



# Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

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## Bureau of Indian Education Higher Education Grant Program Policy

### Application

For applicants to receive the Bureau of Indian Education Higher Education Grant Program funds, you **must complete this application in full** and understand the enclosed policy. By signing this application, you are acknowledging you have read, understand and will abide by this policy. Please return completed application to the Hopland Tribal Education Department at the above address. **No funds will be released until the complete application and all required documents are received. Once received, payment will be processed within 14 days.**

**Application submission deadlines for AA & BA:** Fall Semester/Quarter deadline is 9/30, Spring Semester/Quarter deadline is 2/28, and Summer Semester/Quarter deadline is 6/30. Applications will be accepted no earlier than 45 days before semester/quarter start date.

Hopland Tribal ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State Zip

College Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current educational goal? (Circle One): [AA] [BA] [MA] [LAW] [PHD]

This Semester/Quarter Units: \_\_\_\_\_ Units Needed to Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistance amount for AA & BA: \$40/unit, maximum of \$500/semester and maximum of \$1,000/calendar year.

Assistance amount for MA, LAW, PHD: \$100/unit, maximum of \$2,000/calendar year (effective 1/1/2017).

**I have included** a copy of my Tribal ID or a Tribal Member Verification Letter:

**I have included** a copy of my current class schedule:

**I have included** a copy of my Education Plan formed with a school counselor:

**I have included** a copy of my FAFSA Award Letter for current semester:

**I have included** a copy of my prior semester grades:

***I, the undersigned, have read and understand the enclosed policy.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Note: If you are found to be financially ineligible to receive grant scholarship funds after completing the application process, yet you meet all other requirements, you may be eligible for a tribally funded scholarship if funds are available.

#### Additional Graduate and Law Student Resources

American Indians Graduate Center (AIGC), 4520 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 881-4584, [www.aigcs.org](http://www.aigcs.org) offers supplementary financial assistance for students pursuing post-baccalaureate programs. American Indian Law Center, Inc., 1117 Stanford NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196, (505) 277-5462 offers opportunities to enhance academic success.



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### Introduction:

The Bureau of Indian Education's (BIE) Higher Education Grant Program is not an entitlement program. You do not automatically receive funding because you are an American Indian. That is why it is very important for you to become familiar with the requirements of the BIE's grant program college admission requirements as well as your tribe's eligibility terms and the relationship between these various programs and offices.

### Purpose:

The purpose of the BIE's Higher Education Grant Program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to the eligible American Indian/Alaska Native student entering college, seeking a Baccalaureate Degree.

### Eligibility:

A student must comply with the following eligibility criteria and submit a complete application for each semester funds are requested. Application submission deadlines: Fall Semester/Quarter deadline is 9/30, Spring Semester/Quarter deadline is 2/28, and Summer Semester/Quarter deadline is 6/30. Applications will be accepted no earlier than 45 days before semester start date.

#### 1. Tribal Membership

Must be a member of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians which is eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States through the Bureau of Indian Education because of their status as Indians. Applicant must submit proof of tribal membership in the form of a Tribal ID Card or a verification letter signed by Tribal Council.

#### 2. Admission to Nationally Accredited Institution

Must be accepted for admission to a nationally accredited institution of higher education which provides a course of study conferring the Associate of Arts, Bachelor's, Graduate, or Law degree. Applicant must provide their college acceptance letter and/or a copy of their current class schedule as well as a copy of their Education Plan/Goals formed with a school counselor.

#### 3. Financial Need through FAFSA Award

Must demonstrate financial need as determined by the financial aid office of the college institution. This is done through the FAFSA application process. An award letter must be provided stating that you will be receiving state or federal assistance (including eligibility for Federal Subsidized Loans) for the semester/year you are attending college.

#### 4. Satisfactory Grades

In order to reapply for the BIE Higher Education Grant you must show proof of passing the prior semester of courses with satisfactory grades. Failing or dropping courses totaling more than three (3) units will result in denial of future BIE Higher Education Grant requests.