

The Native American Scholastic Award

The Native American Scholastic Award is a merit-based award given to a Native American student who has been admitted to Central Michigan University for the first time or is already attending the university.

The American Indian Scholastic Award is given to first-time or continuing CMU students committed to the promotion of Native American culture. The award value will range from \$500 to \$1500 (based on funds availability). The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe provides funding for the Scholastic Award. Award winners will be announced at the annual CMU Pow wow on Sunday afternoon. The award can be applied to tuition, fees, books, and/or room and board.

Award Disbursement

Full disbursement of the scholarship will be based on enrollment of 12 undergraduate credits or nine graduate credits in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Students enrolled less than full-time will receive the scholarship on a prorated basis: 100% for full-time status; 75% for three-quarter status; 50% for half-time status; 25% for one-quarter time status. The scholarship must be used in the academic year for which it was awarded. On campus and College of Extended Learning enrollment will be considered.

Please direct questions to the Native American Office at 989-774-2508.

Award Categories: (Awards will be given in four categories)

Category 1: Admission to CMU as a first-time freshman or transfer student.

Category 2: Continuing student at CMU.

Category 3: Admission to CMU as a first-time graduate student.

Category 4: Non-traditional student (i.e. over 25 years old) admitted to CMU as an undergraduate or transfer student.

Eligibility Requirements:

CMU students who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply for the Native American Scholastic Award.

- A minimum GPA of:
 - 2.5 for first-time freshmen, transfer, or continuing undergraduates
 - 3.0 for graduate students
- Participate in Native American culture and/or school and community activities

Application Process:

- Resume
- Essay (double spaced, 12 font, two page max.) describing your future goals for promoting Native American culture and how a college education will help you achieve these goals.
- Completed Native American Scholastic Award Application

Application Evaluation

Only completed applications submitted before the deadline will be considered. A selection committee will evaluate applications. The selection committee will consist of two (2) representatives from Central Michigan University and two (2) representative(s) of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

They will choose the award recipient on the basis of a combination of factors:

1. Grade point average of 2.5 or higher
2. Participation in school and community activities
3. Demonstrated promotion of Native American culture
4. The content and style of the essay

Application Deadline: March 1st

**Submit scholarship application to: Native American Programs
University Center 110C
Mount Pleasant, MI 48859**

or

NAP@CMICH.EDU

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Date Received:	Received by (Signature):
Information complete:	Follow-up: