

# American Indian Student Financial Aid Guide



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## WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

### Non-Federal Types of Financial Aid

#### *American Indian Tuition Waiver*

This waiver eliminates tuition costs charged to a qualifying undergraduate student. However, it does not waive any other charges (i.e. fees). A complete FAFSA with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) that is less than the student's overall Cost of Attendance is required. Students who have already submitted documentation and received the waiver do not need to reapply.

Learn more about the American Indian Tuition Waiver requirements at [msubillings.edu/scholarships/waivers.htm](https://msubillings.edu/scholarships/waivers.htm)



#### *Tribal Higher Education Funding*

Each Tribe awards Tribal Higher Education Funding based on its criteria and standards.

- Call your Tribal Higher Education office for eligibility and deadlines.
- Tribes require the MSUB Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to complete a Needs Analysis Form. We recommend that you submit this form to the MSUB Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at least two weeks prior to the tribal deadline.

#### *Scholarships*

Incoming freshmen and new transfer students must be admitted to the University or City College campus before completing the scholarship application. The MSUB General Scholarship Application is available to both incoming and current students. The application opens November 1 and the priority deadline is February 1. American Indian students are also encouraged to apply for American Indian College Fund scholarships.



MSUB General Scholarship Application



American Indian College Fund

## Types of Federal Financial Aid

### *Federal, State, and Institutional Grants*

Students will be offered the maximum grant aid possible, based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the FAFSA application. Some funds are limited, so applying early (by December 1) is vital for receiving the best possible award package.



FAFSA

### *Work-Study*

Students who are awarded work-study will only receive the funding if they secure a work-study position. For those who do, students receive a paycheck after they perform work for the job. For more information visit MSUB's Work-Study FAQ page.



Work-Study FAQ

### *Loans*

The types of loans available to students will depend on many variables. MSUB encourages students to accept the least amount of loans necessary to complete their educational goals. For more information about the individual types of loans available, visit MSUB's Loans page.



Loans

# IMPORTANT DATES

**October**

**1**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens for the upcoming academic year (fall and spring)

**November**

**1**

MSUB Scholarship Application is available

**December**

**1**

File your FAFSA at MSUB by this priority date  
To file, visit the Federal Student Aid FAFSA homepage ([fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)); be sure to include MSUB's school code (002530).

**February**

**1**

Submit your MSUB Scholarship Application by this priority date to be considered for scholarships





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