

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Boozhoo and Congratulations on making the choice to pursue higher education! Our program is excited to work with you and assist you on your educational journey. Please be sure to read the complete White Earth Scholarship Program Policies and familiarize yourself with all program requirements. Some important points are listed for you below.

PRIORITY DEADLINE

Applications for the White Earth Scholarship Program (WESP) will have a priority deadline of May 31st prior to the next academic school year.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

As per White Earth Scholarship Program policies, all applicants must:

- Be an enrolled member of the MCT – White Earth Band
- Be accepted into an accredited higher education university or technical college
- Apply for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **This is required regardless of your income status. No exceptions.
- Apply for the Minnesota Indian Scholarship
- Have a high school diploma or GED prior to WESP consideration
- Apply at least 8 to 12 weeks prior to the day classes begin

The White Earth Scholarship Program is an incentive-based program. Your post-secondary institution's financial aid office may determine your award based upon the results of your completed FAFSA.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Before your award eligibility is determined, your WESP application/file must be complete. Funding amounts will be determined by the date of applying to WESP, file completion, and your eligibility to receive federal student aid. Your application will be considered incomplete if our office does not receive all of the required information. Students not complying with program requirements risk ineligibility for funding through WESP.

Completed WESP files contain:

- WESP Application(s)
- Certificate of Agreement
- Education/Program Plan
- Copy of high school diploma/transcript or GED
- All previous academic transcripts (if applicable)
- Course registration for upcoming term of attendance
- Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program application completed
- Completed FAFSA

Applications to this or any other financial assistance program is not a guarantee to receive an award.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

If you receive a WESP award, you must maintain a minimum term (quarter/semester) grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 throughout your academic career. You must submit grades after each term you attend prior to release of any subsequent awards, as well as course registration for the upcoming term. Please note that incomplete coursework and/or withdrawing (dropping) courses will lead to Academic Probation and/or Suspension of future WESP awards. If you withdraw completely from all courses, you must pay your entire award amount for that term back to the WESP before any consideration for future awards.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please keep us informed of your application progress so that we may process your application immediately. If your educational plans change after you have applied to the WESP, please notify our office immediately. If you have questions regarding the application process, please call our office at (218) 983-3285 ext. 5304 or 5302.

PART 1- TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

LAST NAME		FIRST	M.I.	MAIDEN	Soc. Sec. No.	Date of Birth	State of Residency
Mailing Address				City	State	Zip	Area Code/Telephone
				Marital Status		Single Married Separated	
High School Attended:			Post-Secondary Institution Attending		Year in Community College or University		
					1	2	3 4
					Full Time Part Time		Expected Graduation Date:
Year of HS Graduation: _____ Or GED Date: _____			Date Classes Begin _____ / ____ / ____		Degree Seeking: Certificate Diploma AA AS AAS BA BS Oth. Major (s): _____ Minor(s): _____		
Do you live: <input type="checkbox"/> On White Earth Reservation <input type="checkbox"/> Near White Earth Reservation (within 75 miles) <input type="checkbox"/> Outside of White Earth Reservation				Have you ever received a White Earth or MCT grant/scholarship before? YES / NO If so, When & Where?			
ATTENTION STUDENT: Please Indicate <u>Your Full Name Enrolled</u> Under if Different From Above:					Children or Dependents Please list relationship: 1. _____ 3. _____ 2. _____ 4. _____		
Mother's Maiden Name D.O.B				Tribal Affiliation:		Date of FAFSA completion: (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	
Father's Name D.O.B				Tribal Affiliation:		Person to contact in the event you cannot be reached: Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____	

EMAIL ADDRESS I

EMAIL ADDRESS II

I hereby give permission to the institution of higher education to share all information pertaining to my financial aid application and/or academic record with the White Earth Scholarship Program (WESP). I will contact the financial aid office of the institution I have selected and will apply for any and all financial aid available to me. I will request that the financial aid office notify the WESP of any financial need and any aid available to me through the institution. I will provide the WESP a complete transcript at the end of every term of attendance and at any other time as requested by the WESP. I request that any grant awarded me be mailed to me in care of the financial aid office of the Institution I attend. I authorize the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council to provide prospective employers with my name, address and major/minor fields of study, upon completion of my academic program. I further authorize the White Earth Reservation Scholarship Program to obtain my Indian blood Quantum to determine my eligibility for services and financial assistance.

(APPLICANTS SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

PART II-----TO BE COMPLETED BY THE WHITE EARTH RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL ENROLLMENT OFFICE ONLY.

Applicant you DO NOT need to sign below this portion.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED APPLICANT:

_____ IS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE, WHITE EARTH BAND.

_____ IS NOT AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE, WHITE EARTH BAND.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE NAMED APPLICANT IS _____/_____/_____ DEGREE OF MCT INDIAN BLOOD, WHITE EARTH, ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE RECORDS.

(CERTIFYING OFFICIAL SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Your completed application must include:

	White Earth Scholarship Application Priority Deadline: May 31st each year - Must reapply each year
	Education Plan
	Certificate of Agreement
	Academic Transcripts
	Course Registration
	High School Diploma/Transcript or GED

The items listed below must be completed:

	FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
	MISP (Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program) Application

Please note that only complete application files will be considered for an award. Awards are first come, first served and must fit within student budgets as submitted by your financial aid office at the institution you will be attending during the current year. Applications submitted to the WESP (or to any other financial programs) are not an actual guarantee to receive an award.

To remain eligible for the White Earth Scholarship Program, you must complete and submit your WESP application on a yearly basis, preferably 8 to 12 weeks prior to the first date of class. A copy of your course registration and transcripts must be received by the WESP prior to release of any awards in any given academic year.

Applicant Name (Please Print)	Institution	Program	Year of Attendance
Signature of Applicant	Date		

WESP USE ONLY

MCT – WE BQ Verified	Date of Application Review	Award Dates	Award Amounts
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EDUCATION PLAN

Full Name	Social Security Number
Address	City, State, Zip Code
School (Currently Attending)	Previous Schools Attended
Transfer Credits Accepted by Current School	Previous Degrees/Certificates Earned
Term and Year at Current School	Expected Term and Year of Graduation
Major(s) 1. 2. 3.	Minor(s) 1. 2. 3.
Degree Seeking Currently (please circle): Certificate Diploma AS AA BA BS Masters Doctorate	

Please list ALL courses previously taken and ALL courses needed for graduation. Be sure to include all past, present, and courses to be completed. Please be as accurate and comprehensive as possible.

**Note: Printout of Program Requirement will be accepted. Signature on Page 5 still required.

COURSE	CREDITS	TERM/YEAR	IF COMPLETED, GRADE RECEIVED	NOTE REPEATS/OTHER COMMENTS

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CERTIFICATE OF AGREEMENT

I, _____, the student, have read and understand the White Earth Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures. I agree to abide by all policies governing the White Earth Scholarship Program.

I understand that my negligence towards White Earth Scholarship Program Policies and Procedures and application criteria may inhibit my current and/or future application status and overall eligibility with the White Earth Scholarship Program.

I understand that should my academic performance be less than the minimum academic requirements of the White Earth Scholarship Program, I risk ineligibility, probation, suspension, or termination of White Earth Scholarship Program funds.

I agree to take full responsibility for my academic achievements and progress as well as all costs incurred relating to my academic career.

Student Signature	Institution
Date	Academic Year

WESP USE ONLY

Date Received
