

Wahpetunwin Dakota Iapi Scholarship

The Wahpetunwin Dakota Iapi Scholarship is a financial aid program for University of Minnesota degree-seeking undergraduates who demonstrate strong dedication to learning to speak and teach the Dakota language.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be admitted or pending admission to an undergraduate degree program in American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus.
- Must have completed and submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Review criteria:

- Evidence of commitment to learning to speak and teach the Dakota language and to using his/her education to the benefit of the community.
- Evidence of academic promise

Preference will be given to:

- Students of Dakota, Lakota, or Nakota heritage.
- Students who demonstrate financial need.
- Students who are parents of children in a Dakota language immersion program.

Scholarship Awards

- Recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 gpa in order to keep the scholarship.
- Scholarships cover students' tuition and fees for two years.

Interested students should submit the following:

- Completed application.
- Resume.
- 2 letters of recommendation.
- High school or college transcript.
- 250-word essay that 1) describing your interest in learning the Dakota language, and 2) how this scholarship will help you achieve your future/career goals and aspirations.

Application materials are due: MARCH 13th, 2009

Please submit all materials to:

Beth Brown
American Indian Studies
72 Pleasant St. SE, Scott 10
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Phone: 612-624-8217
Email: brow0857@umn.edu

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Name (*last, first*) _____

Current Address:

Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Permanent address (if different):

Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

***Tribal enrollment:** _____ **Enrollment #:** _____

Student ID: _____ **Social Security #:** _____

Major/Minor: _____

Year in School: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other

Expected Graduation: _____

Are you working toward the Dakota Iapi Unspewicakiya Certificate?

- Yes.
- No.
- Would like more information.

Do you have a child/children enrolled in a Dakota immersion program?

- Yes. Program name: _____
- No.
- Would like more information.

Please return all application materials to:

*Beth Brown, Department of American Indian Studies
19 Scott Hall, 72 Pleasant St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455*

For questions or help,

Contact Beth at 612-624-8217, brow0857@umn.edu

*For informational purposes. Those who are not tribally enrolled **are** still eligible for the scholarship based on application materials.