



Aaniih Nakoda Community Foundation Scholarship Fund 2024-2025 Scholarship Grant Application Form

The Aaniih Nakoda Community Foundation (ANCF) Scholarship Fund was established to support educational opportunities for the Aaniih (Gros-Ventre) and Nakoda (Assiniboine) People of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. The ANCF's mission is aligned with Island Mountain Development Group's mission which is dedicated to creating a self-sustaining economy by striving to create opportunities for the Aaniih and Nakoda Nations through business, jobs, and resource development. ANCF recognizes that in order to do so, we must invest in our future leaders. Our scholarship grant fund is one way we can accomplish that and promote our values of generosity, sustainability, and resilience.

Applicant Criteria

- Must be an enrolled member of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and provide proof
- Attending an Accredited higher education institution in the United States (website listed)
- Must be enrolled **Undergraduate full-time** (Full-time status may vary depending on higher education institution and/or area of study) (Levels above undergraduate bachelor's degree are ineligible)
- Must have a ***cumulative GPA*** of 2.0 (not term GPA)
- Previous scholarship recipients must have turned in final grades for previous award

Scholarship available through the ANCF Scholarship Grant Fund

- **ANCF Undergraduate Scholarship:** Scholarship grants are for the full academic year.
*** (Does not include Summer semester) ***

Application Checklist

Please read and follow instructions carefully.

Complete ALL sections of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

Include these documents (copies are acceptable).

- ANCF Scholarship Grant Application Form
- Essay – questions provided
- Photo of yourself
- Acceptance letter from accredited higher education institution (**if a Senior in HS (recent hs grad)) or:**
 - If received GED, send copy of documentation
 - If first year with educational institution
 - If nontraditional student First year
- Tribal Enrollment Document/Card – Copy Only- Card or CIB
- Recent Transcripts (DO NOT have to be official) with CUMULATIVE GPA noted
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- Release of Information form
- Photo release
- Completed W9 for check

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scholarships@islandmtn.com



Essay Questions (Double spaced, typed, 12 pt. font only)

The application requires essay questions that are listed below. This is an opportunity to tell your story and demonstrate your writing skills. Answer the following questions in a separate document and include the question in each essay answer:

- 1. **Introduction – Introduce yourself in the Aaniiih or Nakoda language (not mandatory) and in English. Include information about your family and community.**
- 2. **Why do you want to pursue higher learning?**
- 3. **Describe a personal challenge(s) you have faced in your life? How did you overcome this challenge?**
- 4. **What is your vision for the future? How will the ANCF Scholarship help you reach your goals?**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE:

EMAILED TO: Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation at scholarships@islandmtn.com

MAILED TO: ANCF Scholarship Fund
353 Old Hays Road
P.O. Box 470
Hays, MT 59527

-OR- Hand Deliver: local Hays IMDG office with Attention: Diana Bigby ANCF

DO NOT FAX APPLICATION

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General Information

Name (First, M.I., Last): _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Current Email _____
Date of Birth _____ Tribal Affiliation/ID # _____
Have you applied for other scholarships? YES NO Did you receive any? YES NO
How did you hear about the IMDG Scholarship? School Counselor/Advisor/Teacher Social Media
Financial Aid Office Poster Family/Friend Other _____

High School Information

High School _____ Graduation Date _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
I received my GED (Attach documentation to completed application)

GPA

Current Cumulative GPA _____ GPA is from High School College
*Please attach GED documentation if you do not have a GPA records

Education Institute Information

College Name _____ (Circle one) Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior
College Address _____
Current Degree Program _____ Degree of Major _____
Are you the first member of your immediate family to attend college? Yes No
Expected Graduation Semester _____ Expected Graduation Year _____
Student ID # _____

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Miscellaneous Information

Do you have children? Yes No If Yes, how many? _____

Are you a Veteran of the US Armed Forces? Yes No

Are you employed? Yes No If yes, Full-time Part-time

Place of employment _____

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- Completed ANCF Scholarship Application
Form Essay questions
- Photo of yourself with ***signed photo release***
- Tribal Enrollment Document/Card – Copy
Only
- Recent Transcripts (DO NOT have to be
official) GED Documentation (if applicable)
- Filled out W9-[Form W-9 \(Rev. March 2024\)](#)
[\(irs.gov\)](#)

READ AND SIGN BELOW

I certify that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and is my own work. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and repayment. By accepting a scholarship grant from Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation Scholarship Fund, I authorize them to use my name and photograph or any information I have provided in advertising or publicity in all media. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship grant, the mailing address and email address information that I've provided is correct and I will be contacted through email and mail. I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship grant, I will provide any additional information requested from ANCF. I acknowledge that ANCF is not responsible for any other costs, old bills, issues, or dilemmas regarding my post-secondary education.

Signature

Date

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Photo Authorization and Release



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I am of lawful age and sound mind and have read and understand this Authorization and Release.

Date

Printed Name

Signed Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18:

Address:



City, State, Zip:

Date: _____

Phone: _____