

LAC VIEUX DESERT BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 39, E23968 PowWow Trail Watersmeet, MI 49969

Phone: 906-358-4041 Fax: 906-358-4522



Dear Student:

Enclosed are the following documents you need to complete for college. We now fund Summer School, Part-time, and Full-time College. These rules apply for full-time, part-time, and summer school students. **I would also like to stress that most colleges require payments before the semester begins in order for them to hold your classes, dorm rooms, etc., so it is a good idea to get your paperwork done early. Grades must be turned into our office within 2 weeks of the college semester ending. We will not send any funds for the next semester until grades are received. The Education Department pays for Orientation and Dorm Deposits so please send the completed forms to us when the time arises.**

Eligibility Requirements	Sign, date, and return to LVD Education.
FAFSA	Must be completed on-line to receive funding. www.fafsa.ed.gov send proof to us that you applied. NOTE: You can begin filing out your fafsa in October and use the previous year's taxes. Example: Fill out the 2021/2022 fasfa now using 2020 taxes.
Tribal ID	Please provide a copy of your Tribal ID
Funding Priorities	Read
Apply for 3 Scholarships	Make a copy of each and send them to us. Enclosed are a couple o web searches for scholarships. I would also advise you to check with your colleges Financial Aid office for other scholarships they offer.
Record Release form for Parents	If you want us to share info with your parents.
Tuition Waiver (if applicable)	Fill out and return to LVD Enrollment Office with a copy of Drivers License/or State ID and Tribal ID (Michigan Students Only)
Class Schedule	Send a copy of your class schedule to LVD Education for each semester.
Financial Aid Review Form	Fill out top portion and return to LVD Education
Records Release Form	Sign the Records Release so we can obtain your budget from the college. Return to our office.

Seniors, you do have to apply for 3 scholarships and send a copy of them to our office, so please take advantage of the scholarships offered to you by your high schools. Also, most colleges have scholarships offered through their financial aid offices.

I would also like to remind all students that the colleges do their overage checks after their add/drop class date, so I would advise you to save some money to pay for your books/1st month rent, etc.. Some colleges let you charge them, some do not. The Education Department has a Facebook page. Type in Lac Vieux Desert Education.

If you have any questions, please call me at (906) 358-4041 or email either Laura or myself.

june.saad@lvd-nsn.gov

laura.kopsi@lvd-nsn.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "June Saad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'S'.

June Saad

Education Director

FINANCIAL AID REVIEW FORM

LAC VIEUX DESERT BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS



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Phone: 906-358-4041 Fax: 906-358-4522

Student Full Name Social Security Number Date of Birth

Home Address City State Zip

Phone Number Email Address

College Name and Address

State of Residency Reservation

Major Year in School

Minor No. of Credits Earned

Marital Status No. of Dependents

Budget Information: To be filled out by college financial aid office.

Budget Period: From To
Month - Day - Year Month - Day - Year

Approved Student Budget

Tuition & Fees..... \$
Books & Supplies..... \$
Room & Board..... \$
Personal Expenses..... \$
Transportation..... \$
Other..... \$
\$
\$

Anticipated Student Resources

Student Contribution..... \$
Parent Contribution..... \$
Spouse Contribution..... \$
Veteran's Benefits..... \$
Social Security..... \$
Welfare..... \$
Other..... \$

Total Est. Expenses..... \$ Total Resources..... \$

Assessed Need(Expenses Minus Resources).....\$

Pell Grant \$ Sup. Ed. Opportunity Grant \$ Wheg Grant \$

Tuition Grant \$ Tuition Waiver \$ Other \$

College Work Study \$ Guaranteed Student Loan \$ Other \$

Lac Vieux Desert Academic Year Total.....\$

Federal BIA Grant SEM (1)\$ SEM(2)\$

Financial Aid Officer Date

College

Address City State Zip

Phone Number Fax Number

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Minimum Requirements for the Lac Vieux Desert Education Scholarship Program

Eligibility Requirements

1. Student is an enrolled member of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.
2. Student is a United States Citizen.
3. Student shows a financial need as determined by the educational institution's financial aid officer.
4. The student has applied for a Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver if they attend a Michigan public institution.
5. Prior to determination of eligibility for a BIA scholarship, the student must apply for all other financial aid offered at the institution.
6. All students must maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 each semester.
7. All students are required to submit a certified copy of each semester's grade transcript and attendance record prior to receiving the next semester's funding. (Must be submitted within 2 weeks after the end of the semester.)
8. Any student who fails a class or classes as a direct result of poor attendance, (students must attend a minimum of 75% of all class time) for any reason and for any particular semester will be held responsible for the repayment of all funds for those particular credits failed prior to being eligible for further funding.
9. Every student each needs to apply for 3 scholarships to be eligible for LVD Education funds. The scholarship application must be filled out and a copy must be sent to the LVD Education Department.

Maintaining a Minimum Grade Point Average

In the event the student does not maintain a semester grade point average of at least 2.0, the student will be placed on academic probation for the next enrolled semester. Students will be allowed this one semester to bring their G.P.A. back to the minimum 2.0. If for any reason this does not happen, all BIA and Tribal funding will cease and the student will be required to pay back the tribe the entire amount of funds received for the immediate preceding year within 6 months.

Should a student develop a medical hardship, the student MAY be granted a Medical Tuition Payback Waiver only if the following steps are taken at the time of the hardship:

All hardship waivers must be reported at the time of the hardship and supported by appropriate medical documentation from a physician (i.e., a medical doctor) who provided care at the time of

the injury or illness. Medical documentation for hardship waiver cases involving psychological or mental illnesses may be provided by an individual who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat the particular illness (e.g., psychiatrist, psychologist). Documentation from an individual other than a physician (e.g., chiropractor, physical therapist, athletic trainer) may only be used to support the medical doctor's documentation.

Any full-time student who withdraws from a class and is no longer considered a full-time student (12 credits) as a result of withdrawing, is liable to the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe for ALL BIA, TRIBAL, INCENTIVES, PARENT/STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS) funding received for that semester for the total amount of credits withdrawn. For example, if the funding for the semester was \$1,200.00 and your credit load dropped from full-time student status (12 credits) to less than full-time status (9 credits) then the difference between the two (which is 3 credits) will be divided into the \$1,200.00. You would then owe the Tribe 400.00. You will then have (6) months to repay this amount to the Tribe to receive further funding. Before applying for further funding from this department, after failing to meet the minimum educational requirements, a student must pay for one semester, and receive at least a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. before any further funds will be issued.

Failure to Attend Classes and Withdrawal

Students that have received any Tribal funds, including Parent/Student contribution, and withdraw from college at any time before the semester ends, will be required to pay the money back to the Tribe in full within (6) months before any further education funds are dispersed.

Scholarships

All scholarships are based upon the full recommendation of the educational institution's financial aid officers.

READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN

I have read the preceding information and understand the minimum requirements under which I am accepting any funding from the LVD Education Department or the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As a result, I attest that I applied for this assistance in good faith, and plan to use the funds for attendance of college. I understand that I am responsible for the repayment of any and all funds for each year if I fail to meet minimum standards. I further understand that I may be held criminally responsible if I accept financial assistance without any intention of attending college. As a tribal member of the Lac Vieux Desert Band, I fully submit to the legal jurisdiction of the LVD Tribal Court.

Student Signature

Social Security Number

Date

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Lac Vieux Desert Higher Education Scholarship Program Funding Priorities

The Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Council will utilize the following criterion when ranking the order of funding priority among scholarship applicants:

- A. Enrolled tribal members of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.
- B. Applicants who are living on or near Lac Vieux Desert Reservation.
- C. Applicants attending or wishing to attend accredited public colleges within the state of Michigan.
- D. Depending on Availability of program funds and student circumstances, applicants wishing to attend a public college outside the State of Michigan may be assisted up to a Maximum of \$6,000.00 per college year in accordance with the financial aid office of the college applying to.
- E. Applicants who do not meet the residency requirements but are otherwise eligible may be considered.
- F. The Parent/Student Contribution on the Financial Aid review form is paid by the Tribe.
- G. All Applicants must apply for at least three funding sources other than the tribe in order for your application for Tribal and BIA assistance to be accepted.
- H. Tribal Council has the authority to make decisions on a Case-by-Case basis on any of the above priorities.
- I. Change in line D approved by the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Council on 11/08/17

PARENTAL INFORMATION RELEASE

I, _____ AUTHORIZE THE LAC VIEUX
DESERT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS MY
COLLEGE INFORMATION WITH THE FOLLOWING
PARENT/PERSON:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Release of Information

I, _____ authorize _____
Print Name Name of College/University

and/or it's representative, to release any and all (please initial as acceptance to discuss your information):

_____ financial, as it pertains to my financial aid package

_____ credit, as it pertains to what classes or how many credits I am enrolled in,

for the Academic Year 20____ for the purpose of determining my educational needs and enrollment status to the designated higher education director of the _____.

Information received by the Higher Education Director will be used solely for scholarship and/or statistical purposes only.

Student Signature

College/University ID#

Date

MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS

110 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 800, Lansing, MI 48933 • 231-439-5247

STUDENT: To apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW), you must:

- **Complete** the Student Section of the MITW Application. Be sure to attach copies of the required items {with asterisks (*) and noted in **RED**}.
- **Submit** the MITW application and all required documents to your Tribal Enrollment Department, requesting certification as indicated in "To be completed by Tribe."
- **Ensure** that your entire application, including the Tribally-certified section and accompanying documents are submitted to MDCR for verification. Typically, your Tribe will submit the documents to MDCR after they complete their section of the application; however, they may return the documents to you. It is your responsibility to ensure the documents are submitted. **All signatures on the forms must be original; electronic signatures are not accepted.**

To be eligible for the MITW:

- You must qualify for admission at one of Michigan's public colleges or universities **AND**
- You must be $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Native American blood quantum as certified by your Tribal Enrollment Department **AND**
- You must be an enrolled citizen of a U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe as certified by your Tribal Enrollment Department **AND**
- You must be a legal resident of the state of Michigan for no less than 12 consecutive months.

You **must** provide the following documentation with your MITW application:

- A photocopy of your Michigan Driver's License or State-issued Michigan ID card **AND**
- A photocopy of your Tribal ID.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY: MITW status does not determine your residency status at your institution. Your institution may require additional documentation as proof of residency or to determine your length of residency in Michigan.

TRIBAL CERTIFICATION: You must submit this application to your Tribal Enrollment Department for certification and signature. **The Tribal Enrollment Department is certifying that you, the student, are $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Native American blood quantum and are an enrolled citizen of a U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe.** The Tribal Enrollment Department may submit this form and the accompanying documents on your behalf to MDCR for verification.

STUDENT STATUS: The statute does not limit tuition waiver eligibility based upon full/part-time status, degree track, academic performance, or similar criteria – and such information will not affect MDCR verification.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS REQUESTING MITW TRANSFER/DUAL ENROLLMENT:

- If you have never applied with MDCR, complete the entire application, filling in the 'new student' box. Obtain tribal certification and submit all documents to MDCR according to the instructions.
- If you have previously applied and been verified by MDCR, complete only the Student Section of the application and fill out the 'continuing student' box. The transfer/dual enrollment section must be completed, but Tribal Certification does not need to be obtained.

TRIBE: Complete the Tribal Certification Section of the MITW, certifying whether the student is a Tribal citizen **AND** is $\frac{1}{4}$ or more degree of Native American blood quantum. Send completed application form **with original signature** and accompanying documents to MDCR using the address at the top of this page.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS: Upon receipt of a MITW application, MDCR will review it for the required information. If complete, MDCR will prepare a verification letter, which will be sent to both the student and the institution(s). If MDCR determines it is unable to verify a student's eligibility for MITW, it will send the student a letter stating the reason(s) for the denial.

MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER APPLICATION

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS

110 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 800, Lansing, MI 48933; Telephone: 517-241-7748

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT – Please print clearly in ink or type. An incomplete application may result in a denial and may extend processing time. Please provide copies of items marked with an asterisk (*) in red.

NAME: Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____ Maiden _____

MAILING ADDRESS: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell phone # _____ Email address _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ SOCIAL SECURITY # XXX-XX-____ *Drivers Lic/State ID# _____

Are you a Michigan resident? Y N If yes, have you resided in Michigan for the last 12 consecutive months? Y N

APPLICATION REQUEST (complete either new student or returning student box)

New student

Enrolling at (school) _____ OR
Dual enrolling at (schools) _____ and _____

Continuing student

_____ Changing/updating personal information only OR

Transferring my MITW from _____ to _____

OR

Dual enrolling at (schools) _____ and _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of institution: _____

Have you been accepted at your enrolling institution? Y N If yes, enter your student ID # if available: _____

Expected degree: Certificate ____ Associates ____ Bachelors ____ Masters ____ Doctorate ____ Medical ____ Law ____

Enrollment Information: Semester/Term: _____ 20 ____ Are you a dually-enrolled high school student? Y N

TRIBAL INFORMATION - Provide name of the U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe in which you are enrolled.

Tribe: _____ Tribal Enrollment (ID) #: _____ *

1. I declare that the information provided on this form is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. I agree that this information may be shared with my enrolling institution, my Tribe and may be used for statistical purposes by the MITW program.
3. I declare that by signing this form I have lived in Michigan for twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date on this application and that I am currently a Michigan resident.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY TRIBE – Please print clearly in ink or type

I hereby certify that the above named applicant is $\frac{1}{4}$ (one quarter) or more degree of Native American blood quantum according to the available Tribal and/or Federal records **AND** is an enrolled citizen of this Tribe, which is U.S. Federally Recognized.

Certifying Official's Name (Signature): _____ Date: _____

Certifying Official's Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Name of Tribal Nation: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____



NORTHERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY

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2021-2022 Release of Information

An incomplete form will delay processing

FINANCIAL AID
1401 Presque Isle Avenue
Marquette, MI 49855-5301
906-227-2327 | fax 906-227-2321
fao@nmu.edu | nmu.edu/financialaid

Student Name _____ NMU IN _____

If you are **NOT** submitting this form in person, a copy of your driver's license is required.
You may fax (906 227-2321) this form with the license.

RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT RECORD INFORMATION FOR THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AND THE STUDENT SERVICE CENTER

In accordance with the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) (20.U.S.C. 1232g), also known as the Buckley Amendment, and federal Data Sharing authority granted through the Final Fiscal Year 2019 Spending Bill, the Financial Aid Office and the Student Service Center are prohibited from releasing information concerning a student's financial aid, student account status and financial records without explicit written consent of the student.

If you would like the Financial Aid Office and the Student Service Center to discuss your financial aid, student account status and financial records with persons or an organization that are not covered under this law, please complete and sign this *Release of Information* form.

The Financial Aid Office will be responsible for addressing financial aid information, while the Student Service Center will be responsible for billing-related information.

Student's Authorization to Release Financial Information

I, the above named student, hereby authorize the Financial Aid Office and Student Service Center at Northern Michigan University to release information concerning my financial aid, student account status and financial records to the following persons. ***If the person you list is a parent, please indicate whether that parent is listed on your FAFSA by circling yes or no.***

Person Name	Relationship to Student	On FAFSA?
_____	_____	Yes / No
_____	_____	Yes / No
_____	_____	Yes / No

I, the above named student, hereby request and designate that the organization named below be provided with such information collected from my FAFSA as is necessary for the Granting Organization to assist me in applying for and receiving Federal, State, local or tribal assistance that is designated by me to assist me in applying for and receiving financial assistance for any component of my cost of attendance at Northern Michigan University. This designation is subject to the express requirement that the Granting Organization not sell or otherwise share information collected from my FAFSA.

Organization Name	Purpose
_____	_____

This designation is given with my explicit written consent. I understand that this release will be in effect and honored until August 31, 2022, or such time that I personally revoke this privilege, whichever comes first. To revoke this privilege, I must provide a written statement indicating the release of information is no longer given to the parties previously granted permission.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

_____ Employee Initials – ID Checked	_____ RRAAREQ	_____ RHACOMM
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INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING

The Education Department, as representatives of the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe, understand that an internship is an opportunity and/or requirement to work with a business or organization before you graduate. When looking for an internship think about the time commitment, finances, and how the internship helps you towards your career goals.

The components below must all be in place before you will be considered. Start planning NOW.
APPROVAL IS DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABLE FUNDING.

Requirements for funding consideration:

- A) Only internships take credit through an approved college or university may be funded under this policy.
- B) You (student) must already have an internship secured before you will be considered for funding consideration.
- C) A Resume & Transcript are required.
- D) A copy of the Confirmation of Acceptance Letter from your internship site is required.
- E) An official acknowledgement from your college stating the internship plans have been discussed with an academic representative to be certain your internship meets all college policies and requirements for your college degree.
- F) Official correspondence from your college showing that your internship will qualify as credits towards your degree.
- G) Statement of Purpose: Who, what, when, where, why.
 - 1) Be specific in describing your goals and future plans.
 - 2) What skills and requirements are you hoping to learn from this learning experience?
 - 3) When do you start and how long is the internship?
 - 4) Describe the reason you picked this specific location, and what are your housing plans and details.
 - 5) Be specific in describing why you chose this internship business, as it relates to your education requirements.

H) Steps Taken: Describe in detail the steps you took to secure your internship.

I) Personal presentation of all the above information by the student and/or parents **must** be scheduled with the Tribal Council.

All required documents must be packaged together at one time and delivered to the Lac Vieux Desert Education Department! **There are no exceptions.** Your request for funding will be considered based on your submission of required documentation provided. We wish you the best in achieving your academic and career goals.

SUGGESTED WEBSITES

Association of American Indian Affairs	https://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships.html
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs	https://exchanges.state.gov/
College is Possible	https://www.collegeispossible.org/
Fastweb	https://www.fastweb.com/
Financial Aid	https://www.finaid.org/
Free Scholarship Search & Information Service	https://freschinfo.com/
Minority Scholarship Resource Links	https://www.uwsp.edu/
Public Service Careers	https://publicservicecareers.org
National Indian Education Association	https://www.niea.org/scholarship-opportunities?rq=scholarships
Scholarship Resource Network Express	https://www.srnexpress.com
Student Aid on the Web-government grants, loans, work study, and scholarships *FIND LINK*	
U.S. Department of Education	https://www.ed.gov/finaid
Scholarship Program	https://www.itcnet.org/picard.html

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR RESEARCH

College Board Scholarship Handbook 2011 by: The College Board

Scholarship Book by: Daniel J. Cassidy

Scholarships, Grants & Prizes, 2011 By: Peterson's

2004 Hispanic Scholarship Directory By: WPR Publishing

How to go to College Almost for Free by: Bn Kaplan

Money-Winning Scholarship Essay and Interviews by: Gen S. Tanabe and Kelly Y. Tanabe

GRADUATES

Association of American Indian Affairs, Inc.	www.indian-affairs.org
College Scholarship Foundation – Women’s Scholarship	www.collegescholarships.org
Consortium for Graduate Study in Management	www.cgsm.org
American Indian Special Education Program Scholarship – Graduate Students	Write: American Indian Special Ed. Teacher Program 227 Cedar Bldg., University Park, PA 16802-3109
Educational Administration Scholarship Award	www.aasa.org
Elizabeth and Scherman Asche Memorial Fund – (Public Health)	www.indian-affairs.org
EPA Starfellowship for Graduate Environmental Study	Email: willetts.stephanie@epa.gov Contact: Stephanie Willette (202- 343-9737)
Environmental Protection Act – Tribal Lands	www.aises.org Contact: Heather Landreth, program officer, (505) 765-1052, ext. 105
General Motors Engineering Scholarship	Contact: Heather Landreth, program officer, (505) 765-1052, ext. 105
Indian Health Service Scholarships	www.ihs.gov
Indian Law Summer Program	www.lclark.edu
Underrepresented Graduate Fellowship Program – State University of NY—SUNYH	www.cuinfo.cornell.edu Contact: (518) 443-5676

Conducting an Internet Search

Conducting an Internet search is a fast and easy way to look for college scholarship information. With a few mouse clicks and a little bit of typing, you can quickly fill out scholarship search applications online. As soon as you receive your list of matches, you can begin sending out letters to the sponsors to request an application. Be aware of application deadline and keep track of all your work. Be an active scholarship searcher! We suggest the following FREE scholarship search programs. You can link to any one of these sites through the state's Web site: <https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-372--471235--,00.html>



Fastweb at www.fastweb.com



Cappex at www.cappex.com