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WHO IS ANCF?

WHEN ONE PERSON RISES, THE COMMUNITY RISES

The Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation (ANCF) is the first Native-led community foundation located on a tribal reservation in the State of Montana. Initial funding has been generously provided by Island Mountain Development Group.

The ANCF provides individual and community grants and college scholarships.

Grants that are funded typically focus on:

- Community events and projects that enhance the quality of life for the Aaniiih and Nakoda people
- Education
- Youth, Elders, Veterans
- Health and welfare
- Arts
- Aaniiih and Nakoda culture and language

ANCF is committed to creating a better quality of life for our people. The ANCF is entirely dedicated to the FBIC Tribal Members. 100% of donations go to support individual and community programs.

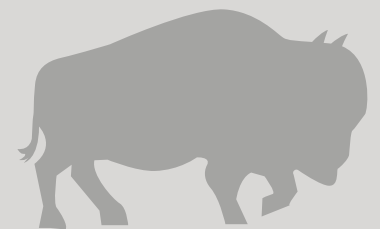
The benefits of having a Native-led, professionally managed foundation include:

- Streamline the process for making requests for financial support
- Provide a place for community members to give financial donations of every size, knowing their investment supports FBIC tribal members
- Foster innovative ideas from tribal members to address community needs
- Invest in community and leadership development to run non-profits on the FBIC
- Have professional foundation managers develop relationships with outside organizations which have larger financial resources
- Maximize the positive impacts through excellent stewardship
- Provide one-on-one philanthropic coaching
- Have a convenient and secure online application and donation portal

WHAT IS A NON-PROFIT?

A Non-Profit Organization is defined as a group of individuals organized for purposes other than generating profit and in which no part of the organizations income is distributed to its members, directors, or officers.

The purpose of nonprofit organizations is generally to improve the quality of life for others at a community, local, state, national, or even global level. These organizations are not dedicated to private or financial gain but to the advancement of public interest. Non-profit charities get revenue from donations, grants, and memberships. They may also allocate revenue from selling branded products.



MEET THE TEAM

Introducing Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation



DIANA BIGBY

Executive Director

Diana is an enrolled Nakoda on the Fort Belknap Indian community. Diana serves as the ANCF Executive Director for one year. Diana earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Montana in 2020. In 2022, Diana took the position as the E.D/Manager for the Native Women Launch program through Accelerate Montana in Missoula, MT for 1.5 years, before returning to work for her own community. My favorite thing about working for ANCF is the positive impact we make within Fort Belknap Indian Community from donations to scholarships.



EDDIE MOORE III

Vice Chair

Eddie is an enrolled Nakoda on the Fort Belknap Indian community. Eddie serves as the Chief Operations Officer (COO) at IMDG, collectively working with the company for 6 years. Eddie's favorite part about serving on the ANCF board of Directors is the potential for this organization to make a real impact on our community.





GRANTS

INFORMATION AND HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023-2024, ANCF offered 115 grants to enrolled community members of the Fort Belknap Indian Community. Those 2023 highlights included a healthy trick-or-treating event, provided support to the community powwows in the surrounding areas. In November 2023 ANCF provided \$100 Thanksgiving grocery gift cards in November, and \$100 Christmas grocery gift cards in December to all enrolled elders in the Fort Belknap Indian Community and has since made this event an annual event.

ANCF supported 3 Fort Belknap area school districts with student sport activities (Harlem, Dodson, and Hays/Lodge Pole), a healthy trick-or-treating event, and provided support to the 3 community powwows in the surrounding areas (Milk River Indian Days Powwow, Wasay Wakpa Wachi Powwow, and Little Peoples Canyon Powwow.).

“The receiver is honor bound to give something more to another, creating a cycle of giving that ripples outwardly benefiting the community and even future generations.”

2023 Powwow Events

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2024 Events

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- Harlem Elementary School Track and Field Day shirts
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- Harlem High School DC Club
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APPLYING FOR A GRANT?

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

- Community Gardens
 - Not a personal garden
 - Must be available to the community to use as needed.
- Community wellness events
 - Activities for youth health and wellness such as walks, hikes, sports activities, traditional games, etc.
 - Teams must submit a list of players; funding dependent on enrolled members
- Recreation, walking/biking paths
- Youth camps/events
 - Culture camps, traditional games, youth powwows, youth led initiatives, holiday events such as Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc.
- Educational and club activities
 - Local school clubs and groups
 - Undergraduate student activities and events
- Cultural events
 - Youth powwows, youth cultural camps, youth language, etc
- Elder programs
 - Thanksgiving meal support distribution
 - Christmas meal support distribution
- Veteran programs
 - Must provide Military ID with application and all pertinent documentation.
- Fundraisers working on behalf of an organization.
- Federally funded programs serving the FBIC (i.e. BIA/IHS/Tribal Program hosted events)
 - Adult only events from Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00 pm
- For-profit Businesses
 - Includes enrolled member's personal businesses on and off reservation.
 - Includes fees or travel to business opportunities
- Adult Sports Teams/Individual Events Sponsorships
 - Basketball tournaments, Indian Relay, Baseball, MMA fighting, etc.
- Family Honoring's or Personally Accepted Commitments
 - Powwow Special/honoring, Sundance, Sports honoring's, etc.
- Donations and grants for Individual's personal gain- potential to EARN money.
 - All Rodeos, including youth, Indian Relays, Events with Payouts, etc.
- Individual/family medical emergencies
 - Including medical travel support to appointments, surgeries, medical stays, etc.
 - Including vehicle repairs, upkeep, etc.
- All Travel Assistance
 - Including paying for vehicle repairs or upkeep
 - Including Lodging, mileage, tickets, meals and other costs
- Capital expenditures (i.e. tractor for individual use, livestock for individual use)
- Debt Reduction
 - Will not pay off loans or help with personal debt.
- Political purposes
- Activities or expenses incurred prior to the grant date.
 - We will not reimburse, pay invoices or bills, etc.
- Capital campaigns.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Advertising and promotions, including advertising solicited on behalf of another organization.



GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS AWARD

Nakoda Aaniiih Economic Development Corporation



Youth Cultural Camps

The Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation (ANCF) awarded the Nakoda Aaniiih Economic Development Corporation (NAEDC) grant funds to host youth cultural camps in the summer of 2023.

Over 250 youths participated and benefited from NAEDC cultural camps during the Milk River Powwow, Wasay Wakpa Wachi, and Little People's Canyon in July and August 2023.

Youth camp activities and learning objectives included:

- Tipi raising
- Traditional native games (ex., run and scream, shinny, double ball, hoop, and dart, make the stick jump)
- Snake Butte kayaking
- Traditional storytelling
- Drum making
- Drum stick making
- Hiking
- Identifying traditional native plants
- Ribbon skirt/purse making
- Singing demonstration
- Stick game making

Youth Powwows

NAEDC was awarded grant funds to host the Milk River Youth Powwow, Wasay Wakpa Wachi Youth Powwow, and Little Peoples Canyon Youth Powwow.

Grant funds are used to support, strengthen, and build future leaders of the Fort Belknap Indian Community. Community events enhance the quality of life for the Aaniiih and Nakoda people.

Approximately 500 children participated in and benefited from these community youth powwows.






DONATIONS


ANCF reviews grant applications to make sure applicants meet the eligibility requirements and guidelines. Donations will be available per funding availability. Not all activities and applications will be accepted for funding, which are the ineligible activities on previous page.


COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation is a proud supporter of the Fort Belknap Indian community. ANCF provides support to community youth, events for youth. We do request all approved applicants take photos of their event or sponsorship and send to Diana Bigby for future publications.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

- EDUCATION IS A PATHWAY TO LEADERSHIP

The Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation (ANCF) recognizes the importance of investing in future tribal leaders.

All FBIC tribal members who enroll full-time in an institute of higher education are encouraged to apply for financial support through the ANCF scholarship program.

ANCF Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled member of Fort Belknap tribes and able to provide proof.
- Must be enrolled full-time in an accredited institute of higher education.

- Must provide documentation showing acceptance by a qualified institute of higher education and class schedule showing part-time enrollment.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

The scholarship application is closed. The next scholarship cycle will be determined at a later date.

Scholarship requirements and application are at www.ancf-foundation.org/scholarship. Applicants may apply year-over-year. Send completed applications to diana.bigby@islandmtn.com or delivered to 353 Old Hays Rd, Hays, MT 59527.

Scholarships for Fall Semester 2024 will be announced at a later date - stay tuned for more updates!



When I am at school, and far from my homelands, or when I am struggling and just need someone to talk to, I call someone from back home. I am honored and privileged to be born Indigenous and to be Aaniiih and Nakoda. I stand on the shoulders of strong People. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for them

-ANCF Scholarship Recipient
Grace Crantz- Gonzaga University; Human Physiology



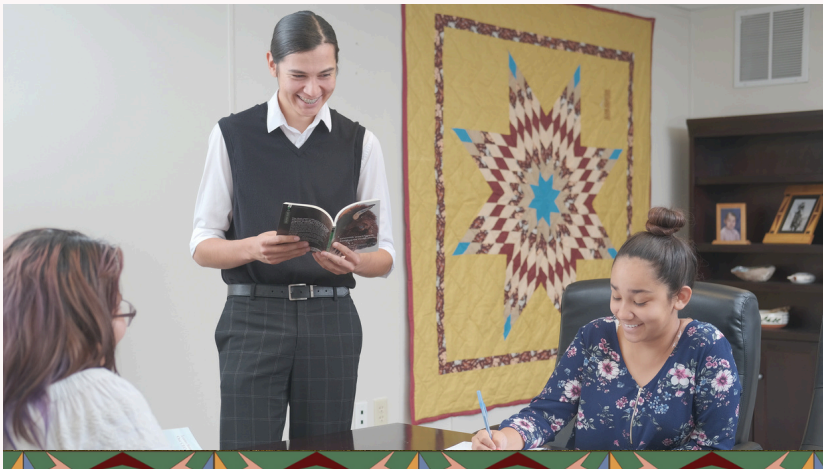
Scholarships - Continued

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Contact Aaniih Nakoda Community Foundation at (406) 550-6878 or Info@anc-foundation.org for additional scholarship information.

For the 2023-2024 academic year, students earned \$95,500 in scholarships to pay their college expenses. Ninety-five Aaniih or Nakoda student tribal members attended:

- Aaniih Nakoda College
- Montana State University
- MSU Northern
- Colorado State University
- The University of Arizona
- Western Governor's University
- Stone Child College
- Montana Technical University
- Liberty University
- John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Gonzaga University
- Cankdeska Cikana Community College
- Lake Region Community College
- Colorado Technical University
- The University of Kansas
- Martinsburg College
- Rocky Mountain College
- Massage Training Institute
- Flathead Valley Community College
- University of Arizona
- Capella University
- Opal Beauty College
- University of Kentucky
- North Idaho College
- The Kelly School of Business
- Pikes Peak State College
- The Ohio State University
- University of Washington
- Mary Mount College
- Salish Kootenai College
- Haskell Indian University
- The University of North Dakota
- Dickenson State
- The University of Montana-Western
- Purdue University Global
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- A.T. Still University



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Excellence.*



AANIHH NAKODA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FAQ'S

When One Person Rises, The Community Rises



Frequently Asked Questions - ANCF

When One Person Rises, The Community Rises.

Grants & Donations FAQ's

- 1. Can I apply for a donation if I have a family medical emergency?**
 - a. No, ANCF does not provide assistance to those requesting medical assistance.
- 2. I am working for an organization; can I apply for financial assistance?**
 - a. No, ANCF does not provide financial support or assistance to organizations for-profit.
- 3. I am an enrolled Native American, but in a different tribe, am I ineligible to receive assistance?**
 - a. No, ANCF only provides support to enrolled members of the Fort Belknap Indian Community.
- 4. Are student activities eligible to receive donations?**
 - a. Yes, ANCF is committed to helping the youth in surrounding communities.
- 5. Can I apply for a donation if I am holding a fundraiser?**
 - a. No, ANCF does not do donations to organizations or individuals if the applicant is holding a fundraiser for-profit.
- 6. Does ANCF do any sponsored events?**
 - a. Yes, applicants can apply to receive a sponsored relationship if the event is for community and or youth purposes.
- 7. Can I apply for a donation if I am requesting travel assistance?**
 - a. No, ANCF guidelines prevents us from giving any travel assistance for applicants.
- 8. Can I apply to help with car repairs?**
 - a. No, ANCF does not offer car repairs as an eligible request.

Scholarships FAQ's

- 1. Can I apply for a scholarship as a senior in High School?**
 - a. Yes, high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the ANCF Scholarship.
- 2. Can I apply for a scholarship as a college student?**
 - a. Yes, all college students are encouraged to apply for the ANCF Scholarship.
- 3. I am an enrolled Native American, but in a different tribe, am I ineligible to receive assistance?**
 - a. No, ANCF only provides support to enrolled members of the Fort Belknap Indian Community.

Other FAQ's

- 1. How can I help?**
 - a. All donations and investments can be made on the ANCF website: <https://anc-foundation.org/> under the "donate" tab.



Giving back To The Community

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