

**WISCONSIN INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Deadline to apply: June 1, 2026



Purpose: In keeping with its continued commitment to higher education, the Wisconsin Indian Education Association is pleased to provide scholarship assistance to American Indian students attending institutions of higher education. This scholarship is an achievement based scholarship, not based on financial need. Applicants must be Wisconsin residents.

One \$1,000 scholarship (\$500/semester) will be awarded to a student in each of the following categories:

- Graduating high school senior
- Vocational/Technical College student enrolled in a 1 or 2 year program
- Undergraduate student enrolled at a 4-year college/university

Three \$1,000 scholarships (\$500/semester) will be awarded to:

- Graduate students in masters/doctorate degree programs

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- **Complete the scholarship application**
- **High School Seniors & New Students:** Letter of acceptance from the college/university and high school transcript
Continuing Students: Include most recent unofficial school transcript.
- **Two (2) letters of recommendation:** from a teacher, employer or other professional familiar with your Academic potential. No family or relative letters of support.
- **Essay:** 1-2 page typed essay. This is your chance to share your story: your challenges, opportunities, goals, giving readers an opportunity to see how your education will influence you and your community. Include any extracurricular activities and community service.
- **Proof of tribal affiliation:** Copy of ID card, certificate, or signed certification statement on the application.

SCORING

Only complete applications will be reviewed. Applications will be scored based upon:

- ✓ Transcript: **Up to 15 points** Cumulative GPA: 4.00-3.50/15 points; 3.49-3.00/10 points; 2.99-2.00/5 points.
- ✓ Letter of Recommendation: **Up to 10 points**
- ✓ Essay: **Up to 25 points**

The maximum points possible is 50. Students scoring 25 points or less will not be considered.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- ❖ Must meet application deadline with complete packet.
- ❖ Must use scholarship for educational purposes.
- ❖ Must maintain at least a 2.50 semester grade point average.
- ❖ Must maintain full-time status.
- ❖ Must send a copy of grades to WIEA at the end of fall semester to receive spring semester award.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: Upon receipt of student's fall semester schedule, \$500 will be sent to the school for the fall semester. Upon receipt of grade report and spring semester schedule, \$500 will be sent to the school. Submit information to WIEA.

NOTE: Students can receive a scholarship award one time in each category.

Mail applications to (postmarked no later than June 1,2026):

**WIEA
Attn: Shannon Chapman
PO Box 910
Keshena, WI 54135**

**WISCONSIN INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



CHECK WHICH CATEGORY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

- Graduating high school senior
- Vocational/Technical College student enrolled in a 1 or 2 year program
- Undergraduate student enrolled at a 4-year college/university
- Graduate student in masters/doctorate program

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Mailing address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone number _____ Email address _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

College/University _____
Program/Major _____
Year in school ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Graduate Student
Anticipated graduation date _____

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TRIBAL ID CARD OR CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD
Certification statement must be signed by your Tribal Enrollment Department.

I hereby certify that the above named applicant is _____ degree with the _____ Tribe.

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____

Only complete applications will be considered. Make sure you have each item ready for submission.

- ____ Scholarship Application
- ____ Letter of Acceptance (High School Senior/New Student)
- ____ Transcripts (unofficial is fine)
- ____ Two letters of recommendation
- ____ Typewritten essay
- ____ Proof of tribal affiliation

Applications should be mailed to: WIEA PO Box 910 Keshena, WI 54135 (postmarked by June 1, 2026).

****Please do not email your application/documents****

All information submitted is confidential and will be available only to authorized individuals. No app will be returned.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail and invited to attend an upcoming WIEA board meeting to meet the board.