

# LAC VIEUX DESERT BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

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Dear Student:

Enclosed are the following documents you need to complete for college. The Education Department will only **accept** completed college packets. **Please make sure you complete your college packet checklist.** These rules apply for full-time, part-time, and summer school students.

| Eligibility Requirements (College Packet Checklist)      | Sign, date, and return to LVD Education.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA                           | Must be completed <b>on-line</b> to receive funding. <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> send proof to us that you applied.<br><b>NOTE:</b> You can begin filing out your FASFA in October and use the previous year's taxes.<br><b>Example: Fill out the 2025/2026 FAFSA now using 2024 taxes.</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal ID                       | <b>Please provide a copy of your Tribal ID</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funding Priorities              | Read                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for 3 Scholarships        | Make a copy of each and send it to us. Enclosed are a couple of web searches for scholarships. I would also advise you to check with your college's Financial Aid office for other scholarships they offer.                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Record Release form for Parents | If you want us to share info with your parents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition Waiver (if applicable)  | Fill out and return to LVD Enrollment Office with a copy of Driver's License/or State ID and Tribal ID ( <b>Michigan Students Only</b> ) Visit link below:<br><a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/indian-tuition-waiver">https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/indian-tuition-waiver</a>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class Schedule                  | Send a copy of your class schedule to LVD Education for each semester.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid Review Form       | Fill out top portion and have your college fill out bottom portion. Once complete, return to LVD Education.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.
- **FUNDING:**
  - The following has been approved by LVD Tribal Council on August 1, 2024:
    - Set a yearly limit to \$30,000 per year per student starting every fall.
    - For on-line students providing up to 30% or a max of \$2,000 per semester (to cover room board, personal, transportation and other expenses) to be included under the \$30,000 yearly budget.
    - Reimbursement for college student's expenses (1<sup>st</sup> month rent, water, sewer, etc.) prior to school starting to come out of the student's cost of attendance.
  - The following has been approved by LVD Tribal Council on August 14, 2025:
    - The extension of financial aid to **part time** students, in the dollar amount of \$166.66 for online students, and \$185.00 for in person students, per credit hour, effective immediately.
- **SUMMER SCHOOL:** If you attend summer school, classes will be included in your \$30,000 yearly limit.
- **PAYMENTS:** 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.
- **OVERAGE CHECKS:** 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/1<sup>st</sup> month rent, etc.. Some colleges let you charge them, some do not.
- **GRADES:** 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.
- **COLLEGE ORIENTATION:** The Education Department pays for Orientation and Dorm Deposits so please send the completed forms to us when the time arises.
- **COLLEGE PACKET: IT IS REQUIRED YOU COMPLETE THE PACKET ANNUALLY.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE LVD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT (906) 358-4041 EXT. 4312/4314.**

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### Student's Information:

|                                |  |                              |              |                     |              |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 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 _____         |              |                     |              |
| Marital Status _____           |  | No. of Dependents _____      |              |                     |              |
| Full-Time _____                |  | Part-Time _____              | Online _____ | In-Person _____     | Hybrid _____ |

**Budget Information: It is your responsibility to make sure the Financial Aid office completes the information below:**

Budget Period: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
Month – Day - Year Month – Day – Year

### Approved Student Budget

|                          |          |                       |          |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Tuition & Fees.....      | \$ _____ | Books & Supplies..... | \$ _____ |
| Room & Board.....        | \$ _____ | Transportation.....   | \$ _____ |
| Personal Expenses.....   | \$ _____ | Other.....            | \$ _____ |
| Total Est. Expenses..... | \$ _____ |                       |          |

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

|                             |                                     |                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Pell Grant \$ _____         | Sup. Ed. Opportunity Grant \$ _____ | Whег 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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **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 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 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 forms 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 are issued.

### **FAILURE TO ATTEND CLASSES AND WITHDRAWAL**

Students that have received any Tribal funds 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.

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Student Signature

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Social Security Number

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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. Applicants who do not meet the residency requirements but are otherwise eligible may be considered.
- E. 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.
- F. Tribal Council has the authority to make decisions on a Case-by-Case basis on any of the above priorities.

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## **Parental Release of Information**

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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## 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

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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 the required documentation provided. We wish you the best in achieving your academic and career goals.

The following has been approved by LVD Tribal Council on May 21, 2024:

Motion to increase hourly wage for internships to \$15.00 per hour, if department supporting intern has budgeted funds for such students, department will cover costs associated with interns, if there is a gap in budget amounts, general fund will be used to supplement wage and department will be reimbursed by the Tribal General Fund effective May 21, 2024, made by Patrick Garrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeffery McGeshick

All-in Favor (7), Opposed, (0), Abstaining (0)

Motion Carried

## **SUGGESTED WEBSITES**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fastweb                                                                       | <a href="https://www.fastweb.com/">https://www.fastweb.com/</a>                                                                             |
| Financial Aid                                                                 | <a href="https://www.finaid.org/">https://www.finaid.org/</a>                                                                               |
| Free Scholarship Search & Information Service                                 | <a href="https://freschinfo.com/">https://freschinfo.com/</a>                                                                               |
| Minority Scholarship Resource Links                                           | <a href="https://www.uwsp.edu/">https://www.uwsp.edu/</a>                                                                                   |
| National Indian Education Association                                         | <a href="https://www.niea.org/scholarship-opportunities?rq=scholarships">https://www.niea.org/scholarship-opportunities?rq=scholarships</a> |
| Student Aid on the Web-government grants, loans, work study, and scholarships |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>*FIND LINK*</b>                                                            |                                                                                                                                             |
| U.S. Department of Education                                                  | <a href="https://www.ed.gov/finaid">https://www.ed.gov/finaid</a>                                                                           |

## **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**

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| Association of American Indian Affairs, Inc.                                | <a href="https://www.indian-affairs.org/nativescholarship.html">https://www.indian-affairs.org/nativescholarship.html</a>                                                                     |
| College Scholarship Foundation – Women’s Scholarship                        | <a href="http://www.collegescholarships.org">www.collegescholarships.org</a>                                                                                                                  |
| Consortium for Graduate Study in Management                                 | <a href="http://www.cgsm.org">www.cgsm.org</a>                                                                                                                                                |
| American Indian Special Education Program Scholarship – Graduate Students   | Write: American Indian Special Ed. Teacher Program<br>227 Cedar Bldg., University Park, PA 16802-3109                                                                                         |
| Educational Administration Scholarship Award                                | <a href="https://www.aasa.org/about-aasa/awards-grants/educational-administration-scholarships#0">https://www.aasa.org/about-aasa/awards-grants/educational-administration-scholarships#0</a> |
| Scholarships for Native Students in STEM fields                             | <a href="https://aises.org/scholarships/">https://aises.org/scholarships/</a>                                                                                                                 |
| Indian Country - Scholarships                                               | <a href="https://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/scholarships">https://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/scholarships</a>                                                                 |
| Indian Health Service Scholarships                                          | <a href="http://www.ihs.gov">www.ihs.gov</a>                                                                                                                                                  |
| Indian Law Summer Program                                                   | <a href="http://www.lclark.edu">www.lclark.edu</a>                                                                                                                                            |
| Underrepresented Graduate Fellowship Program – State University of NY—SUNYH | <a href="http://www.cuinfo.cornell.edu">www.cuinfo.cornell.edu</a><br>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](https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-372--471235--,00.html)



web at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)



Cappex at [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)