



St. Joseph's Indian School
We serve and teach, we receive and learn.

ČHANĀKÚ LÚTA SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Joseph's Indian School ČhanĀkú Lúta Scholarship, initiated by the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (CPOSH) Board, aims to support Native American students by providing money to support further education. Eligible recipients may receive multiple* scholarship assistance awards.

ČhanĀkú Lúta is Lakota for the "Red Road," a commitment to live life in the best way possible with respect for oneself, others, all of creation and the Creator. For Christians, it is the road that Christ walked in giving his life for others. The St. Joseph's Indian School ČhanĀkú Lúta Scholarship exists to support students pursuing higher education who exemplify the ČhanĀkú Lúta way of life.

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

SCHOLARSHIP ALLOCATION:

In alignment with our commitment to support, we prioritize the allocation of scholarships as follows:

1. St. Joseph's Indian School alumni:
 - a. Preference will be given to applicants who are alumni of St. Joseph's Indian School. We define "alumni" as any student who attended the school at any time. We value the ongoing connection and contributions of our alumni community and seek to support alumni in pursuing educational opportunities.
2. Family of St. Joseph's Indian School alumni:

- a. As thiyóšpaye, family members of St. Joseph's Indian School alumni will be considered for scholarship allocation after St. Joseph's Indian School alumni applicants. We acknowledge the significance of familial ties and aim to extend support to family members of St. Joseph's Indian School alumni.
3. Native American applicants:
 - a. Native American applicants not listed in the two preceding categories will be considered for the scholarship following the allocation of funding to St. Joseph's Indian School alumni and families of St. Joseph's Indian School alumni. We recognize the importance of providing opportunities for Indigenous communities. Allocation of funding for Native American applicants within this category is 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.

COMMITTEE AND APPLICANT EXPECTATIONS:

The St. Joseph's Indian School Čhaŋkú Lúta Scholarship Committee will provide timely and sincere support for an applicant's educational pursuits, including responsive handling of scholarship materials and a commitment of prayer. The St. Joseph's Indian School Čhaŋkú Lúta Scholarship Committee hopes scholarship recipients will hold a commitment to live the Čhaŋkú Lúta way of life with respect for themselves, others, all of creation, and the Creator.

APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete the online St. Joseph's Indian School 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 form completed by financial aid officers at the applicant's attending college or university.

All applicants are required to complete the application and submit the required documentation including proof of tribal enrollment. Financial needs 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 for the **current** academic year (fall and spring semesters), the applicant will only be required to submit previous semester grades and an upcoming class schedule for the spring semester. This applicant would select "Spring Returning Applicant." Applicant award funding amounts provided in the fall may differ for the spring semester depending on available funding.

St. Joseph's Indian School alumni may contact the Alumni Relations Department to discuss education-related expenses before 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. Fall application deadline: August 1st.
2. Spring 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 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.