



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE:

The SJIS ČhankŪ LŪta Scholarship, initiated by the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (CPOSH) Board, aims to support Native American students. Eligible recipients may receive multiple* scholarship assistance awards. In alignment with our commitment of support, we prioritize the allocation of scholarships as follows:

1. SJIS alumni:
 - a. Preference will be given to applicants who are alumni of SJIS. We value the ongoing connection and contributions of our alumni community, and seek to support alumni in pursuing educational opportunities.
2. Family of SJIS alumni:
 - a. Family members of SJIS alumni will be considered for scholarship allocation after SJIS alumni applicants. We acknowledge the significance of familial ties within our community and aim to extend support to the (loved ones) of the SJIS alumni.
3. Native American applicants:
 - a. Native American applicants not listed in the aforementioned categories will be considered for the scholarship following the allocation of funding to SJIS alumni and family of SJIS alumni. We recognize the importance in providing opportunities for Indigenous communities. Allocation of funding for Native American applicants within this category are as follows:
 - i. Applicants enrolled in a South Dakota tribe and living in the state of South Dakota.
 - ii. Applicants enrolled in a South Dakota tribe and living outside of the state of South Dakota.

- iii. Applicants enrolled in a tribe located outside the state of South Dakota and attending college in the state of South Dakota.
- iv. Applicants enrolled in a tribe and not listed in the above categories.

**Award recipients may reapply and receive up to 10 scholarship awards. SJIS alumni who have been awarded 10 scholarships may be eligible for further scholarships (subject to funding availability).*

APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete the online SJIS scholarship application.
2. Applicants will be required to provide the following documents as part of the scholarship application:
 - a. Copy of the applicant's tribal ID, or CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood)
 - b. College acceptance letter (first-time college students only).
 - c. Previous semester grades (for current and continuing college students).
 - i. An unofficial or official transcript will be accepted.
 - ii. A 2.0 GPA is preferred.
 - d. Class schedule for the upcoming semester.
 - i. Full-time or part-time students may apply.
 - e. Financial aid needs analysis forms completed by financial aid officers at the applicant's attending college or university.
 - i. Note: applicants can choose to upload the document within the application or submit the document on a later date by the deadline.

All applicants are required to complete the application and submit required documentation, including proof of tribal enrollment. Financial need will be assessed through the submission of relevant financial documents. The scholarship committee reserves the right to make final decisions regarding award recipients, taking into consideration the availability of funds, the number of qualified applicants, timeliness in receiving completed applications, etc.

The application is considered yearly. Applicants will be required to complete the application in full the following collegiate school year. If applicants apply in the spring semester only, the applicant must complete the application in full within the spring semester and in full the following fall semester.

If an applicant is approved for the full year award (fall and spring semesters), the applicant will only be required to submit previous semester grades and an upcoming class schedule for the

spring semester. Applicant award funding amounts provided in the fall may differ for the spring semester depending on available funding.

SJIS alumni may contact the alumni relations department to discuss educational related expenses prior to the scholarship due dates listed and summer semester educational assistance options; assistance may or may not be available.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall and spring semester (yearly award) or fall semester only:

1. Initial application deadline: August 1st
2. Continued funding deadline: January 2nd (see details below)
 - a. Applicants who received a full collegiate academic year scholarship award (fall and spring semester), must submit fall grades and the upcoming spring semester schedule by the deadline in order to receive a spring award.

Spring semester only:

Applicants who did not receive a fall semester scholarship for the current collegiate academic year:

1. Deadline: December 1st