



NATIVE FORWARD  
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# NATIVE FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION STUDENT GUIDE

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The following checklist is intended to assist students in preparing their Native Forward academic year scholarship application.

## Application Sections

### General Information

- Last 4 digits of SSN
- Active Mailing Address
- Professional Headshot (no selfies)
- CDIB or Citizen Card *Can list Tribal Enrollment officer in lieu of uploading a copy of your card.*

### Academic Profile

- Current Institution Info
- Degree, Major & Concentration
- Link to Program Website
- Cumulative GPA
- Most recent transcript *Can be unofficial, but should be PDF that includes your name, institution, and preferably GPA and hours earned.*

### Other Contact Info

Name, Title, Email, Phone for:

- School's Financial Aid Officer
- Tribal Enrollment Office *You will not need Tribal Enrollment Office info if you provide a copy of your CDIB/citizenship card.*

### References

- Two References *Consider individuals who can provide specific examples of your qualifications, accomplishments, and/or community engagement.*

### Essay Responses

- Answer 4 essay questions *Address all parts of each question. Solicit feedback on your drafts from mentors, peers, and/or your selected references.*

## Required Essay Questions

- In the space below, please include your personal statement. Introduce yourself. Include where you are from and your Tribal affiliation. Your statement should describe your academic, professional, and career interests and goals. Be sure to include details about your interest in and commitment to pursuing a career in governmental departments, federally funded organizations, Tribal governments, or Native serving organizations. Also discuss your personal commitment to serving the American Indian/Alaska Native communities. *\*Not to exceed 1,000 words*
- Describe how your previous work, volunteer, and lived experiences have led you to pursue your chosen field of study? *\*Not to exceed 500 words*
- Discuss your involvement in and contributions to your community. This includes Tribal community engagement, service-learning projects, and family or work responsibilities. *\*Not to exceed 500 words*
- Open Response: Add something unique about you as a candidate that you did not have the chance to address in the other questions.

Application Tip: Utilize the "Open Response" space to mention any additional information that could make your application stand out.