

Financial Aid Resources for Post-High School Education Planning Available to Western Shoshone Students

This list is not considered to be "all inclusive" as scholarship opportunities change often.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- The FAFSA is **THE FORM** required at all colleges that accept and award federal financial aid.
- The FAFSA is an annual application for federal student aid
- This application can be completed on line at <https://fafsa.gov>
- Complete this application each year on-line (October – February deadlines)
- You will need to have your or your parent's tax information to complete the application

Tribal Scholarships (funded through Bureau of Indian Affairs education grant)

- Check with your respective tribal education office or the tribal administrator to determine specific information about annual scholarship applications and deadline dates
- Applicants must meet eligibility criteria set by individual tribes

American Indian Education Fund www.aiefprogram.org

- Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships
- Native American (Student or one parent must be enrolled and able to provide documentation of enrollment/tribal membership).
- Attending an accredited 2- or 4-year university or vocational/technical school (online schools are not applicable).
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student.
- GPA between 2.0-3.4 is desirable (however all current or future undergraduate or graduate students are encouraged to apply).
- Max of \$2,000 per year (depending upon the number of credits being taken).
- Deadline to submit, April 4 of each year, however an extra point will be added to your score if application is received before March 1st.

The American Indian College Fund <http://www.collegefund.org/>

The American Indian College Fund was established in 1989 to provide scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native students attending tribal colleges, and to fund and create awareness about the community-based accredited tribal colleges and universities that offer students access to knowledge and skills alongside Native culture, language, and values.

The American Indian College Fund also provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students attending any other accredited public and non-profit private colleges all across the United States.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) <http://www.aises.org/>

- AISES offers a universe of opportunities to students with a list of open scholarships featured on their website. Visit their scholarship page at <http://www.aises.org/scholarships> for a list of all current scholarship opportunities.

American Indian Graduate Center <http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/gms-program-information/>

- The American Indian Graduate Center website features a list of current scholarships available for each academic year. Check their website frequently for any newly posted scholarships for which you may be eligible.

**American Indian Graduate Center Graduate Fellowships
<http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/graduate-fellowships/>**

- The AIGC Fellowship program provides approximately \$1,200,000 in fellowships to over 400 American Indian and Alaska Native graduate and professional students each year. Graduate fellowships are monetary awards made to American Indian and Alaska Native graduate or professional full-time, degree-seeking students who meet all eligibility criteria. The fellowship amount is typically between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per academic year (not including summer) and varies from year to year, depending on the number of qualified applicants, the availability of funding and unmet financial need.
- Applicants must be pursuing a post-baccalaureate graduate or professional degree as a full time student at an accredited institution in the U.S.
- Applicant must be able to demonstrate financial need through submission of the AIGC Financial Need Form, and;
- Applicant must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native group, or provide documentation of descent (possess one-fourth degree verifiable federally recognized Indian blood) as verified through submission of a tribal Eligibility Certificate.

American Indian Services Scholarships

- **Amount:** Varies
- An applicant must be enrolled in a university, college, junior college or technical school (1/4) Northern-Native American Indian Blood. Undergraduate student with no more than 150 semester credits or 210 quarter credits. Full-time or part-time status - excluding non-credit courses. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25
- **Deadline:** Ongoing

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

- **Amount:** \$1000-\$5000
- An applicant must be considered to be an underrepresented minority in the accounting profession (including but not limited to: Black or African American; Hispanic or Latino; Native American; Pacific Islander; or Asian American).
- Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or a full-time graduate level student pursuing a degree in an "accounting-related" major.

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- **Deadline:** The 2018-2019 scholarship application open date is December 1, 2017. Applications due by March 1, 2018.

Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc. Scholarship Program

- **Amount:** Varies
- **Student** must be enrolled in a tribe from the Continental US or Alaska. There is no minimum blood quantum requirement. Student must be enrolled full time both fall 2015 and spring 2016 at an accredited institution of higher learning.
- **Deadline:** Deadline is **December 15, 2017** for the 2018 school year.

Cobell Scholarship 2017-18 <http://cobellscholar.org/>

- The Cobell Scholarship is administered by Indigenous Education, Inc., and is an annual, non-renewable scholarship available to any post-secondary (after high school) student who is a federally-recognized tribal member. An applicant must be a full-time, degree-seeking student who is attending any nationally, regionally and industry accredited non-profit, public, non-profit, public and private institution. Applicants must be pursuing a vocational certificate or diploma, an associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctoral or professional degree or certificate.
- The 2018-2019 academic year and the Summer 2018 scholarship applications will be available in December 2017.
- Historically, the scholarship application deadline has been June 1 but check the application.
- Indigenous Education, Inc., recently announced a 2018 Cobell Graduate Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000) which can be found on their website.

Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars Scholarships

- **Amount:** \$5000
- This scholarship is open to Native American, certified tribal members with plans to work on a reservation. Must be an undergraduate junior or senior accepted to or already attending an accredited college/university, be carrying at least eight semester hours, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Must be US citizen and demonstrate financial need.
- **Deadline:** June 15, 2018

Catching the Dream Website is a great resource! catchingthedream.org

- This website provides a free report to students "101 Tips for Landing Native American Scholarships."
- Applicants must be $\frac{1}{4}$ or more degree American Indian, and an enrolled member of a U.S. Tribe. All awards are based on merit, academic achievement and ambition. Students must attend a college or university on a full-time basis, seeing a BA or higher degree. CTD does not fund students studying out of the country or attending non-accredited institutions, vocational, technical institutions, distance learning or online program. Catching the Dream scholarships are awarded for life. If you win, you will

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never have to apply again. However, if you are not selected for scholarship with CTD, you cannot apply again.

- Deadlines: Summer Session- March 15; Fall Semester/Autumn Quarter-April 30; Spring Semester/Winter Quarter-September 15
- See the Catching the Dream scholarship application for all other details.

Gates Millennium Scholars Program <http://www.gmsp.org/>

- The goal of the GMS program is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential by reducing financial barriers, increasing the representation of American Indian/Alaska Natives and other groups in the disciplines of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are underrepresented.

Great Basin College Western Shoshone Scholarship:

- This scholarship is available to any Western Shoshone student attending Great Basin College and has a per-semester value of \$500 for the academic school year. To maintain the scholarship, one must maintain the GPA requirements.
- Applicants must meet eligibility criteria set by Great Basin College
- This scholarship features a July application deadline date for the upcoming fall semester.

Indian Health Service Scholarship Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives

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

- The IHS Scholarship Program provides qualified American Indian and Alaska Native health profession students an opportunity to establish an educational foundation for each state of your pre-professional careers. The scholarship program provides financial support in exchange for a minimum two-year service commitment within an Indian health program in your chosen health professional discipline.

Intertribal Timber Council Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program

- **Amount:** Up to \$ 2,500
- **Requirements:** The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources.
- **Deadline:** The 2018 scholarship deadline date is February 7, 2018, 5:00 PM (PST).
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Morris K. Udall Foundation Scholarship

- **Amount:** Up to \$ 7,000
- **Requirements:** The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to American Indian nations or to the environment.
- **Deadline:** March 8, 2018

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Western Shoshone Educational Trust Fund Grant

- P.O. Box 1898, Elko, Nevada 89803. Phone (775) 738-2533. Email: wshoshoneeducationtrustfund@yahoo.com
- This scholarship is available to Western Shoshone members or a lineal descendant of an individual appearing on the Western Shoshone census roll. Applicants must be accepted for full-time admission to a nationally accredited institution of higher education and must be an Associate or Bachelor's degree seeking student.
- Vocational/Technical training institutions must be accredited or certified.
- Application deadline for the Fall Semester is June 15 and for the Spring Semester, January 15. These dates are applicable for all vocational program applicants as well.

Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation Fund:

- This scholarship is managed by the Western Shoshone Scholarship Fund Board with the purpose to encourage and support Western Shoshone community members from Barrick's partner communities to pursue and complete college/university educational programs.
- Students must be full-students and maintain a 2.0 GPA
- There is a fall and spring application process. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria as established by the Western Shoshone Scholarship Fund Board
- Online Scholarship Application: <https://tr.scholarshipamerica.org/westernshoshone>
- For specific scholarship questions, please contact: Western Shoshone Educational Funding Program, Attn: Katie Neddenriep, P.O. Box 29, Elko, Nevada 89803, Fax (775) 748-1244 Email: community@barrick.com

Barrick's "Gold" Mining Scholarship:

- This scholarship is managed by Barrick
- For Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation Fund award recipients who have reached their undergraduate sophomore, junior or senior status or are in a Master's or Doctoral level program in one of the following degree fields:
 - Chemical Engineering
 - Civil Engineering
 - Environmental Engineering or Environmental Science
 - Geology
 - Geological Engineering
 - Geophysical Engineering
 - Geotechnical Engineering
 - Mining Engineering
 - Metallurgical Engineering
 - Mineral Processing
 - Wildlife Ecology/Conservation.
- Minimum 2.5 GPA Required
- \$1,500 per term, up to two awards per year, application dates are in December for the spring semester and in July for the fall semester of each year.
- Contact Katie Neddenriep at 775-748-1258 or kneddenriep@barrick.com

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Tuition Assistance Program for Great Basin College:

- For eligible students taking on-line course work through Great Basin College who are ineligible for the Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation Fund.
- Only for degree/certificate programs that promote career enhancement, increased potential for employment, or increased earning potential.
- Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to be eligible.
- Covers tuition fees for on-line course work only, up to 12 credit hours per semester.
- Contact Katie Neddenriep at 775-748-1258 or kneddenriep@barrick.com

How to Get Scholarships and Grants for Native American Students Website

<https://www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/scholarship-guide-for-native-american-students/>

- This website lists a number of scholarships available to Native American students and also features deadline dates.

Newmont North America Scholarship

- Applicant must be a dependent child of a full-time employee or retiree of Newmont North America at the time of application
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Attend a 2- or 4-year college/university or accredited technical school or certification program in the U.S.
- Amount: \$1,000 to \$3,000 renewable **Deadline: February**
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Native Vision Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Scholarship

- **Amount:** Two scholarships at \$5,000 each.
- Native Vision gives scholarships to outstanding American Indian students with a commitment to education, athletics and leadership who are entering their first year of college. Candidates must: 1. Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe; 2. Demonstrate a sustained involvement in the community and an applied concern for American Indian issues and initiatives; 3. Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 at the time of application; 4. Demonstrate involvement in extracurricular and/or athletic activities; 5. Be admitted to an accredited community college or four year undergraduate.
- **Deadline:** May 2018

Rotary Club of Elko-Desert Sunrise Scholarship

- Academic Achievement
- High moral character & service
- Genuine desire to enhance his/her educational background
- Amount \$500 per year – 4-year renewable scholarship **Deadline: February**
- Open to ALL Elko County High Schools

Elko County Classroom Teacher's Association (ECCTA) Scholarship

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- Must be a son/daughter of a current ECCTA member
- Academic standing
- Community involvement
- Extra-curricular activities
- Financial need
- Two \$400 non-renewable scholarships **Deadline: March**

Maintenance Training Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship

- MTC is an intensive one-year, three semester program which combines classroom and laboratory instruction at Great Basin College.
 - Must major in Mechanical Technology (Diesel Technology, Millwright Technology, Welding Technology or Electrical Systems Technology)
 - Amount: \$5,000 **Deadline: March**

Wells Rural Electric Company (WREC) Next Dollar Foundation Scholarship

- Must be a member of a family living in the Wells Rural Electric Company service area & receiving services from WREC
- Attend an academic, trade or vocational school
- Must enroll in a school within 6 months after scholarship is awarded
- Amount: four \$2,000 renewable scholarships **Deadline: March**

Barrick Gold of North America, Inc. Scholarship

- For those students whose parents are employed by Barrick Gold of North America. Parents should talk to Barrick to obtain the scholarship application.
 - Amount \$2,000 renewable for a 2-year community college
 - Amount \$3,000 renewable for a 4-year university **Deadline: April**

Barrick Gold of North America Engineering Scholarship

- Pursue a Bachelor's degree in an Engineering discipline
- Your parents do not have to work for Barrick to apply for this scholarship
- Amount \$1,000 non-renewable **Deadline: April**

Elko County Art Club Scholarship

- Continue studies in the field of Art
- Recommendation from an art teacher
- Portfolio containing three pieces of artwork
- Amount \$1,000 **Deadline: April**

Elko County Cattlewomen Scholarship

- 3.10 GPA or higher
- Pursue a degree relating to the Field of Agriculture
- Amount: \$500 Non-renewable **Deadline: April**

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Elko County Support Staff Organization (ECSSO) Scholarship

- Must be a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a current ECSSO Member
- Good academic standing
- Community or Extra-curricular involvement
- Parent or grandparent support, offices held and involvement level with ECSSO will be considered
- Amount: \$500

Deadline: April

Other Resources

Native American/Student Diversity Programs/Student Services Office

- Contact the college/university programs for information about resources and services available to promote student success.

Educational Support Personnel:

- Your school counselor can help you narrow down your choices for career exploration and determine the educational foundation necessary for successful progress toward your career choice.
- College Financial Aid Officers are one of the most valuable resources in planning for your college endeavors.
- Tribal Education Directors, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors and other professional leaders can provide information about your career choices and educational pathways to attain your goals.
- Free educational consultants
- If you are a member or descendent of Barrick's eight partner communities: Elko Band, South Fork Band, Wells Band, Battle Mountain Band comprising the TeMoak Tribe of Western Shoshone or from one of the four tribes including the Duckwater Tribe, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley, the Ely Shoshone Tribe or the Yomba Tribe, contact Antoinette Cavanaugh at antoinettecavanaugh@me.com for assistance.
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Round Mountain Gold Corporation Scholarship Program

- Applicants must be a member or descendant of a Western Shoshone of Nevada.
- Student must maintain a minimum of a 2.05 grade point average to continue to be eligible for this scholarship.
- Tuition payment is limited to \$200 per credit hour.
- Contact Round Mountain Gold Corporation, P.O. Box 480, Round Mountain, Nevada 89045
- Application **deadline, June 1st**.

Online Educational Resources:

- www.fastweb.com is a scholarship search engine that matches scholarships to student

Scholarship America

- Scholarship America manages thousands of scholarship programs. Many are only open to employees of the sponsoring company or their families, but some are available to students in the general public.
- <https://scholarshipamerica.org>

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