid-December. Jobs are available at the library, bookstore, food pantry, day-care center, science lab, education department, and visitor center.

Other Disbursement Rules:

Financial aid is disbursed once per month – a total of 4 payments per semester. The first disbursement is issued by Friday of the 4th week of the semester. The next three disbursements are released on the first Friday of the month.

- If any of those dates are on a holiday, the disbursement is issued the last working day prior to the holiday.
- Any funds received between financial aid disbursement dates are paid on the next scheduled disbursement date with funds divided equally by the number of disbursements remaining in the semester. EXAMPLE: \$3,000 received in August is paid in September, October, November and December at \$750 each. The same funds received in mid-September are paid in October, November and December at \$1,000 each disbursement.

Financial aid disbursements will NOT be issued during the first week of the semester.

Students who are in SBC housing are **required** to pay their rent from whatever financial aid is awarded after tuition, books, and fees are paid and before any financial aid disbursement is issued to the student. If financial aid is not sufficient to cover the total cost for the semester, the student shall be responsible for making rental payments from their own means of support.

- Students may request to have funds withheld from their financial aid to pay additional rental costs not covered during the 9-month financial aid period of enrollment (i.e. summer months). EXAMPLE: \$400/month x 12 months rent fee paid out of the 9-month financial aid award.

If the Federal Pell grant is not sufficient to pay all tuition, books, fees, and housing costs, payment shall be made from other aid awarded before issuing any financial aid disbursement to the student.

Students who fail to maintain attendance at minimum full-time enrollment may have their full-time financial aid award canceled by some programs i.e. Pell grant.

Students may opt to purchase a meal ticket or SBC promotional products with their excess financial aid. Students may contact the Financial Aid Office if interested.