



New Student Application for New York State Indian Aid (NYSIA)

The **New Student Application** is intended for students who have never sent an approved application for NYSIA to the Office of Indigenous Education.

If you have previously received NYSIA and are requesting aid for another semester, no matter how much time has passed since you have last received aid, do not use this application. Send a Request Form instead.

To download fillable, printable NYSIA forms, visit us at www.nysed.gov/indigenous-education and navigate to Student and Family Resources. For questions, comments, or general inquiries, the Office of Indigenous Education can be contacted via email at IndigenousEducation@nysed.gov or via phone at 518-474-0537.

The New Student Application must be completed in full, and no fields can be left blank. If a field does not apply to you, write N/A. All required supporting documentation must be sent as well; a checklist of all required supporting documentation can be found on Page 3 of this document.

Semester deadlines are July 16th (Fall), November 30th (Winter), January 4th (Spring), and May 20th (Summer).

If some of your supporting documentation is unavailable and the deadline is approaching, do not wait until the deadline has passed to send what you have! Send the New Student Application and the documentation available to you as early as possible. In cases of missing or invalid documentation, the Office of Indigenous Education will follow up with you via email to obtain the necessary materials to complete your Application.

Completed Applications and supporting documentation can be sent via any of three methods:

1. Standard email attachment to IndigenousEducation@nysed.gov.
2. Fax to 518-474-3666.
3. Physical mail to the following mailing address:

**New York State Education Department
Office of Indigenous Education
89 Washington Avenue
EB 2 West Mezzanine
Albany, NY 12234**

If sending via physical mail, the envelope must be postmarked on or before the semester deadline date to be accepted. If sending documents via email, please note that the OIE team cannot open "cloud" attachment links such as Google Drive links; all documentation must be sent as standard email attachments.

Award Schedule

Awards for approved full-time undergraduate students, defined as taking twelve (12) or more standard credits per semester, are \$1,000 per semester.

Approved part-time undergraduate students enrolled in fewer credits are awarded \$85 per standard credit.

Approved graduate-level students are awarded \$1,000 per semester.



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For students who have never received NYSIA and are applying for their first semester of aid.

First Name		Middle Name		Last Name	
Provide any other names by which you have been known in this field.					
Date of Birth		High School Graduated From (or GED) and Date of Diploma Receipt			
Street Address of Residence		Apt. #	City, State, ZIP Code		
If you do not receive mail at the above address, provide your mailing address.					
Email Address (required for correspondence with the Office of Indigenous Education)				Phone Number	
Check the Tribal Nation in which you, or one of your parents, are enrolled. <input type="checkbox"/> Cayuga <input type="checkbox"/> Oneida <input type="checkbox"/> Onondaga <input type="checkbox"/> Seneca – Allegany <input type="checkbox"/> Seneca – Cattaraugus <input type="checkbox"/> Shinnecock <input type="checkbox"/> St. Regis Mohawk <input type="checkbox"/> Tonawanda Band of Seneca <input type="checkbox"/> Tuscarora <input type="checkbox"/> Unkechaug		Indicate the semester and year for which you are applying to receive NYSIA. <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Year: _____		Check the credential you are <u>currently</u> pursuing. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade/Technical Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate	
		Indicate the semester and year when you expect to complete your current credential. <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Year: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure			
		Indicate your enrollment status and the number of credits you are taking next semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time Credits: _____		Do you intend to pursue another credential after completing the above credential? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (specify:) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
Provide your school-assigned student ID number if it is available to you.		Have you registered for courses for the upcoming semester? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Provide the name of the school you plan to attend for the upcoming semester, including campus name.					
Indicate your major(s), minor(s), and/or concentrations.					



New Student Application Attachment Checklist

Complete this checklist to indicate the mandatory documentation you have included with your New Student Application:

- ☐ One form of high school graduation proof or high school equivalency:
 - ☐ A copy of your high school diploma showing your date of graduation.
 - ☐ A high school transcript showing the date your diploma was awarded.
 - ☐ A copy of your High School Equivalency diploma if you did not graduate.
- ☐ One form of college enrollment proof:
 - ☐ An acceptance or enrollment letter from the college you plan to attend.
 - ☐ Your upcoming semester schedule, showing credits per course and total credits.
 - ☐ Your unofficial transcript showing your previous and upcoming courses.
- ☐ One form of tribal enrollment proof from a tribal nation located within New York State boundaries:
 - ☐ A copy of your tribal enrollment letter.
 - ☐ Photos of both sides of your tribal nation-issued ID card.
 - ☐ A copy of your parent's tribal enrollment letter and your birth certificate showing your enrolled parent's name.
- ☐ A completed FERPA form, available for download here: <https://www.nysed.gov/indigenous-education/forms>
- ☐ A brief typed essay (two pages maximum) outlining your educational goals and plans.

*The deadlines for each semester's New Student Applications are as follows:
July 16th for fall, November 30th for winter, January 4th for spring, and May 20th for summer.*

AFFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING

Information provided on this form will be maintained in a file by the Office of Indigenous Education of the New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Ave, Education Building 2 West Mezzanine, Albany, New York, 12234. The Coordinator of the Office of Indigenous Education is responsible for records maintenance.

This information will be used to identify Indigenous students who are funded under the New York State Indigenous Post-Secondary Grant-in-aid Program, and will be shared with tribal higher education offices and/or Indigenous tribal representatives working with higher education; higher education institutions personnel who are interested in the recruitment, admission and retention of Indigenous students at the undergraduate levels; and also with those institutions interested in recruiting Indigenous students in opportunities for further education, scholarships, or professional training; and it will be used to recognize the degrees earned by Indigenous Students to share with prospective employers that may be known to the Coordinator of the Office of Indigenous Education.

Student Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Student (required): _____

Parent Signature (required if student is under 18 years of age): _____

Printed Name of Parent: _____ Date: _____