

Dakota Indian Foundation

2024 Spring Scholarship Recipients



Shang

I never really knew what I wanted to do until I tried out the Information Technology dual credit program during high school! I found I really like working on computers and decided to get my degree in computers. I graduated from Sitting Bull College in May of 2023 with my Associates of Science Degree in Information Technology. I have enrolled at Sitting Bull to get my Bachelors Degree in Information Technology and give back to the college and my tribe. I have always taken my studies very seriously because it is very important to me.



Slade

I currently have a 3.767 GPA and have been on the dean's list every semester so far. School has been very important to me all my life because there have been many teachers in my family who have preached importance of being educated. My current plans are to finish my Bachelors degree and apply/get into Physical Therapy School. I grew up in an area in desperate need of health care professionals and doctors at our local IHS. I want to help provide adequate care in the community where I grew up!



Jordan

I am a student finishing my last semester at Bismarck State College working on my Associates Degree in Business Administration. This scholarship would help me to move into a four-year institution after I finish here. I am on the Women's Basketball team and would also like to continue playing basketball at another school while working on my degree. Upon completing my Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, I would like to open my own business or possibly become a principal of a school one day.



Khristin

I am a single mother of 2, chasing my dream of being a nurse. I truly love health care. I am currently in school for my LPN degree. I will use my LPN degree and apply for a bridge program to work on my RN degree. My dream is to become an ER or an ICU Nurse. I want to continue my education to get my BSN degree and use my knowledge to help take care of my people at home on the Rez.



Laila

I am studying Environmental Science Policy and Management with a concentration in conservation and resource management. After I graduate, my goal is to work back at home for a few years and apply for graduate school to study Indian Law and land management to promote tribal sovereignty. The end goal is to work with my tribes and others in reconnecting ourselves to the land, culture and bringing our sustainable systems and way of life back.

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Haylee

I have faced so much adversity within my young life and although I stumbled and fell many times, I got back up and continued. My first year of college was a struggle due to Covid and personal issues but I believe that I can help others. I decided to pursue a degree in Psychology. I want to help others get through their mental health issues so they can succeed. I want to make our reservation a better place for all youth. They deserve to live as children and grow up in a safe place with happy memories.



Jestin

My main goal in life is get to a point where I am happy, and I can support myself and my family. During my early school life I received academic and athletic awards achieving every goal I strove for. My goal is to finish my bachelor's degree in information technology from Sitting Bull College. I can graduate in Spring of 2026 and use my education to help my people and my tribe



Ebony

I am currently working on my Associate in Business Administration degree. Upon completion, I plan to get my Bachelors Degree. I will be a first-generation college graduate and it is important to me to set a good example for my siblings and younger close family members to show them how important education is. I would like to open my own business and properties tailored to low-income individuals. I would also like to offer kid-friendly clubs and activities. I want something positive for kids to do that involves being active while still having fun.

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Lynette

I am a senior at Oglala Lakota College and will be graduating with my Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. With my degree I plan on helping my community by starting a small business in the NE Oglala Sioux Tribe Reservation. Education is very important to me because it will help improve myself, my family and my community. At some point I would like to go on and get my Masters degree at OLC for Non-Indigenous Law.



Alexander

I am a first generation college student who is devoted to his studies and his family. With determination and courage, I aspire to lead the next generation on a road of positivity and self-empowerment. I have one semester left with my AS Degree and will be interning with my high school basketball team helping out the head coach. Upon completion of my degree, I plan to apply for the full-time assistant coaching position while continuing my studies at Sitting Bull College. I would like to build my own wellness/fitness center in McLaughlin focusing on the youth and will serve as a resource for the next generation.

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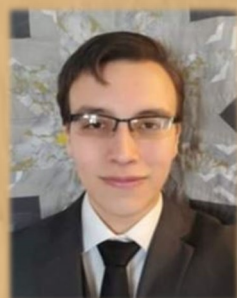
Zachary

I am pursuing a career in Environmental Science to which I am in my final year. I have always loved this field especially with renewable energy. I was always fascinated with how we get power in our daily lives. This degree plan will allow me to pursue my interest and obtain a viable career and do something I enjoy. I have been doing intern services with my tribe's water distribution and treatment plant as well as helping other students with their internship progress. This scholarship will allow me to continue on my educational journey and provide me with more time to take off from work and focus on finishing my studies.



Jodi

I am a mother of a 4-year old son. I am attending Sitting Bull College. I am a full-time student and work very hard to achieve goals as I go along. I am very interested in the nursing program and currently in my second semester. It is challenging but I am trying my hardest. I have faced many challenges going to school, finding my way around studying, homework and classes. Nothing is going to stop me from completing this program.



Konnor

I am a dedicated business administration major at Sitting Bull College actively working towards obtaining my associate's degree. I am maintaining a 3.9 GPA and received the honor of being the 2023 student of the year at Sitting Bull College. In addition to my academic achievements, I am active in various extracurricular activities that highlight my passion for community and business development. My greatest ambition is to improve the quality of life on my reservation. I believe a combination of essential businesses and political change can end the generational trauma and lead to a brighter



Mashke

I graduated from high school at the age of 15. I then attended Culinary Arts School in Boulder CO where I earned an Associates Degree. I then completed a Business Degree. While in school, I realized that I wanted to follow my female relatives in the medical profession. My mother was the first Native American to graduate from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. So, wanting to become a physician, I started taking pre-med courses, and plan to take the MCATS and apply to Medical School for the fall.



Kamela

As a committed advocate for addressing chemical dependency and mental health issues, I am honored to have this opportunity to share my story and goals with you. Having seen the destructive effects of alcohol and drug misuse and the toll it takes on the mental well-being of our people, I knew I wanted to make a difference. In pursuit of my goal to make a lasting impact, I plan to further my education in the field of chemical dependency and mental health. I believe that investing in my education will not only transform my life but will also have a profound ripple effect within my community.