



## AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND

# Higher Pathways 2020-2021 Grant Application

### Application Due Dates:

**Fall 2020 Funding – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by 5:00pm MT**

**Spring 2021 Funding – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by 5:00pm MT**

### Native Pathways Grant Funding Overview

Partnerships with high schools, TCUs, tribal education departments, and tribal community organizations are an important aspect of the Native Pathways program. To boost college-going resources and opportunities for American Indian/Alaska Native students, College Fund offers exclusive grant funding with programming support for these partners.

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### Higher Pathways Grant Opportunity Overview

The grant period is September 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021. The emphasis of this **\$3000 grant** is for high schools and other tribal organizations working with Native youth to boost college going resources and opportunities for American Indian/Alaska Native high school students. Provides funding for reservation-based and/or BIE-funded high schools, tribal education departments, and tribal community organizations to 1) take a group of students on an in-state **college campus visit\***, 2) hold a **college readiness completion contest**, 3) host a **college application day/week**, 4) host/attend a **college & career fair** with TCU and/or university representatives, 5) **other**. There are 90 Higher Pathways grants awarded each year.

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### Native Pathways Grant Eligible Schools

Reservation-based and/or Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) funded high schools, tribal education departments, and tribal community organizations that are located within proximity of a Tribal College or University are eligible to apply for the Native Pathways Grants.

- Reservation-based/BIE-funded high schools, tribal education departments, and tribal community organizations in the following 13 states where TCUs are located are eligible:
  - AK, AZ, KS, MI, MN, MT, ND, NB, NM, OK, SD, WA, WI
- Currently, 156 eligible high schools have been identified

## Higher Pathways Grant Details

Native Pathways grant recipients receive access and information for:

- Funding, assistance, & support for events
- In-person & virtual student workshops
- Native Pathways Toolkit of presentation materials
- College readiness resources
- Professional development & networking opportunities
- Native Pathways College Going Guidebooks
- Native Pathways College Preparatory Curriculum Guide

**Native Pathways Toolkits** include information for the Native Pathways student programs, presentations on college readiness, grade level timelines, repository of academic resources, College Fund Education Calendar of webinars, and other valuable resources. A Toolkit will be provided to each grant recipient on a flash drive and mailed to each school along with a classroom set of Native Pathways College Going Guidebooks and a teacher copy of the Native Pathways College Preparatory Curriculum Guide.

## Grant Recipient Expectations & Responsibilities

1. **Campus Contacts and Lead Event Coordinator** - The Native Pathways Grant application designates a primary and secondary contact for each school campus:
  - The primary contact will be lead event coordinator and main campus contact
  - The secondary contact will support the lead event coordinator
2. **Native Pathways Student Application and Surveys** - Grant recipients will recruit students to the Native Pathways Student Programming and assist with the online application and pre- and post-surveys.
3. **Report Attendance/Participation for Events and/or Activities** - Lead Event Coordinator will create an attendance sheet for the event(s) and/or activities to include school name, student first name, student last name, grade level, student email, student phone and submit to their respective College Fund Coach.

## Grant Spending - Event Recommendations & Spending Suggestions

**Contests to Encourage College Readiness Activity Completion:**

Use contests with prize incentives and/or drawings to encourage college readiness activity completion. For example:

1. Hold a contest for the first (#30) students who complete (*their FAFSA*) will win (*\$100 gift card*).
- OR**
2. All students completing (*their FAFSA*) will earn a *\$20 gift card* and be entered for a grand prize drawing for a (*Chromebook*).

**Suggestions for Drawings & Prizes** - Gift Certificates \$5/\$10/\$20/\$25/\$50/\$75/\$100 (Visa, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Subway, Starbucks), Chromebooks, laptops, tablets, headsets, charge cords/extensions for home & car, flash drives, earbuds, Wi-Fi hotspots, internet service, smartphone & data plan, school spirit gear, backpacks, calculators, school supplies (notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, highlighters, rulers, erasers, sticky notes)

**Attendance, Participation, or Activity Completion Ideas:**

- Student and Parent register for FSA ID
- Complete FAFSA
- Complete College Admission Application(s)
- Complete Scholarship Application(s)
- Schedule an advisement appointment with a university representative
- Attend a Virtual College & Career Fair
- Register and attend a College Fund Online Webinar
- Attend a College Readiness Virtual Webinar, Conference, Workshop, Camp (Native Pathways, AIGCS, College Horizons, ASU, NYSACAC, NABI, UNITY, CUUB, etc.)

**Virtual/Hybrid-Friendly Substitution Options for Campus Visits and On-Site Events:**

- Virtual FAFSA Night
- Virtual Campus Tours
- Virtual College & Career Fairs
- Honoraria for Virtual Guest Native Speakers – academic, motivational, health & wellness
- Purchase Online Resources & Training
- Test Prep Courses for ACT/SAT
- College Admission Application Fees
- Academic Tutoring Services
- Gift Certificate Prizes (Visa, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Subway, Starbucks)

**Native Pathways Grant Application Process**

1. Attend a virtual Native Pathways Grant Webinar
2. Complete the 3-page Grant Application (*Contact Signature form, Event form, Budget form*)
  - The Native Pathways Grant application designates a primary and secondary contact designated for each school campus:
    - a. The primary contact will be lead event coordinator and main campus contact
    - b. The secondary contact will support the lead event coordinator
  - Select the type of event you will facilitate and answer the 3 short questions regarding the opportunity benefits, marketing & promotion, and monitoring & reporting.
  - Complete the respective detailed itemized budget that coincides with your event option. Each grant application requires a projected budget outlining how the funding will be spent on the event, activity, or alternate options.
3. **Scan and email the completed, signed 3-page application with any additional documentation to [nativepathways@collegefund.org](mailto:nativepathways@collegefund.org)**
4. Award Notification:
  - Award letters will be issued upon receipt of complete application and committee approval
  - Award checks will be issued within 30 - 45 days of event, activity, or alternate option date
5. Event Reporting:
  - Event attendance sheet and any other event information should be sent within 14 days of event date.

**Questions? Contact your grant administrator:**

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