

**Dakota Indian Foundation**  
**2022 Fall Scholarship Recipients**



**Grant**

*I will be a Sophomore in the Fall of 2022 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Tx pursuing a degree in Finance. Over the last several years I've developed an entrepreneurial mindset and also enjoy following the stock market. I've started several side businesses, buying and selling items on Ebay, have done landscaping and handy man work in the local area as well as tracking and trading within the stock market.*

*My high school athletic experience taught me that things don't always go as planned or as you would like them to, but you also can't be afraid of adversity or to make change and hard work does pay off.*



**Snya**

*I am a hard working student with great ambitions. I was unsure what I wanted to do. I picked environmental science because I am a more kinesthetic learner and the science degree was a better fit due to the labs and experiments the classes offered. As I further my education, I feel that I would be able to help the farmers on the reservation, nourish our land, maintain reliable resources and improve animal and crop health.*



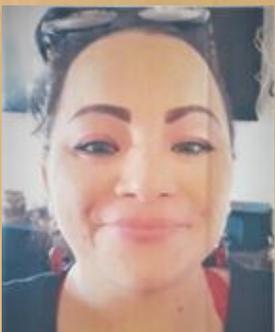
**Colbe**

*I will be a sophomore at Dakota State University this Fall. I will be studying exercise science and playing sports. I know how important it is to have good study habits and achieve those grades in order to graduate. I hope to further my education after graduation in physical therapy or chiropractic care and possibly come back to work on the reservation to help my people.*



**Ty'Leigha**

*I am applying for this scholarship as I am a single mother of two boys. I am currently working for my tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe as a police officer. I work 40 hours per week. Although I work full-time I do have two small humans to care for. I chose this career because I love helping others. I love working as an officer for my tribe, taking care of my own people. I am applying myself to a college degree because I would like to further my career in law enforcement. My end goal is to be an investigator. I feel that if I am granted this financial assistance, it would not be going to waste on your end.*



**Heather**

*I think I would be a great candidate for the scholarship due to having maxed out of the Pell grant and the only help I get is through scholarships. My educational goal is to graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Administration within the next few years and begin a career with a growing company. Through Covid and being a single mom trying to make it through school without the stress and a lot of debt would be a big help. Thank you!*

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**Matilda**

*Being raised on the Rosebud Reservation, there is always a lack of opportunities and resources. The healthcare system is one of the departments that need improvement. Knowing that my people don't get the same type of healthcare as other places do, only motivates me to make it better! Since I was a kid I knew I wanted to go to college and further my education so I can create good change for my tribe. I also want to inspire the kids from my hometown that they can make it too! My dream for RST is to build a recreation center for the youth along with a multi entertainment center. These facilities will improve our youth's mindsets mentally, emotionally and physically! Wopila Tanka!*



**Mark**

*I truly believe I am called to do what I do. I am an Associate Pastor, Public Speaker and Archery Instructor. I am passionate about learning and am always willing to grow and be challenged. I use what I am learning to encourage and mentor the next generation. I take what I do very seriously and give all that I have. My goals are to be a teacher one day and to see other Native Americans succeed and to break into higher education!*



**Emily**

*I will be a junior at the University of North Dakota. I have been accepted into the Nursing program and am extremely excited to continue my lifelong dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. I am interested in nursing because I feel like my purpose in life is to help people. My plans are to become an RN, work in the medical field for a while and then return to school to continue additional training as a Nurse Practitioner specializing in neonatology. I have wanted to be a "baby doctor" for as long as I can remember.*



**Scott**

*Coming from a reservation, attending and finishing a 4 year university seemed close to impossible. However, now I am proud to say that I am a Native American student entering my 3rd year at the University of Sioux Falls . Over these 2 years I have been studying Exercise Science with a minor in entrepreneurial studies and have been able to maintain a 3.1 GPA with 69 credits earned. For the future I plan to finish school at USF and then attend a chiropractic school. I plan to become a Chiropractor with my own practice.*