

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

Graduate Student Scholarship Policy

Since graduate students are not eligible to receive funding from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes will appropriate graduate student scholarships from General Fund. General Fund Fiscal Year funding will be evenly divided between Spring and Fall Semesters, then divided among students based on the number of credit hours enrolled to get the scholarship amount.

Example:

Fiscal Year Funding $\$78,000 \div 2$ (semesters per fiscal year)= $\$39,000$ for both Spring Semester and $\$39,000$ for Fall Semester.

If 11 students apply by the deadline for a semester. To get the amount per credit hour, the funding is divided by the amount for that semester by total credit hours enrolled by all students.

$\$39,000 \div 73$ credit hours = $\$534.25$

The amount per credit hour is multiplied by enrolled credit hours to get the awarded scholarship amount for each student.

Student 1: Full time attending 9 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 9 = \$4,808.25$
Student 2: Part-time attending 1 credit hour= $\$534.25 \times 1 = \534.25
Student 3: Full Time attending 9 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 9 = \$4,808.25$
Student 4: Full Time attending 9 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 9 = \$4,808.25$
Student 5: Part-time attending 3 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 3 = \$1,602.75$
Student 6: Full Time attending 9 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 9 = \$4,808.25$
Student 7: Full Time attending 9 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 9 = \$4,808.25$
Student 8: Part-time attending 3 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 3 = \$1,602.75$
Student 9: Full time attending 9 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 9 = \$4,808.25$
Student 10: Full time attending 9 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 9 = \$4,808.25$
Student 11: Part-time attending 3 credit hours= $\$534.25 \times 3 = \$1,602.75$

This policy is to encourage students to stay full time and to finish on-time or early.

If at any time the council sees fit to allocate more funding, the same methodology will be applied to distribute the additional funding.

Graduate Student Eligibility and Criteria:

To be eligible for funding all newly admitted applicants must apply by the deadline of **July 1st for Fall** semesters and **December 1st for Spring** semesters. Continuing graduate students do not need to re-apply every semester, just once per fiscal year. All graduate students do need to submit their grades and class schedule at least 15 days prior to the semester.

All recipients of the graduate scholarship must meet the following conditions. If any of the conditions specified in this document are violated, financial assistance may be withdrawn by the tribes.

1. All graduate students receiving financial support must be an enrolled member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and provide proof of tribal enrollment via a copy of their Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, Tribal Membership card, or a letter of enrollment from tribal enrollment
2. All graduate students must complete the tribes Graduate Student Application one time per year.
3. Submit transcripts listing all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework undertaken and degrees awarded. The transcript must include the student's name, semester/quarter, and institution name or logo.
4. Submit class schedule showing proof of enrollment as a full-time, three-quarter time, or part time graduate student at an accredited higher institution.
5. Maintain at least a "C" average
6. Must show effort in applying for other scholarships and/or funding opportunities.
7. Stay in contact with their designated Graduate Student Education Advisor
8. Participate in monthly Graduate Student zoom meetings or communicate with Graduate Student Advisor via phone/email.
9. After completion of degree, submit a copy of degree to designated Graduate Student Education Advisor
10. Employment with the tribes is not mandatory; however, it's highly encouraged. Submit letters of interest on jobs you have applied for at the tribes after graduating. If you have started a business on or off the reservation utilizing your skills, please submit your business license or proof you have a business. If you volunteer for a tribal program, please submit to your Graduate Student Education Advisor what program, how many hours, and what work you provide.
11. If for any reason a withdrawal from school, or a reduction in credit hours occurs then the student will be liable to pay back the amount impacted by the credit hours withdrawn or reduced within one year. If student cannot pay back in one year, the remaining amount will be deducted from the future gaming per capita payment.
12. This policy will take effect immediately and all previous graduate student contracts will be null and void.

I have read and agree to abide by the new Graduate Student Scholarship Policy to be effective on January 6, 2021.

Signature of Graduate Student and Date

Printed Name