



Native American California College Students Scholarship Scholarship Guidelines 2023–24

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

- The Native American California Community College Students Scholarship is administered by the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC). Funding will provide approximately \$87,909 in scholarships for the academic year 2023–24.
- The Native American California Community College Students Scholarship is non-competitive in nature. To receive an award, applicants need to meet the eligibility requirements and complete an application through their Financial Aid or Scholarship Office.
- Because of limited funds, FoundationCCC will fund these scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Scholarships are limited to the following amounts:
 - Lower division students (Associates degrees and certificate pathways)
 - > Maximum of \$2,500 per academic year
 - > Maximum of two (2) annual awards
 - Upper division student (Baccalaureate)
 - > Maximum of \$5,000 per academic year
 - > Maximum of (4) annual awards
- Scholarships may be used to cover the cost of fees, books, supplies, and other related educational expenses.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD

- The scholarship application filing period will begin on September 18, 2023. Because scholarship funds are limited, students and colleges are encouraged to file as quickly as possible.
- The final deadline for scholarship offices to verify eligibility and submit scholarship invoices to FoundationCCC is May 1, 2024.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be enrolled in a California Community College at least 50% time in a certificate or degree program or first-year undeclared.
- Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA to demonstrate academic standing and progress.
- Students must be enrolled in a federally recognized Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native tribe.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Scholarship Officer or designated official must review each scholarship application and determine whether the applicant(s) meet the above-listed program eligibility requirements prior to submitting the Native American California Community College Students Scholarship. The Scholarship Officer or designated official must maintain a record of the application and related application and eligibility materials for each applicant claimed on the Scholarship for Native American California Community College Students Invoice.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES FOR COLLEGES

To initiate award requests, colleges must submit the Native American California Community College Students Scholarship Invoice form to FoundationCCC online through Submittable. Whether the college applicants are funded will depend on the availability of funds at the time the invoice is received. As stated above, scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, even those submitted prior to the deadline. It is critical that institutions submit their invoices as quickly as possible.

Prior to check disbursement, institutions must verify that the applicant meets all eligibility requirements.

Awards may be awarded for the entire academic year based upon the student's anticipated enrollment and performance. However, disbursements should be made by semester/quarter, based upon verification of program criteria. If an institution initiates a scholarship award for the entire academic year but the student is subsequently determined to be eligible for only one semester/quarter, the award must be prorated and the balance returned to FoundationCCC.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWALS

Applicants must reapply each academic year. Students can continue to receive a scholarship award, provided they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

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