



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION
(703) 817-5879

Higher Education Scholarship SY 2023-2024

Application Deadlines: For School Year 2023-2024, **Fall – JULY 31** and **Spring – NOVEMBER 30**. On the availability of funds, applicants may be funded for Summer.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants will be given priority to Onondaga Nation, and Tonawanda Band of Seneca. If funds are available, Tuscarora Nation will be funded. All other Eastern Region Tribes will be considered upon availability of funds.
- GPA of at least 2.00 (cumulatively, on an unweighted 4.00 scale).
- Attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university during the 2023-2024 academic year.
 - Full-Time Student with at least 12 credit hours
 - Master's and PHD recipients see Verification Enrollment
- Have a financial need as determined by the eligible institution's financial aid office, according to U.S. Department of Education standard formula (FAFSA).
 - Provide a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) with your application
 - Completed Financial Aid Needs Analysis Information form
 - Completed application.
- Undergraduate students will be funded first if funds are available Graduates students will be considered.

APPLICATION

- Student Application (page 2) – incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Verification of School Enrollment (page 3)
- Student Agreement Form (page 4)
- Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA
- Financial Aid Needs Analysis Information Form
- Transcript
 - A copy of high school transcript or GED high school equivalency certificate OR
 - College students email a copy of your most recent official or unofficial college transcript (other documents will not be accepted).
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment
 - A copy of Tribal Enrollment Card or letter from tribe certifying membership

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the Application prior to the deadline **Fall – JULY 31** and **Spring – NOVEMBER 30**.
2. **Email Completed Application:** HigherEducation@bie.edu
3. If you have any questions please contact, Angela Barnett, Angela.Barnett@bie.edu or 703-817-5879



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STUDENT APPLICATION

Applicant Status <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstated	Year in College <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> MS/MA <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> PhD	Tribal Affiliation	
Name		Student #	Date of Birth
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number (where you can be reached)		Email Address	
Major/Area of Study	Type of Degree		Expected Graduation Date
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION			
Name of College/University		Phone Number(s)	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Registered in sam.gov <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		Unique Entity Id (UEI):	
I declare that I will use any funds I receive under the BIE Higher Education/Scholarships Program solely for expenses connected with attendance at the college/university stated above. I hereby certify that the above information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I give consent to the release of information from the college/university I am attending to BIE, to complete my financial aid package. I understand that any BIE funds awarded me will be paid to the Bursar/Student Accounts office of the institution. I will provide a copy of my transcript to the BIE Higher Education Official upon completion of each academic term for funding for the next term.			
Email Complete Application to HigherEducation@bie.edu			
Applicant Signature		Date	



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VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

This verification of enrollment is required before the student can receive their funding for the BIE Higher Education/Scholarships. **IMPORTANT:** This form must be completed by the college/university official and submitted with your Student Application.

STUDENT NAME: _____

Student ID #: _____ TRIBE: _____

Is currently enrolled for FALL 20 ____ or Spring 20 ____ semester at:

Name of College or University

Address City State/Zip

Verify student is:

- Yes No Enrolled in twelve (12) credit hours or more (Undergraduate student)
- Yes No Enrolled in nine (9) credit hours or more (Graduate student)

(Signature of Registrar/Admissions/Counselor)

Date

This form must be stamped with the SCHOOL SEAL.



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STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

1. Student is responsible to submit their grades (**official or unofficial transcript**) at the end of each semester to maintain/determine eligibility with due dates as follows:

Fall Transcript – January 1-30 to receive your Spring semester award.

2. Student will be placed on Academic Probation if the follow occurs:

- Did not maintain full-time status during the previous semester
- Fell below the 2.0 GPA the previous semester

3. Student will be notified if placed on academic probation for the following academic term.

4. Student on academic probation must complete 12 or more semester hours with a GPA of 2.0 or greater.

5. Failure to meet academic requirements during the probationary period will result in suspension from the BIE Higher Education Grant.

6. Student suspended from the BIE Higher Education Grant shall not be considered for future funding until the following is completed:

- Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per term
- Cumulative and term GPA of 2.0.

7. Student must reapply and submit all documents for reinstatement.

Student's Signature

Date