



## The American Indian Medical Scholarship (AIMS) New Applicant Application

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA) has provided scholarships to assist Native American students pursuing degrees in the medical field since 1928. NSCDA welcomes academically qualified applicants enrolled in their American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian tribes. AIMS scholars receive \$1,500 per semester, up to 8 semesters. Renewed scholarships are granted as long as the scholar maintains a C average or the equivalent in his/her school. Scholarship funds are to be used strictly for tuition, books or fees applicable to the student's approved program. Please submit this application electronically, via the Dropbox located on the AIM Scholarship page on the NSCDA website. Instructions for submission are located at the bottom of this application.

The AIMS scholarships are made possible through the Martha L. Walden Fund endowment and contributions of our NSCDA Corporate Societies and their members.

Due dates: November 1 for Winter/Spring semester and July 1 for Fall semester.

**Please fill out the application online or write clearly in the spaces provided.**

### Personal Section

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for

☐ Fall 2025

☐ Winter/Spring 2026

Tribe name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment certification number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of the tribal membership certificate, including enrollment certification number, to the application.**

I am a:

☐ New applicant

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**Academic Section (Highschool or College):**

Highest degree earned: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cum.GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution currently enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

Program start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach full official transcripts (including cumulative GPA) for all completed undergraduate and graduate programs to the application.**

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**Essay Section**

Please write a 450 to 500 word essay which covers both of the following topics:

1. How my life story has influenced my decision to enter into the medical field
2. How my degree will support my future service in my Native American community.

Students may not use AI tools to write or create their essays for them. Any essay found to have been written or created by AI (Artificial Intelligence) will not be considered for the scholarship.

**Please attach the full essay to the application.**

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**Recommendation Section:**

(Recommenders *must be a previous teacher, counselor, or employer*)

#1:

Recommender name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#2:

Recommender name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach both recommendation letters to the application.**

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**Financial Section:**

**Please attach a FAFSA student aid report, including the EFC number, to the application.**

If a FAFSA report is unavailable, please describe your income, current financial aid, tuition obligations, and other expenses:

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**Please confirm the information below is accurate to ensure receipt of funds:**

Current degree institution's Financial Office address: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Office manager's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permission for NSCDA to use applicant photo, essay, or other application materials provided for future society educational, promotional or training purposes using print, broadcast, video or Internet media.

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If yes, please attach a photo to the application.**

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**AIMS Application Materials Checklist:** The following items **must** be included in your application. Thank you for applying.

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ Copy of Tribal membership certificate
- ☐ GPA and official transcripts for all completed degree programs
- ☐ 450 to 500-word essay
- ☐ 2 recommendation letters
- ☐ FAFSA student aid report (if available)
- ☐ Applicant photo (if available)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for submitting your application:**

- Fill out this application and then save it as a PDF with the file name, 'Firstname\_Lastname\_AIMS'.
  - If submitting more than one document, have all file names include Firstname\_Lastname.
- Go to the NSCDA website at [www.nscda.org](http://www.nscda.org), under Scholarships, Grants and Awards, select the 'American Indian Medical Scholarship' webpage.
- Select the link "[Click here to submit your applications](#)" and drag and drop your application into the Dropbox.
- If questions reach out to [AIMS@nscda.org](mailto:AIMS@nscda.org).