



Aaniih Nakoda Community Foundation Scholarship Fund 2025-2026 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
 - Descendance does not qualify you for a scholarship
- Attending an Accredited higher education institution in the United States
- Must have a **Cumulative GPA** of 2.0 (not term GPA)

Scholarship available through the ANCF Scholarship Grant Fund

- **ANCF Scholarship:** Scholarship grants are for the full academic year.
- **Awarded to Undergraduate, Graduate, Trade school** students.
- **Full time or part time students are eligible.**

*** (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).

- COMPLETED** ANCF Scholarship Grant Application Form by Deadline: **August 4, 2025 5:00 pm MST (no exceptions) (Post marked with 8/4/25)**
- Essay questions answered
- Photo of yourself for media use
- Recent Transcripts (DO NOT have to be official) with CUMULATIVE GPA noted
- Acceptance letter from accredited higher education institution ONLY IF **Recent High school grad OR:**
 - If you received HiSet or GED, send copy of documentation
 - If first year with educational institution is 2025-2026
 - If Nontraditional Student-First year with no transcripts
- Fort Belknap Tribal Enrollment Document/Card – Copy Only- Card or CIB
- Fall 2025 Class schedule if not listed on transcript
- Release of Information and media use acknowledged when application signed
- Previous semester grades if awarded a scholarship for Spring 2025

APPLICATIONS MUST BE:

- EMAILED TO: ANCF at scholarships@islandmtn.com
- MAILED TO: ANCF Scholarship Fund
353 Old Hays Road
P.O. Box 470
Hays, MT 59527
- HAND DELIVER: Hays IMDG office with Attention: Diana Bigby ANCF



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. **What is your vision for the future? How will the ANCF Scholarship help you reach your goals?**



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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
Gender (circle) Female Male Transgender Non-Binary Prefer Not To Answer Other _____

High School Information

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

GPA

Current **Cumulative GPA:** _____
GPA is from: High School College Trade School

Education Institute Information

College Name _____
College Address _____
Financial Aid Office contact email: _____
Current Degree Program _____ Degree of Major _____

Undergraduate Section (if applicable):

(Circle one) Freshmen Sophomore Junior Senior

Graduate Section (if applicable):

Description of Year/Degree: _____

Trade School Certification Section (if applicable):

(Circle one) 1 year 2 year 3 year 4 year Other



Are you the first member of your immediate family to attend college? Yes No

Expected Graduation Semester

Expected Graduation Year

Student ID #

Are you Full time or Part time? (Circle one)

Do you have an outstanding bill with your current school? _____

- If Yes, please provide description and amount owed

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 _____

Application Checklist

- Completed ANCF Scholarship Application
Form Essay questions
- Photo of yourself
- Fort Belknap Tribal Enrollment
Document/Card – Copy Only
- Recent Transcripts (DO NOT have to be
official) HiSet/GED Documentation (if
applicable)
- Class Schedule
- Other applicable documentation listed in the
application



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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