



The American Indian Medical Scholarship (AIMS)

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: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applying for ☐ Fall 2026
OR
☐ Winter/Spring 2027

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

Academic Section

Highest degree earned: _____ Name of institution: _____

Address of institution: _____

Date of graduation: _____ GPA: _____

Institution currently enrolled in: _____ Program start date: _____

Address of institution: _____

Anticipated degree: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____ Student ID#: _____

Confirm your degree qualifies—degrees AIMS supports but are not limited to: pre-nursing, pre-med, Physical therapy, Occupational therapy, counseling/mental health if they have a link to science. Please attach full official transcripts (including current GPA) for all completed undergraduate and graduate programs to the application.

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.

Please attach the full essay to the application.

Recommendation Section:

(FOR NEW APPLICANTS ONLY. 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.

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:

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

Current degree institution's Finance or Bursar Office Contact Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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.

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 (if new applicant)
☐	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'.
- Ensure any additional documents (e.g., transcripts, letters of recommendation) are combined into one PDF along with your application, with the proper file name.
- Go to the NSCDA website at 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.