

Native Tribe of Kanatak

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Higher Education Scholarship Program

Goal:

This program was designed by the Kanatak Tribal Council to provide needed assistance to eligible Tribal members of the Native Tribe of Kanatak for higher education or vocational/technical education thereby increasing the number of Tribal members with a post secondary education.

Scope:

The Native Tribe of Kanatak will provide scholarships and personnel to assist qualified Kanatak Tribal members acquire a higher education.

Program Eligibility:

The Native Tribe of Kanatak Higher Education Program may provide scholarships to Kanatak Tribal members who meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a Kanatak Tribal member*
- Applicant must have obtained a High School Diploma, GED or the equivalent*
- Applicant must be accepted and enrolled in an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school*

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- Applicant must show financial need, as evidenced by the free application for Federal Student Aid (Pell Grant) and/or the need by Native Tribe of Kanatak Needs Assessment.
- Applicant is expected to seek out other funding sources.

Requirements:

- Applicants must submit a completed Native Tribe of Kanatak Higher Education Scholarship Program Application along with the required documentation outlined in the packet.
- Applicants who receive the Native Tribe of Kanatak Higher Education Scholarship are required to maintain a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher.
- Applicants who do not maintain a G.P.A. of 2.5 or above will be placed on Academic Probation. Academic Probation will begin during the next semester and continue for one year. If during that probation period the applicant brings their G.P.A. up to 2.5 or higher, they will be taken off of Academic Probation.
- Applicants who do not bring up their G.P.A. to at least a 2.5 during Academic Probation will be removed from the program and lose funding.

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- Applicants who receive the Native Tribe of Kanatak Higher Education Scholarship are expected to attend all classes regularly. Regular attendance is not missing more than 3 scheduled classes or as defined by the class professor.
- Applicants must successfully complete all classes and **may not** drop a class in order to maintain a G.P.A of 2.5.
- Applicant must follow the rules of the college, university, vocational or technical school.
- All receipts for expenditures must be submitted to the Kanatak Tribal Office within two weeks of purchase.
- Non compliance with any of these requirements may result in suspension of funding and return of all funds that were approved.

Outline of Program Services:

The Native Tribe of Kanatak may provide Higher Education Program Scholarships to eligible applicants to be used for tuition, room and board, school supplies, transportation, childcare, and other miscellaneous expenses related to attending a college, university, vocational or technical school.

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- *Counseling and Guidance services are available through the Kanatak Tribal Office to assist Kanatak Tribal members with preparing for college/training, assist with the financial aid process, and assistance with academic and social progress.*
- *The Tribal office will maintain a record for each applicant which will include; the completed Higher Education Scholarship Application, copies of completed FASFA forms and other completed financial documents, Final Semester grades, a copy of all receipts for expenses paid by the Higher Education Scholarship funds, all correspondence between the applicant and office pertaining to the Higher Education Scholarship Program and documentation of any Appeal.*
- *All completed Higher Education Scholarship applications will be acknowledged by the Kanatak Tribal Office and processed within ten (10) business days of receipt.*
- *The Native Tribe of Kanatak has an Appeal Process for applicants who wish to appeal , on their own behalf, any decision made by the Kanatak Tribal Council regarding their application or participation in the Higher Education Scholarship Program.*

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Supplemental Program Services of the Kanatak Tribal Office:

- *Provide Kanatak Tribal members with financial aid information and assistance, including assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).*
- *Provide supplemental information and applications (when available) for other scholarships and grants available to Kanatak Tribal members.*

Funding Stipulations:

- *Maximum funding per academic year is set at \$5,000.*
- *The amount received may not exceed the amount needed. The Financial Needs Assessment section of this application and the FAFSA form will indicate the amount needed.*
- *The Kanatak Tribal Council may consider exceptions or extenuating circumstances, provided that all receipts can attest to a full accounting of valid expenditures of the amount of funding received from the Higher Education Scholarship Program.*

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Personal Information	Today's Date: ____/____/20____
First Name: _____ Middle Int. ____ Last Name: _____	
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____	
Home Phone: _____-_____-_____ Cell Phone: _____-_____-_____	
Email: _____	
Birthdate: ____/____/____ SS#: _____-_____-_____ M / F (Circle one)	
Kanatka Tribal Enrollment #: _____ (Must be a Kanatka Tribal member to apply)	
High School or G.E.D. Information	
Name of High School Attended: _____	
Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____	
Main Phone: _____-_____-_____ Contact Name: _____	
Year Graduated: _____ or Year G.E.D. attained: _____	
G.E.D. Testing Center: _____ Phone: _____-_____-_____	
Higher Education Information	
Name of Institution: _____	
Address: _____ City: _____	
State: ____ Zip: _____ Main Phone#: _____-_____-_____ Ext: _____	
Financial Aid Office Phone#: _____-_____-_____ Contact Name: _____ (Circle one)	
School Year and Term: ____/20____ Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior	
Credits attempting: _____ Credits earned to date: ____ Present G.P.A.: _____	
Major: _____ Minor: _____ Expected Graduation Date: ____/20____	

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Financial Aid Needs Assessment		
To be completed by Financial Aid Officer		
Personal Funds		
Student Savings	\$ _____	
Family/Friend Contribution	\$ _____	
Tuition Waiver	\$ _____	
Grants/Awards Received	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	
Total Personal Funds	\$ _____	
Financial Aid		
List all Financial Aid Received and Expected		
Name of Financial Aid:	Expected Date of Approval:	Amount Actually Received:
1) _____	____/____/20____	\$ _____
2) _____	____/____/20____	\$ _____
3) _____	____/____/20____	\$ _____
4) _____	____/____/20____	\$ _____
5) _____	____/____/20____	\$ _____
		Total \$ _____
Total Student Funding		
Total Personal Funds	\$ _____	
Total Financial Aid	\$ _____	
Total Funds Available	\$ _____	

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Estimated School Year Expenses	
*Please include invoices for all expenses	
School Tuition	\$ _____
Fees/Dues	\$ _____
Room and Board	\$ _____
Books/Supplies	\$ _____
Travel	\$ _____
Child Care	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
Total Expenses	\$ _____
Estimated Financial Need:	
Total Expenses:	\$ _____
Total Funds Available	\$ _____
Total Estimated Financial Need	\$ _____

Financial Aid Officer (please print) _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/20____

I certify that this information is true and correct and any intentional misrepresentation will negate my participation and eligibility for the Higher Education Scholarship Program and may exclude me from other programs available through the Naïve Tribe of Kanatak.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/20____

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As the Native Tribe of Kanatak Higher Education Program becomes more competitive each year, other factors may be used to assist the Tribal Council in their determination of tribal members who are awarded with this program. Therefore, it is requested that each applicant provide additional information along with this application.

Student Achievements:

College Board scores: Type _____ Score _____

In School Activities: (Clubs, Sports, Offices, Awards, etc.)

Out of School Activities: (Awards, Organizations, Church, Community Service, etc.)

* Please write a single page essay that addresses the following questions:

- What are your educational and career goals and how do you plan to achieve these goals?
- Are there any obstacles that you need to overcome in order to achieve these goals? If so, how do you plan to overcome these obstacles?
- How will the Kanatak Tribe benefit from your education?

* Please attach 3 recommendation letters. (No relatives)

One Professional – ex.; Teacher, Employer, Pastor, etc.

Two Personal – ex.; Neighbor, Friend, etc.

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Kanatak Tribal Council Responsibilities:

The Kanatak Tribal Council may approve or deny the Higher Education Scholarship award as well as determine the amount of the award in accordance with Tribal Policies. So long as these policies are administered uniformly, fair and according to the program requirements and eligibility.

The policy provides that all funding must be paid through the Institution's Financial Aid or Business office.. The Kanatak Tribal Council may consider exceptions in extenuating circumstances and receipt(s) support a full accounting of valid expenditures.

Maximum funding per school year is \$5,000. Amount of funding awarded is determined by the Financial Need Assessment section.

Upon completion of a Higher Education Scholarship Application, the application will be submitted to the Council for consideration. The Kanatak Tribal Council may review the contents of the application during an open Kanatak Tribal Council Meeting.

If the applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the Kanatak Tribal Council, the applicant can file an Appeal through the Kanatak Tribal Office. Please contact the office at 907-357-5991.

I certify that all information provided in the Higher Education Scholarship Application is true and correct. I understand that any intentional misrepresentation made by me will result in my removal from the Native Tribe of Kanatak Higher Education Program and I will be accountable for all funds released on my behalf.

Name: _____ Date:_____

Printed Name: _____