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Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible if:

Your name is included on the current tribal census of the Passamaquoddy Nation, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet, or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs.

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You have lived in Maine for at least twelve months immediately prior to application AND you, your parent or grandparent was included on the census of a state, federal, or provincial North American Indian tribe.

Application Procedure

New Students: Make an appointment with the scholarship coordinator at the Wabanaki Center. You will have to complete an application form and sign the program guidelines. Bring originals of the required documentation. We will tell you about the services that are available to you, and assist you with any questions that you may have about the University.

Returning Students: You are required to visit your waiver coordinator and sign the new Agreement letter which took effect September 1, 2002. You may also have to provide an updated application and documentation of your eligibility.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

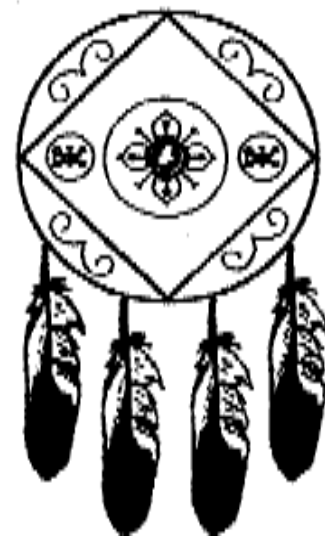
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Native American Waiver and Scholarship Program

University-Wide Programs

Program Description

The Native American Waiver and Scholarship Program is a two-part program funded by the University of Maine System to encourage eligible, qualified Native Americans to pursue higher education at the University. The tuition waiver program waives tuition and mandatory fees. The scholarship program pays for room and board charges for students in a degree program, who are living on-campus. Room charges are covered at the double occupancy rate and students have meal plan options up to nineteen meals per week.



Specialized Information

What does the tuition waiver cover?

Tuition for any regular credit-bearing course is waived whether the student is or is not enrolled in a degree program. Mandatory fees are also waived.

Are there any fees that the program does not cover?

The program will not cover medical expenses, fines, and other fees that are not required for enrollment in classes. The program does not cover books and supplies.

What additional requirements must I meet to receive the room and board scholarship?

- Apply for Federal financial aid. The FAFSA must be completed each academic year in order to remain eligible.
- Be admitted into a degree program as a full time student.
- Maintain enrollment in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester.
- Reside in a residence hall on campus.
- Continue to show satisfactory academic progress as defined by institutional policy and/or federal guidelines.

Are there room and board charges that are not covered by the scholarship?

Room and board charges incurred when classes are not in session are not covered by the scholarship. Housing is provided at the double occupancy rate. Meal plans are available only to students living on campus.

What if I receive other types of financial assistance such as payments from the tribe or band? Will such assistance affect my federal financial aid and the room and board scholarship?

Federal regulations require that a student's financial assistance for educational purposes from all sources may not exceed the total cost of attendance. Your room and board scholarship may be reduced if you are awarded more funding than it costs for you to attend school.

What documentation do I need to provide?

You must provide an original official document verifying your tribal or band membership in a state, federal, or provincial band or tribe. A letter or certificate from the tribal official who certifies membership or a band card or certificate of degree of Indian blood issued by the US or Canadian governments is required.

If you are a descendant you must provide documentation of your parent or grandparent's membership and your descendency. Documentation of residency in the State of Maine may also be required. Your documents will be photocopied and the originals will be returned to you. In some cases, you may be asked for additional information to clarify eligibility.

If you have any questions about the Native American Waiver and Scholarship Program at the University of Maine, please contact the Native American Waiver and Scholarship Program Coordinator, at 207-581-1417.