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BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION  
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## Bureau of Indian Education Higher Education Grant SY 2021-2022

**Application Deadlines:** For School Year 2021-2022, we will begin awarding for the Academic Year: July 31<sup>st</sup> for the Fall and November 30<sup>th</sup> for the Spring/Winter Semester. Additional applications may be funded for Summer, if funding permits.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Grant applicants must be from a Federally Recognized Tribe of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Eastern Region.
  - For a list of eligible tribes: <https://www.bia.gov/regional-offices/eastern>
- GPA of at least 2.00 (cumulatively, on an unweighted 4.00 scale).
- Attending or planning to attend a college or career training school listed on the National Center for Education Statistic's College Navigator website in the 2021-22 academic year.
  - <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
  - Full-Time Student with at least 12 credit hours
- 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 application as outlined in the sample documents.

### APPLICATION

- Completed Student Application (page 2)
  - Or provide the same information on your own template
- Verification of Enrollment (page 3)
  - Or documentation from the university stating you are enrolled for the current semester as a full-time student
- Student Agreement Form (page 4)
  - Or a signed letter that assures that the applicant will follow the requirements of the BIE Higher Education Grant
- Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA
- Transcript
  - A copy of high school transcript or GED high school equivalency certificate. OR
  - Current college students send a copy of your most recent college transcript.
- Proof of Heritage
  - A copy of Tribal Enrollment Card or letter from tribe certifying membership in a Federally Recognized Tribe of the BIA Eastern Region Tribes.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the Application prior to the deadline listed above.
2. Email Completed Application to: [doi-bie-higher-education-grant@doimssp.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:doi-bie-higher-education-grant@doimssp.onmicrosoft.com)
3. If necessary, you can mail any documents that cannot be sent electronically to the address listed above.
4. If you have any questions please contact, Brooke Ratliff, [Brooke.Ratliff@bie.edu](mailto:Brooke.Ratliff@bie.edu) or 615-330-2470



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## Bureau of Indian Education Higher Education Grant SY 2021-2022 STUDENT APPLICATION

Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Application <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Year <input type="checkbox"/> Semester	Tribal Affiliation	
Name		Student #	Date of Birth
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number		Email Address	
<b>UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE OR CAREER TRAINING SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>			
Name of School		Phone Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Major/Area of Study		Type of Degree	Graduation Date
Registered in <a href="http://sam.gov">sam.gov</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		DUNS Number	
<p>I declare that I will use any funds I receive under the BIE Higher Education Grant 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 the BIE, to complete my financial aid package. I understand that any BIE grant 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 Grant Awarding Official upon completion of each academic term for funding for the next term.</p>			
<b>Email or Mail the Complete Application to the Address Above</b>			
Applicant Signature			Date



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### VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

This verification of enrollment is required before the student can receive their Grant Funding for the BIE Higher Education Grant. **IMPORTANT:** This form must be completed and with your Completed Student Application.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

Is currently enrolled for FALL 20 \_\_\_\_ or Spring 20 \_\_\_\_ semester at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME AND ADDRESS OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Student is:

FULL-TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ - enrolled in twelve (12) hours or more

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Registrar/Admissions/Counselor)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be stamped with the SCHOOL SEAL.**



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### **STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM**

1. All students are required to submit transcripts, as issued by the college or university for each term funded, to the BIE.
2. After notifying a student for not meeting academic requirements, the student is placed on academic probation for the following academic term.
3. A student on academic probation must complete 12 or more semester hours with a GPA of 2.0 or greater.
4. Student's failure to meet academic requirements during the probationary period shall result in suspension from the BIE Higher Education Grant.
5. Students suspended from the BIE Higher Education Grant shall not be considered for future funding until they (1) complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per term with a cumulative and term GPA of 2.0.

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Student's Signature

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Date