

**Mohawk Higher Education Program
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Mohawk Higher Education Program.

The objective of the Mohawk Higher Education Program is to provide financial aid to eligible Mohawk students that will enable them to attend an accredited institution of higher learning.

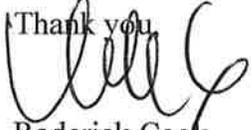
A student must attend an institution of higher education that has been accredited by a nationally accrediting agency or association and which provides an education program culminating in a bachelor's degree.

Please be aware that the grant program is supplemental in nature and is designed to help meet some of the **unmet need** of a full time undergraduate student. "Unmet needs" are defined as a balance of a student's financial needs after all sources of financial assistance e.g., Pell Grant, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Veterans benefits and all other scholarships have been applied.

Grant allocations are awarded on a first come first serve basis, due to limited funding.

If you have any questions, please contact the Higher Education Program at (518)-358-2272 x 247.

Thank you,


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Mohawk Higher Education Program
Two and four year college degree programs

Eligibility

Grants may be made to FULL TIME students who;

- a. Are members of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- b. Possess one- fourth or more degree Mohawk blood and certified by the Tribal Clerk
- c. Have definite needs to be met, which are the remaining costs that need to be met after all other sources of financial assistance have been applied.

Application Process

The student is required to file the FAFSA and also apply for other federal and state grants. The financial aid officer of the college will then complete the Financial Aid Recommendation detailing the supplemental need and forward it to our office at the request of the student. This analysis will include all other aid, which may be applied toward meeting the student's unmet need. A grant from the Mohawk Higher Education Program is also dependent on a review of the following information submitted.

- a. Completed application form.
- b. Tribal certification by the Tribal Clerk.
- c. Signed Privacy Act Statement.
- d. College acceptance letter.
- e. Financial Aid Recommendation completed by the college Financial Aid office.
- f. Final high school transcript or latest college semester grades.

Application Deadline

July 15th for the fall semester
December 31st for the spring semester as a new applicant- provided there are funds available.

Due to limited funding, tribal priorities are based upon the following criteria;

- a. Enrolled and living on the reservation.
- b. Enrolled and living off the reservation.
- c. ¼ degree descendent of an enrolled member.

Continued eligibility will depend on satisfactory progress toward degree requirements; Freshman must have a minimum 2.0 GPA
Sophomores, juniors and seniors must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
A minimum 12 credit hour load is to be carried for full time status.

United State Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

All information requested is voluntary; however, failure to fully complete all applicable parts may result in delays of processing this application or make it impossible to process at all.

Name: _____ Social Security No.: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____
Street City State Zip

E-mail address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced/Separated _____

No. of Dependents: _____ Veteran Yes _____ No _____ State of Residency _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Enrollment Number: _____

Home Agency & Address: _____

Name and Address of High School: _____

Type of High School: _____ Public _____ Tribal _____ Private _____ Mission _____ BIA _____ GED _____

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Academic Year _____ Fall only _____ Spring Only _____ Summer _____ Full Time _____ Part time _____

Name and Address of College selected: _____

College Major: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Expected Degree _____ AA _____ BS _____ BA _____ MA _____ Other: _____

Year in College: _____ freshman _____ sophomore _____ junior _____ senior _____

I will live: _____ on campus _____ off campus _____

Have you received a BIA grant before? _____ Yes _____ No _____ If yes, in what years? _____

Number of semester hours earned? _____ Quarter hours: _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I declare that I will use any funds I receive under the BIA Higher Education Grant Program solely for expense connected with attendance at:

Name of Institution: _____

PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 31, 1974. Although furnishing personal information to this office is voluntary, failure to supply complete and accurate information may preclude the applicant from eligibility under this program.

This information is being collected to determine eligibility of individuals applying for services. This information will be used to produce statistical records required to the Office of Indian Education Programs. Response to this request is required to obtain benefit. I hereby certify that the above information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and consent to the release of this information to necessary agencies to complete my financial aid package. I request that any BIA grant awarded me be mailed to me in care of the financial aid office of the institution. I will provide a copy of my grades or transcript to the BIA Higher Education Office at the end of each term.

Signature of Student: _____ Date _____

