

Participating Financial Aid Offices

For questions or information concerning the American Indian Tuition Waiver, call the Financial Aid Office of the campus at which you intend to enroll.

Montana State University
Bozeman
406-994-2845

Montana State University-Billings
406-657-2188

**Montana State University-Billings College
of Technology**
406-247-3004

Montana State University-Northern
406-265-3787

**Montana State University-Great Falls College
of Technology**
406-771-4327

The University of Montana
Missoula
406-243-5504

**The University of Montana-Missoula College
of Technology**
406-243-7885

Montana Tech of the University of Montana
406-496-4213

The University of Montana-Western
406-683-7511

**The University of Montana-Helena College
of Technology**
406-444-6879

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What is the Indian Tuition Waiver?

The Montana Board of Regents adopted Policy 940.13 in order to increase access to higher education for resident American Indian students. The policy requires that the campuses of the Montana University System waive tuition for eligible undergraduate American Indian students.

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Montana University System waived over \$3.2 million in tuition for 832 American Indian students.

Although this policy is sometimes called a fee waiver, it allows only waivers of tuition. Fees, program fees and other charges are not waived by this policy.

Who is eligible for this waiver?

Montana residents of one-fourth American Indian blood or more are eligible for the waiver upon demonstration of financial need.

The campuses follow federal financial aid guidelines in awarding and renewing tuition waivers. These rules may be obtained from the financial aid office on each campus.

Students may continue to receive these waivers from year to year, if they make reasonable academic progress, for up to eight semesters of undergraduate work. Students should check each campus's policy about satisfactory progress.

Who awards the waivers?

The financial aid office at each campus is the official department that authorizes financial assistance, including tuition waivers and scholarships, to any student. To be certain of an award or waiver, students must be notified by the financial aid office.

Is all college tuition waived?

No. Waivers awarded under this policy cannot be applied to self-supporting courses. Some online courses and most continuing education courses are self-supporting. Students must pay the full tuition and fees for any self-supporting courses.



How to Apply

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to demonstrate financial need.
2. Complete an American Indian Tuition Waiver application form. This is available at each financial aid office or online at the American Indian/Minority Achievement website: www.mus.edu/aima
3. Provide documentation that you are at least one-quarter American Indian. Documentation can include: official CIB (Certificate of Indian Blood), Tribal enrollment card, and/or documentation of parent/grandparent's degree of blood. Documentation from more than one tribe may be necessary. Tribal enrollment is not required. Documentation need not be from a Montana-based tribe so long as you are a Montana resident.
4. Provide documentation that you are a resident of Montana. Generally you must have been in residence in Montana for at least a 12-month period. See Policy 940.1.

The American Indian Tuition Waiver may not be used with other state tuition waivers. The waiver does not cover mandatory or class fees. All other fees are the student's responsibility.

Note: The amount of the tuition waiver will vary depending on the institution and the number of credits taken.

