



Native American Student Scholarship Application 2009-2010

Native American Studies
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*All application materials must be postmarked by **March 1**.*

Native American Student Scholarship Application Instructions

The University of Montana's Native American Studies Department is dedicated to promoting high academic achievement among Native American students and assisting them with reaching their educational goals. To uphold this objective, scholarships are awarded each year to undergraduate and graduate students in various University of Montana and Missoula-College of Technology majors. Scholarship funds are limited and the selection process is competitive. All Native American students admitted to The University of Montana are encouraged to apply.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be admitted to The University of Montana—Missoula or Missoula-College of Technology.
- Returning students are required to be enrolled full-time. New students will be required to complete the New Student Orientation process and enroll full-time for the Autumn Semester.
- Students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average to be considered for a scholarship.

Application Materials Checklist:

Native American Student Scholarship Application. The application must be completed, signed, and dated.

One letter of recommendation. Recommendation letter should come from a non-relative who can comment on your academic potential and provide examples of your abilities. Letter needs to be current (less than one year). *Please refer to the list of scholarships at www.cas.umt.edu/nas/scholarship for instructions as some scholarships differ in letters of recommendation requirements.

Mail application materials to:
NAS Scholarships
600 University Avenue
Missoula, MT 59812
or FAX to (406) 243-6432

Two page essay. Please write the essay to include the following information:

- **Introduction**—provide information about yourself. Include your tribal affiliation and your hometown.
- **Culture**—describe how you are connected to your culture and how it has influenced you.
- **Academics**—describe yourself as a student. Include your study habits, your academic history and support system. Address any negative issues with your transcript.
- **Educational and Career Goals**—talk about your major, minor, and emphasis. Discuss your educational goals. Describe your career goals—where do you want to be when you graduate.
- **Other**—address any obstacles you have overcome to attend school or any special circumstances you have. Tell who or what inspires you to attend college.

*Please refer to the list of scholarships as some scholarships have specific essay requirements.

Activities and Honors Grid. List all extracurricular activities, Community or Volunteer Services, Awards and Honors received.

Current transcript (may be unofficial).

Documented Tribal Membership. Verification of tribal enrollment or descendency.

Deadline: postmarked by March 1. ALL application materials must be received or post marked by the deadline. No late applications will be accepted unless extenuating circumstances have been discussed with the NAS Department.

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Name (First, MI, Last): _____

UM ID #: _____ Email Address: _____

Local Address: _____
Street/PO Box City State ZipPermanent Address: _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Enrolled DescendentApplying for: Academic Year 2009-10 Summer 2009 only Fall 2009 only Spring 2010 onlyPell Grant awarded or will be awarded for academic year 2009-10? YES NO

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Cumulative GPA at UM: _____ Total credits earned: _____

Class Standing for 2009-10:

 Freshman (less than 30 credits) Sophomore (30-59 credits) Junior (60-90 credits) Senior (90+ credits) Graduate***Incoming Freshman/First Time Students only***

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

High School Cumulative GPA: _____ GED Date: _____

New Transfer Students only

College(s) or University attended: _____

Cumulative GPA at current or former college(s): _____ Total credits earned: _____

A.A. Degree: YES NO Major: _____**The completed scholarship application packet should include the following information:**

- Completed Application Form Two Page Essay* List of Activities & Honors
- Current Transcript (may be unofficial) One Letter(s) of Recommendation* Tribal Enrollment/Descendency

*Please see specific instructions as THREE scholarships differ in essay and letters of recommendation requirements.

I certify that the information contained within this application packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and is my own work. I give permission to the Scholarship committee access to pertinent materials related to my scholarship application and permit the release of information to scholarship donors, UM Foundation, the media and any other pertinent parties.

Signature_____
Date

