

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WAIVER

North Dakota State University is pleased to offer the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver, an award intended to assist students with their educational costs. If you are a student from a historically underrepresented population you are encouraged to apply for the waiver.

For the purpose of the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver, diversity is defined as anyone who identifies with one or more of the following underrepresented groups:

- **Native American/American Indian**
- **Alaska Native**
- **African American/Black**
- **Asian**
- **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander**
- **Hispanic/Latino**
- **Multiracial/Multiethnic** (from the above categories)
- **Refugee**

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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DIVERSITY WAIVER PROCEDURES

To be considered for the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver, you must:

1. Be admitted to NDSU by April 1, 2022, and meet one of the following:
 - new undergraduate first-year student with a 2.75 cumulative high school GPA
 - new undergraduate transfer student with a 2.0 cumulative college GPA
2. Submit the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver Application in Academic Works (ndsu.academicworks.com) by April 1, 2022.
3. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), indicating NDSU's school code of 002997. Information from the FAFSA is used in the awarding of the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. To be considered, you must submit your FAFSA by March 15, 2022.
4. If applicable, include tribal documentation with your Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver Application.

Documents accepted (documents must be in student's name):

- Enrollment/Tribal ID
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- Blood line/Proof of lineage

Priority is given to:

- Students with high financial need (based on results of the completed 2022-2023 FAFSA as of March 15, 2022)
- Enrolled members of a Native American/American Indian tribe or Alaska Native village
- First-generation college students
- Students who are single parents
- North Dakota residents

Due to the limited number of awards available, **not all** applicants are guaranteed this waiver. To apply, a Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver Application, with necessary documentation, must be completed in Academic Works by the April 1 deadline. No late applications will be accepted.

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- Is included as part of your financial aid award package.
- Award amounts range from \$2,000-\$8,000.
- May be reduced if the student receives certain military/veteran's benefits.
- Is disbursed over four consecutive years (eight consecutive semesters, excluding summer) of full-time study or until graduation, whichever comes first.
- Requires a 2.0 GPA to maintain the award.

NOTE: You are only allowed one Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver at NDSU.