

FACT SHEET

American Indian Recruitment Program



Luiseno Tribe, 1920
Courtesy of UC Berkeley
Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology

For more information about the AIR Program

Contact the AIR Program Coordinator for your region (*see map on page 2*)

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AIR Program Coordinators are available to:

- Help interested American Indian students apply for BASW and MSW programs within California, including Title IV-E Stipend Programs;
- Connect American Indian students to placements in Tribal agencies, Rancherias, or agencies that work extensively with Tribal populations;
- Help Tribal agencies, Rancherias and child protection service agencies to establish field placement sites for interns;
- Provide assistance with trainings on Native American issues in social welfare and child welfare to universities and child protective agencies.

Overview/General Information:

The American Indian Recruitment (AIR) Program aims to recruit American Indian students into the Title IV-E Stipend Program. Title IV-E is part of the Social Security Act managed by the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and provides two-year stipends for full-time students who complete an MSW program with a specialization in public child welfare. The stipend amount is \$18,500 per year for full-time MSW students, and \$15,000 for the final year of study for full-time BASW students.

For more information about the AIR Program, the Title IV-E Stipend Program, participating schools, and how to apply, please visit <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/title-iv-e-child-welfare-training-program>.

The AIR Program has five main objectives:

1. To increase the enrollment and graduation of American Indians from social work programs offering Bachelor's of Social Work (BASW) and Master's of Social Work (MSW) degrees through the Title IV-E Stipend program at universities throughout California;
2. To increase the number of American Indian students receiving Title IV-E stipends;
3. To increase the number of opportunities for all MSW students to complete field placements at Tribal agencies, or agencies that work extensively with Tribal populations;
4. To increase partnerships between Tribal organizations and advocacy groups and schools of social work throughout California;
5. To increase capacity and curriculum of the CalSWEC-affiliated schools to train social workers with cultural competencies directly related to California's native population.

Background

The AIR Program was initiated in 1981 at UC Berkeley through the American Indian/Alaskan Native Program in Social Welfare. In 1999, the program was adopted by CalSWEC and grew into a statewide effort that operated from California State University, Stanislaus, where it helped to form collaborative working relationships with 67 of 110 California Tribal agencies.

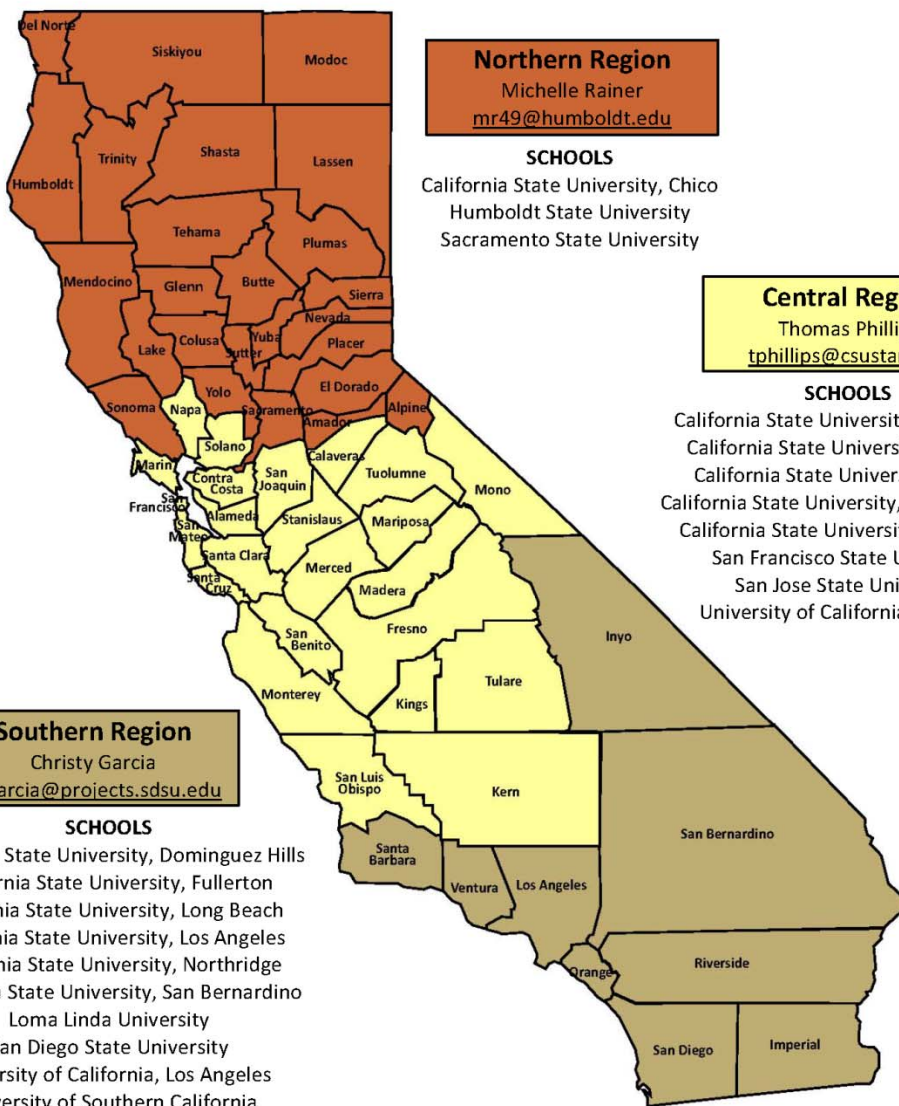
In summer 2011, the AIR program was expanded and restructured in an effort to strategically increase statewide outreach and development efforts. It now operates from three distinct locations for the state's Northern, Central, and Southern regions. (*See map on page 2.*)

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American Indian Recruitment Program Regions

Click on a school's name to be taken to its
social work department's website.



Northern Region

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SCHOOLS

California State University, Chico
Humboldt State University
Sacramento State University

Central Region

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SCHOOLS

California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Stanislaus
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
University of California, Berkeley

Southern Region

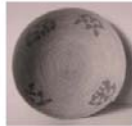
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SCHOOLS

California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Northridge
California State University, San Bernardino
Loma Linda University
San Diego State University
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Southern California

California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC)
University of California, Berkeley | School of Social Welfare
2850 Telegraph Ave. | Suite 215 | Berkeley, CA 94705
Phone: 510-642-9272 | Fax: 510-642-8573
<http://calswec.berkeley.edu>





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Financial Resources for Students in California

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Federal student aid from the U.S. Department of Education provides grants, work-study, and federal loans for students attending four-year colleges or universities, community colleges, and career schools.

Follow these steps to simplify the process of applying for federal student aid:

1. Gather the documents needed to apply.
[Get the complete list of documents](#)
2. [Apply online at FAFSA on the WebSM](#). Submit a FAFSA. The FAFSA is used to apply for federal financial aid (grants, work-study, and loans). Also, many colleges, universities, and career schools use your FAFSA information to award state and college aid. The process is free. Never pay to apply for federal financial aid.
3. You'll need a PIN to "sign" your online FAFSA, make corrections to the application, and more. If you are a dependent student, your parent will need one too. You can get your PIN before you begin or as you complete the FAFSA — it's up to you. [Get a PIN now!](#)
Note: Complete the FAFSA each year, starting on January 1. Be sure you meet application deadlines. For deadlines, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

College Preparation Checklist Document:
http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/sites/resources/Coll_Prep_Checklist_3MB.pdf

American Indian College Fund

-Tribal College Special Scholarships

- Enrolled tribal member or descendant (any degree as long as you can show lineage through birth certificates and enrolled member's tribal ID number)
- Must be enrolled full-time into a eligible Tribal College
- Other criteria based on specific scholarships

http://www.collegefund.org/students_and_alumni/content/tribal_college_special_scholarships

-Mainstream four year College Scholarships

- Enrolled tribal member or descendant (any degree as long as you can show lineage through birth certificates and enrolled member's tribal ID#)
- Other criteria based on specific scholarships

http://www.collegefund.org/students_and_alumni/content/special_scholarships

***You are only required complete one application to apply for all scholarships you are interested in.**

Tribal Scholarship Program 8333 Greenwood Blvd. Denver, CO 80221
(800) 776-3863

***Must get username and ID to download forms**
Applications available online in late January
Due May 31 2011

**American Indian Education Foundation
Scholarship Program**

-Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

- Native American or Alaskan native descent (must provide documentation of enrollment of student OR parent)
- Accepted as a full-time students into a 2 or 4 year college
- 2.0 GPA or higher
- ACT of 14 or higher preferred

Up to \$2000 for Freshman Scholarship

American Indian Education Foundation 2230

Eglin Street, Rapid City, SD 57703

(866) 866-8642

http://www.nrcprograms.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_scholarshipapplication

Applications available January 4

Due April 4

**American Indian Graduate
Center/Undergraduate Scholarships**

-Finalist Scholarships

- Enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe
- Will attend a 4 year college
- Demonstrates interest/involvement in Native American activities or affairs
- GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale at end of 1st semester of senior year
- Leadership
- In addition to the funding, scholarship recipients are eligible for summer internships with Accenture, as first-year graduate students or junior-year undergraduate students.

Finalist Scholarships- Two scholarships @

\$2000/year for four years

American Indian Graduate Center 4220

Montgomery Blvd. NE Suite 1B Albuquerque, NM 87109

(505) 881-4584 (800) 628-1920

<http://www.aigcs.org/02scholarships/accenture/accenture.htm>

Applications available at end of January

Due June 1st 2011

AISES

**-Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation
Scholarship**

- Enrolled in a federally recognized tribe

- Member of AISES (dues=\$25 for high school student)
- Resident of AZ, CA, CO, KS, MN, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD or WA
- 2.0 GPA
- Pursuing a major in business, engineering, math, medicine/health administration, natural/physical sciences, technology or education

\$2500/year for four years

Tina Peno, PO Box 9828, Albuquerque, NM

(505) 765-1052 ext.105

<http://www.aises.org/Programs/ScholarshipsandInternships/Scholarships>

*Must upload resume

Applications available in Feb.

Due April 15, 2011

AISES

-Google Scholarship

- Enrolled in a federally recognized tribe of 1/4 or more
- Member of AISES (dues=\$25 for high school student)
- 3.5 GPA
- Planning a major in computer science or computer programming

*Currently enrolled college students will be given preference, but high school students with strong computer experience are encouraged to apply.

\$10,000 (\$5,000 in the Fall and \$5,000 in the Spring)

Tina Peno PO Box 9828 Albuquerque, NM

(505) 765-1052 ext.105

<http://www.aises.org/Programs/ScholarshipsandInternships/Scholarships>

*Must upload resume

Due February 15, 2011

Association on American Indian Affairs

-Allogan Slagle Memorial Scholarship

- Member of State recognized tribe seeking Federal recognition
- Merit and need based
- Will enroll as a full time student in a two year Community or four year college (NOT technical, trade or seminary)

\$1500/must reapply annually
 Lisa Wzlic Director of Scholarship Programs
 Assoc. on Am. Ind. Affairs 966 Hungerford Dr.
 Suite 12B Rockville, MD 20850
 (240) 314-7155
http://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/aaia_scholarships.htm
 *Applications available end of February
Due (see application)

Association on American Indian Affairs
**One application should be submitted for all:*

- Elizabeth and Sherman Asche Memorial Scholarship (health and science areas)
- Adolph Van Pelt Scholarship
- Emilie Hesemeyer Memorial Scholarship (preference give to Education majors)
- Florence Young Memorial Fellowship
 - Enrolled in a federally recognized tribe w/ 1/4 or more blood quantum
 - Merit and need based
 - Will enroll full time in a 2yr or 4yr (NOT a technical, trade or seminary school)

\$1500/must reapply annually
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http://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/aaia_scholarships.htm
 *Applications available end of February
Due (see application)

Catching the Dream

- MESBEC Program -Tribal Business Program
- Tribal Business Program
 - 1/4 or more American Indian and enrolled in a federally recognized tribe
 - Excellent GPA
 - High ACT or SAT score
 - Work experience
 - Leadership experience
 - Must enroll as a full-time student intending to complete a B.A degree or higher
 - Field of study in math, engineering, science, business, education and

computers OR Field of study in business, finance, management, economics, banking, hotel management or related areas who plan to work in economic development for tribes (Tribal Business Program)

- Career goal must be related to the betterment of a tribal community and work toward goal already begun
- Students required to apply to multiple scholarships to be considered

\$500-\$5000
 Catching the Dream
 8200 Mountain Rd. NE Suite 203 Albuquerque, NM 87110
 (505) 262-2351 ext.116
www.catchingthedream.org
 Deadlines:
 (March 15 for Summer)
April 15 for Fall
 (Sept. 15 for Spring)

Center for Student Opportunity Scholarship

Opportunity Scholars are exemplary 9th-12th grade students generally characterized by the following:

- First-generation college-bound [students whose parents did not go to or graduate from college]; and/or
- Limited financial resources [students who seek financial aid and scholarship support for college]; and/or
- Underrepresented/minority groups *students who identify as African-American/Black, American Indian/Alaska native, Hispanic/Latino/a, Asian/Indian Subcontinent/Pacific Islander, and/or rural]
- Students taking a college preparatory curriculum at their high school
- Students demonstrate high engagement in extracurricular and leadership programs. Opportunity Scholars are not defined by minimum academic qualifications, as CSO college partners reflect a spectrum of selectivity to accommodate a diverse pool of student achievement and needs.

A complete list of CSO partner colleges can be viewed here.
<http://www.csopportunity.org/ss/oppscholars.aspx>

**Daughters of the American Revolution's
American Indian Scholarship**

- Enrolled in a federally recognized tribe
- Financial need
- 2.75 GPA or higher

\$1000 one time award

Request application and send self-addressed
stamped envelope to:

National Society of Daughters of the Revolution
1776 D St. NW
Washington, DC 20006
www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm
(202) 628-1776

Due April 1 for Fall

**Gates Millennium Undergraduate Scholars
Program**

Contact: Gates Millennium Scholars, P.O. Box
10500 Fairfax, VA 22031-8044, 877- 690-4677

Eligibility: Applicants must be a low-income
minority student either graduating from high
school or a college student continuing college
courses. Applicant must have at least a 3.3 GPA
and demonstrate community involvement.
Although there are, no restrictions on major,
nominators are asked to consider academic
performance in math and sciences.

Award: Program covers the cost of tuition, fees,
books, and living expenses not paid for by grants
and scholarships already committed as part of
the recipient's financial aid package.

Deadline: January 12

[http://www.gmsp.org/
contactus@gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org/contactus@gmsp.org)

**Indian Health Services Health Professionals
Programs**

- Enrolled in a federally recognized tribe
- Preparatory scholarship can be 1st or
2nd degree descendant of a tribal
member (see application)
- 2.0 GPA or higher
- Pursuing a degree in a health related
profession OR a junior or senior in
college planning to get a masters in
social work or physical therapy
- Service obligation upon completion

Tuition and monthly stipend

MN Regional IHS coordinator:

Tony Buckanaga

522 Minnesota Ave. Rm.209 Bemidji, MN
56601

(218) 444-0486

[http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/DHPS/S
cholarships/index.cfm](http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/index.cfm)

Applications available Jan.4

Due March 28, 2011

**International Order of the King's Daughters
and Sons**

- Tribally enrolled
- Two letters of recommendation along
with the application.
- Official transcripts of all grades

\$650

North American Indian Dept.

PO Box 1040

Chautaugua, NY 14722-1040

<http://www.iokds.org/scholarship4.html>

Due (postmarked) April 1, 2011

Marvin Rull Memorial Scholarship

- Saint Paul Public Schools' graduating
senior
- A completed Indian Student Verification
(506) form
- 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher
- Will enroll fulltime in a 2 or 4 yr college
- Must be a positive role model for peers
and community \$500 one time award
- Eligible seniors will be notified by the
Saint Paul Public Schools Indian
Education Program

[Saint Paul Public Schools Indian Education
Program](http://www.spps.org/IndianEducationProgram)

1028 Van Slyke St. Paul, MN 55103

(651) 293-5191

Applications mailed February to eligible seniors

Due May 3 by 3:00 pm

Winner announced May 20th at Senior
Recognition Event

**National Institute of Health (NIH)
-Undergraduate Scholarship Program**

- Any student from an economically
disadvantage family (see application for
income criteria)
- Accepted as a full-time student into a 4
year accredited college

- Show a commitment to pursuing a career in biomedical, behavioral or social science health-related research at the NIH
- 3.5 GPA or top 5% of class

*Students must participate in a 10 week summer laboratory program and work for NIH upon degree completion for each year that they received a scholarship.

Up to \$20,000 based on need/renewable for up to 4 years

NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program
2 Center Drive Room 2E24 (MSC 0230)
Bethesda, MD 20892
(888) 352-3001

<https://ugsp.nih.gov/home.asp?m=00>

Due Feb. 28, 2011

Page Education Foundation

-Grant for Service to Children Program

- Students of color (American Indian students can be tribally enrolled or of any degree of lineal descent)
- Will attend a MN post-secondary institute
- Must volunteer in a program to assist children of color (K-8th) at least 2 hr/wk (50 hr/yr)

\$1000-\$2500

Page Education Foundation
PO Box 581254
Mpls., MN. 55458-1254
(612) 332-0406

<http://www.page-ed.org/apply/>

Due May 1, 2011

Two Feathers Endowment

-American Indian Scholarship

- Enrolled in a Federally recognized tribe
OR a lineal descendant
- MN resident
- Application on file with MN Indian Scholarship Program

**students can apply for either the American Indian Scholarship OR Endowment Health Initiative, but not both*

up to \$1000 non-renewable

Two Feathers Endowment St. Paul Foundation
55 E. 5th Street, No. 600, St. Paul, MN

(651) 224-5463

(800) 875-6167

www.saintpaulfoundation.org

Tribe Specific Scholarships

(Not all tribes are listed; These are tribes common for our student population) Canadian First Nations Students enrolled in a First Nation in Canada must contact their tribal office. For contact information go

to: <http://www.johnco.com/firstnation/>

Minnesota Bois Forte Scholarship

- Enrolled in Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe
- Accepted into MN or out-of-state post secondary school

Based on need; maximum of \$5000 Bois Forte Scholarship Program, Nett Lake, MN (218) 757-3261(800) 221-8129

www.boisforte.com/divisions/education.htm

Due July 1 for Fall

Minnesota Leech Lake Scholarship

- Enrolled in Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Based on need Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Cass Lake, MN (800) 442-4754 Minneapolis Office: (612) 729-0554 www.llojibwe.com

Minnesota Lower Sioux Scholarship

- Enrolled in Lower Sioux

Based on need Lower Sioux Community
Morton, MN (507) 697-6185

Minnesota Mille Lacs Scholarship

- Enrolled in Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
OR biological or adopted child of an enrolled member

Based on need; maximum of \$9000 and reimbursement for books up to \$375 per semester w/ receipts

Mille Lacs Band Higher Education Office
Onamia, MN

www.millelacsobjibwe.org/Page_Scholarships.aspx

(866) 916-5282

Deadlines:

(May 1 for Summer)

Aug. 1 for Fall

(Dec. 1 for Winter/Spring)

**educational enrichment awards for high school*

students are also available which can cover costs like drivers education, school activity fees, educational fieldtrips, camps, etc.

Minnesota Prairie Island Scholarship

- Enrolled in Prairie Island

Based on need

Prairie Island Indian Community Welch, MN
(651) 385-2554 (800) 554-5473

Minnesota Red Lake Scholarship

- Enrolled in Red Lake Band of Ojibwe

Based on need

Post Secondary Vocational Education PO Box
90, Redby, MN (218) 679-3350

Minnesota Shakopee Sioux Scholarship

- Enrolled in Shakopee Sioux

Based on need Shakopee Sioux Community
Prior Lake, MN (952) 445-8900

Minnesota Upper Sioux Scholarship

- Enrolled in Upper Sioux

Based on need

Upper Sioux Community Granite Falls, MN
(320) 564-2360

Minnesota White Earth Scholarship

- Enrolled in White Earth Band of Ojibwe

Based on need

White Earth Tribal Council White Earth, MN
(218) 983-3285 (800) 950-3248 Priority
Deadline May 31

Montana Fort Peck Tribes/Assiniboine-Sioux

- Enrolled in the Fort Peck Tribes

\$3600*/yr for off-reservation colleges (\$1800
for on-reservation)

*dispersed in monthly payments of \$400

Fort Peck Tribes, 501 Medicine Bear Rd., PO
Box 1027, Poplar, MT

(800) 799-

2926 <http://www.fortpecktribes.org> Due
July 15

Nebraska Omaha Tribe Scholarship

- Enrolled in the Omaha Tribe

Based on need

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Higher Education
Dept. Macy, NE(402) 837-5357 Due July 1

Nebraska Ponca Tribe Scholarship

- Enrolled in the Ponca Tribe

Based on need

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Norfolk, NE (402)
371-8834 Due July 15 *Senior Incentive also
available to assist students in graduation
costs. **Attendance Incentives available for high
school students Attendance Incentive deadline
July 30

Nebraska Santee Sioux (Dakota)

- Enrolled in the Santee Sioux Dakota
Tribe

Based on need

Santee Sioux Tribe 425 Franzier Ave. N., Suite
2, Nabrara, NE(402) 857-2303

Nebraska Winnebago Tribe Scholarship

- Enrolled in the Winnebago Tribe

Based on need

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska PO Box 687
Winnebago, NE (402) 878-3202 Due April 15

**North Dakota Three Affiliated Tribes
Scholarship (Hidatsa, Mandan and Arikara)**

- Enrolled in Three Affiliated Tribes

Based on need

Three Affiliated Tribes New Town, ND (888)
234-2384 Deadlines: (Oct. 15 for Spring) March
15 for Fall

**North Dakota Standing Rock Sioux
Scholarship**

- Enrolled in Standing Rock Lakota Tribe

Based on need

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Higher Education
Program PO Box D, Fort Yates, ND (701) 854-
7408 Due April 30

North Dakota Turtle Mountain Scholarship

- Enrolled in Turtle Mountain Chippewa

*Might not fund out of ND colleges, depends on
funding year to year based on need

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Higher
Education Program, Belcourt, ND (701) 477-
8102

Oklahoma Cherokee Scholarship

- Enrolled in Cherokee Tribe of Oklahoma

Based on need

Cherokee Tribe of Oklahoma PO Box 948,
Tahlequah, OK (918) 453-5000 (800) 256-0671
www.cherokee.org Applications available in
January Due June 15

South Dakota Sisseton-Wahpeton Scholarship

- Enrolled in Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Tribe

Based on need

Sisseton/Wahpeton Sioux Tribe Higher
Education Grant Program PO Box 689, Sisseton,
SD (605) 698-3966 ext 1183

South Dakota Standing Rock Scholarship

- Enrolled in Standing Rock Dakota Tribe

Based on need

Standing Rock Tribe Higher Education Office
Fort Yates, SD (701) 854-7408 Deadlines: (Nov.
30 for Spring) June 30 for Fall

South Dakota Pine Ridge Scholarship

- Enrolled in the Pine Ridge Lakota Tribe

Based on need

Pine Ridge Tribe Pine Ridge SD (605) 867-5338
Due June 15

South Dakota Rosebud Scholarship

- Enrolled in the Rosebud Lakota Tribe

Based on need

Rosebud Tribe Rosebud, SD (605) 747-2375

South Dakota Yankton Scholarship

- Enrolled in the Yankton Dakota Tribe

Based on need

Yankton Tribe Marty, SD (605) 384-3997 Due
July 1

Udall Scholarship

For Students who attend UC, Berkeley

The Udall Scholarship provides \$5000 per year
to outstanding sophomores and juniors who
either plan to pursue careers in environmental
policy or who are Native American, Alaska
Native, or Pacific Islander, and are planning to
pursue careers in health care or tribal public
policy. Applicants must be US citizens with a

minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications are due in
early February (scholarships.berkeley.edu;
Scholarship Connection, 5 Durant Hall;
510/643-6929).

Support

Native American Recruitment and Retention
Center (NARRC) helps Native American
elementary and secondary students in Northern
California plan and prepare to attend college,
and assists Native American students at Cal with
academic programs. NARRC members work as
tutors, coordinators, and retention counselors
(narrc.berkeley.edu; 510/642-2842).

Wisconsin Ho-Chunk Nation

- Enrolled in the Ho-Chunk Nation

Based on need

Higher Education Office W9814 Airport Rd.,
Black Riverfalls, WI (715) 284-4915 (800) 362-
4476 Mpls./St. Paul Area Office: (651) 641-
1801

<http://www.ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=646>

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