

# AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT SERVICES

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

Every year thousands of students make California State University, Long Beach their *University of Choice* - selecting CSULB for its strong academic reputation, award-winning faculty, successful alumni, personalized student support services, advanced facilities, spirited campus life and more!

We receive many calls from students every year regarding tribal enrollment, scholarships, grants and financial aid. We hope that the following information will answer some questions, or raise others, which will inspire you to give me a call or to come by my office for more information.

We are committed to supporting American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) students in attaining their higher education. Not every university offers services specifically to American Indian students so we hope you take this opportunity to take full advantage of everything we have to offer.

Thank you for choosing *THE BEACH!* We look forward to meeting you. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

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## WHY ARE ONLY SOME AI/AN ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

Tribal Scholarship funds are a direct result of **TREATY** provisions or business contracts between the federal government and individual tribes. The federal government and businesses contract with tribes to pay loyalties in exchange for land use or mining rights. Some individual Tribal Nations then set up tribal scholarship agencies to distribute the funds among its members.

*Not all American Indian Tribal Nations signed treaties or made special arrangements with the United States.* Special arrangements were made for Alaskan and Hawaiian Natives even though they did not sign treaties. No other provisions, deals, or treaties have been made with Natives outside the United States which establish scholarship funds for non-US AI/AN and Native Hawaiian citizens.

## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) SCHOLARSHIPS

The BIA has a general scholarship for American Indians. Your Tribal Nation needs federal recognition (based on an active signed treaty) for you to be eligible to apply. Proof of tribal enrollment is required. *\*See other side of brochure for a list of scholarships*

## PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

There are some private scholarships which do not require documentation of tribal enrollment, heritage, or ancestry. However, tribal enrollment makes the process easier. *\*See other side of brochure for a list of scholarships and how to trace your ancestry*

## TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

*... also known as Tribal Membership, Tribal Documentation, Tribal Papers, Certificate of Indian Blood, Enrollment Card, Census Card, Tribal Census, BIA Roster, BIA Census ...*

**If you are enrolled** in your Tribal Nation you can receive a copy of your documentation from your tribal enrollment office.

**If you are not enrolled** you must meet the eligibility requirements for your tribe before you can apply for membership. Call your Tribal Nation's enrollment office to obtain the requirements and application for enrollment. *\*Contact AISS for tribal contact information*

## TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. You must be an enrolled member of your Tribal Nation to be eligible to apply for tribal scholarships. Each Tribal Nation has its own requirements so eligibility varies from Nation to Nation. *\* See "Tracing Your Ancestry" on the other side of this brochure*
2. You must complete a financial aid application using the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) process ([www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)).
3. Be sure to follow all deadlines.

In addition, the following documents will be required by most Tribal Nations:

- a. Academic Transcripts from current academic institution
- b. Tribal Financial Needs Analysis form completed by CSULB's Financial Aid Office
- c. Letter of Admission for new students (this can be obtained from CSULB's Enrollment Services Office)
- d. Verification of Enrollment for continuing students (a current list of the classes you are enrolled in)
- e. Certificate of Indian Blood/Tribal Enrollment verification

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following websites have information regarding scholarships for American Indians. Some require proof of enrollment while others do not. There are too many to list so I have compiled just a few to get you started. You can always conduct your own search using a search engine such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) for “American Indian/ Native American Scholarships.”

Apply to as many scholarships you are eligible for to broaden your chances of receiving awards. Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines.

Note: You should never have to pay to apply for scholarships. If a scholarship application asks you to pay, DO NOT APPLY to that scholarship.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Good luck!

[www.csulb.edu/scholarships](http://www.csulb.edu/scholarships)

<http://www.finaid.org/about/>

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

<http://www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/index.htm>

<http://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/>

<https://www.aigcs.org/>

<https://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships.html>



[www.scholarships4students.com/american\\_indian\\_scholarships.htm](http://www.scholarships4students.com/american_indian_scholarships.htm)

[www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)

<http://catchingthedream.org/>

<https://walkingshield.org/education-program/>

[www.abetterchance.org/abetterchance.aspx?pgID=1082](http://www.abetterchance.org/abetterchance.aspx?pgID=1082)

<http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/online-application-instructions/>

<http://cobellscholar.org/>

<https://aisfsc.org/>

## TRACING YOUR ANCESTRY

Visit the Department of Interior’s website for more information on how to become enrolled in your Tribal Nation: “[A Guide to Tracing Your American Ancestry](#)”.



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## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



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