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NYSIA

New York State Indian Aid for Higher Education

Are you* an enrolled member of a NYS Indigenous Nation?

If so, you may qualify for a non-competitive grant to support your college and career opportunities. NYSIA can provide up to \$1,000 per semester for qualified applicants throughout their post-secondary journey.

*(or one of your parents)

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Office of Indigenous Education (OIE)**

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For the most up-to-date program information, please visit us on-line at: <https://www.nysed.gov/indigenous-education/new-york-state-indian-aid-program-information>

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In order to qualify for this opportunity, students must be:

- a resident of New York State (NYS), and on an official tribal roll of a NYS Indigenous Nation* or the child of an enrolled member of a NYS Indigenous Nation;
- and, have graduated from high school or have received a high school equivalency diploma;
- and, enrolled in a collegiate level program offered by an institution of higher education approved to grant degrees, certificates or diplomas in NYS;
- or, enrolled in an approved hospital program leading to licensure or certification in NYS;
- or, enrolled in a two-year certificate program of at least 1,440 instructional hours registered by the NYS Education Department;
- and, responsible for maintaining good academic standing as affirmed by their institution of higher education.

*Haudenosaunee tribes (St. Regis Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca Nation, Tonawanda Band of Seneca, and Tuscarora), the Shinnecock nation, and the Unkechaug nation.

NYSIA is a grant and is not counted as income for the purposes of other student aid

For Qualified Applicants:

- NYSIA will provide qualified applicants with aid for up to five years.
- Aid is available for Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters (subject to availability of funds).
- Aid is based on enrollment status and maintenance of good academic standing:
 - Full-time undergraduate students (12 or more credits per semester) receive \$1,000 per semester.
 - Part-time undergraduate students (less than 12 credits per semester) receive \$85 per credit per semester.
- Aid will be sent directly to your school each semester.

Next Steps:

- Students who are new applicants must complete and send a **Student Application form** with all required supporting documents for their first semester of aid.
- For each following semester, students must re-submit a **Student Application form** to initiate the continuation of Aid.
- The Office of Indigenous Education can accept forms and supporting documentation via email, fax, or postal mail if they are sent before each deadline: **July 15 (Fall), December 31 (Spring), or May 20 (Summer)**.
- Forms and detailed instructions can be found here: <https://www.nysed.gov/indigenous-education/forms>

Submitting the Application:

Your Application must be sent before the deadline, so please send it even if you don't have all of your supporting documentation as yet. The OIE will follow up via e-mail to secure missing or valid documentation in cases where insufficient documentation is received, so keep an eye on your inbox and spam folder.

If you have any questions, please email us at:

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