



American Indian Opportunity Plan

The American Indian Opportunity Plan (AIOP) at Northwestern State University enables citizens of any federally recognized American Indian tribe to attend NSU tuition-free. The American Indian Opportunity Plan makes it possible for in state and out-of-state American Indian students to attend NSU and receive a world-class education with access to high-impact career opportunities.

Qualifications

Beginning Fall 2023, prospective students may apply for The American Indian Opportunity Plan at NSU under the following criteria:

- Citizen of a federally recognized American Indian tribe in any U.S. state
- Registered as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student
- Maintain a 2.0 semester GPA
- Tribal Enrollment Card for the student must be submitted with this request

Visit the [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#) to view the complete listing of [federally recognized tribes](#).

Limitations

- AIOP is offered as a scholarship to a select number of qualifying students per semester and does not include costs for registration fees, association fees, course specific fees, parking permits, housing, books, or meal plans
- Applicants must apply yearly for consideration
- AIOP can only be used towards a student's first undergraduate degree program
- AIOP cannot be combined with other NSU exemptions
- Retroactive awards are not made for previous semester(s) award years
- AIOP Scholarship Application must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by the deadlines established

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ State of Legal Residency: _____

Degree Program: _____

Name of Tribe (print): _____

Tribal Enrollment Number: _____ Tribal Phone Number: _____

I certify the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Eligible students must apply each semester for consideration. AIOP is offered to a select number of students per semester and does not include costs for registration fees, association fees, parking permits, housing, books, or meal plans. Students who fail to maintain a 2.0 semester GPA can reapply for the AIOP following the next semester in attendance and a 2.0 semester GPA is achieved.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Student ID (CWID): _____

Please submit this form and documentation via mail, email, or fax to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. Tribal Enrollment Card must be submitted with this application.

Application Deadline

Fall Semester: August 1 | Spring Semester: December 1 | Summer Semester: April 1

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