



Higher Education: Program & Operating Policy

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The St. Croix Financial Aid Award Policy and Procedures

The Purpose of the St. Croix BIA Grant is to assist with financial resources to help eligible St. Croix Chippewa of Wisconsin Tribal members complete a progressive postsecondary degree and/or certificates. The recipients must attend a Title IV accredited institution, pursuing a, Associates, Bachelor, or Graduate degrees. The St. Croix BIA Grant is intended for students working toward degree completion. The purpose of these policies is set forth rules to govern the awarding of the BIA administered by the Education Department and the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.

Scholarship Eligibility

Description: This section details the requirements you and your academic institutions must meet to qualify for St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin BIA Grant disbursement consideration.

Applicant Eligibility (the St. Croix BIA Grant Application should be submitted first and supporting documentation can be submitted as it becomes available):

****** Please note: all documentation must be provided in entirety, screenshots will not be accepted. All students can download each of the required documents through their respective institutional student portals (Student Information Systems ex, J1, Colleague, Banner, etc.).*

- Submit the St. Croix Higher Education Scholarship
 - All applications must be received by the priority filing date as described on page 2
 - Fall term: July 31
 - Spring term: January 31
 - Absolute deadline for scholarship consideration is the first day of class(es) with discretion considered for late applications

- Submit the following supporting documentation:
 - A copy of Financial Aid Confirmation.
 - A current, **itemized billing statement** and/or invoice that includes your name, tuition, fees, etc.
 - A copy of a valid **class schedule** showing student name, school name, academic term, courses, and number of credits.
 - A copy of the **acceptance/admission** letter for new, transfer, and reentering students.
 - If you are an undergraduate student, we need an acceptance/admissions letter.
 - If you are a graduate student, we need an admissions letter from your Graduate School.

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- If you are a conditional or preparatory student, you may be considered with a written plan that explains the conditions.
 - A copy of your ***Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood*** (CDIB) and/or Official Tribal ID from the St. Croix Enrollment office or the Bureau of Indian Affairs to prove enrollment in the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin. The CDIB must reflect your current legal name. Students will be afforded one full term to correct their CDIB, if needed.
 - Students may be asked to submit a ***degree audit*** from their institution once per academic year to ensure that they are making satisfactory progress toward degree completion.
 - File federal and/or state income taxes for accurate FAFSA consideration, if required.
 - Be an enrolled member of the by the start of the academic term. If you are enrolled into the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin during an academic term, you will become eligible for scholarship funding for the following academic term.
 - Be accepted/admitted into a progressive degree program that is financial aid eligible at a Title IV regionally accredited non-profit institution:
 - Students who previously received scholarships (other than BIA Scholarship recipients) must turn in a current transcript to close out any prior scholarship terms. Electronic transcripts may be sent from the school's official student portal.

Scholarship Eligibility: Financial Aid Ineligibility

Description: This section explains what you are eligible for from us if you are unable to receive federal financial aid. You may be considered for tuition, books, and required fees.

- If you are on financial aid suspension from your academic institution, you may still be considered for assistance for tuition, required fees, and books up to the program maximum. To qualify, you must submit a written financial aid plan outlining the steps you will take to resolve your suspension. The plan is subject to approval by the Higher Education Coordinator.
- If you are on financial aid suspension, you will be required to participate in academic advising from their institution and/or with our advising staff as part of the path to returning to good standing.
- You may be able to appeal your financial aid suspension with your academic institution. We can help students with your appeal letter, if requested.

Scholarship Eligibility: Terms of Funding

Associate degree-Credits Prorated by Term Type		
Credits	Semester	Quarter to Semester Equivalent
1-11	Part-Time	.166/.167
12+	Full-Time	.666/.667

Four Year Undergraduate and Graduate-Credits by Term Type		
Credits	Semester	Quarter to Semester Equivalent
1-11	Part-Time	.166/.167
12+	Full-Time	.666/.667

Maximum Funding Eligibility Chart	
Degree or Award	Eligibility
Associate Degree	Maximum of six semesters (or equivalent)
Transfer or 2+2 Program(s)	Maximum of six semesters (or equivalent) to complete Freshman/Sophomore courses and an additional four remaining terms to complete Junior/Senior coursework, not to exceed ten semesters (or equivalent)
Bachelor's Degree	Cumulative undergraduate maximum of ten semesters (or equivalent)
Master's Degree*	Maximum of six semesters (or equivalent) two academic years of study and one year to complete thesis/project/presentation [See note below*]
Juris Doctorate (J.D.)	Cumulative graduate program maximum of eight semesters (or equivalent) four academic years of study calculated with previously funded graduate level coursework
Academic/Professional Doctoral Degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)	Cumulative graduate program maximum of ten semesters (or equivalent) three academic years of study and two years to complete dissertation work
Professional Medical Degree (MD, DDS, DPT, DNP, etc.)	Cumulative graduate program maximum of ten semesters (or equivalent) is allowable upon submission of a detailed academic plan

*Master's programs that require more than 45 credits (e.g., clinical psychology or speech-language pathology) may be eligible for an additional two terms of scholarship funding pending approval of a plan by the Director of Education.

Application Requirements

Description: This section explains the application requirements that you must meet to qualify for St. Croix Higher Education Scholarship Program consideration.

To qualify for scholarship consideration, you must:

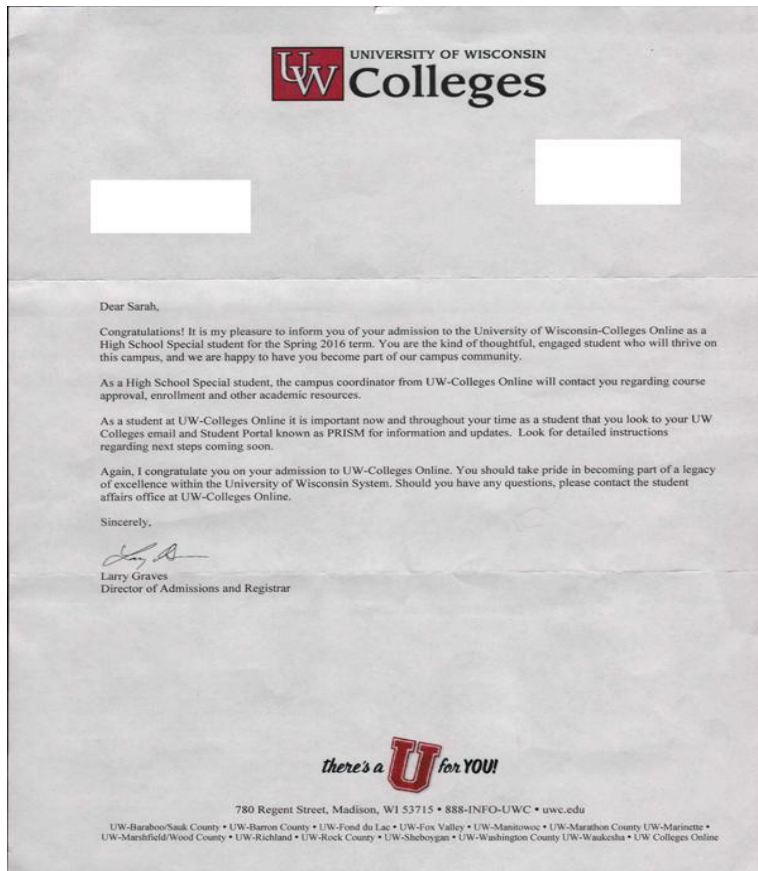
- Complete and submit St. Croix Higher Education Scholarship Applications to the Education Department by the deadlines established. A new application must be completed for each academic institution that you attend.
 - Incomplete applications will not be processed.
 - BIA Scholarship recipients must submit a Scholarship Application via Electronic Application or paper copy.
- Ensure that all your supporting documentation is received.
 - We will accept your materials until the midterm deadline established by the Higher Education Coordinator. Materials received after that time will be accepted, but scholarship consideration will not be provided until the term ends. Only the courses in which you earned Satisfactory Academic Progress (GPA above 2.5 for undergrads and 3.0 for graduate students) will be considered for a scholarship. All others will be at your expense.
- Submit the following supporting documentation (see following pages for more information)
 - A copy of the Financial Aid Completion.
 - A current, itemized billing statement and/or invoice that includes your name, tuition, fees, etc.
 - A copy of a valid class schedule showing student name, school name, academic term, courses, and number of credits.
 - A copy of the acceptance/admission letter for new, transfer, and reentering students.
 - If you are an undergraduate student, we need an acceptance/admissions letter.
 - If you are a graduate student, we need an admissions letter from your Graduate School.
 - If you are a conditional or preparatory student, you may be considered with a written plan that explains the conditions.
- A copy of your Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and/or Official Tribal ID from the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin Enrollment office or the Bureau of

Indian Affairs to prove enrollment in the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin. The CDIB must reflect your current legal name, you will be afforded one full term to correct your CDIB, if needed.

- You may be asked to submit a degree audit from your institution once per academic year to ensure that they are making satisfactory progress toward degree completion.
- Current W-9

Application Requirements: Acceptance Letter

Description: This section explains what constitutes an appropriate acceptance letter. See an example below. Please contact us if you have any questions.



Directions:

- Submit a copy of the acceptance/admission letter for new, transfer, and reentering students.
- Please note that:
 - If you are an undergraduate student, we need an acceptance/admissions letter.
 - If you are a graduate student, we need an admissions letter from your Graduate School.
 - If you are a conditional or preparatory student, you may be considered with a written plan that explains the conditions. The plan must be approved by the Education Director.

Application Requirements: Class Schedule

Description: This section explains what constitutes an appropriate class schedule. See an example below. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Directions: Submit a copy of a valid class schedule that includes your name, your school's name, the academic term, your courses, and the number of credits you will take that term. Please see example below:

- You will need to submit a new class schedule **each term** you are enrolled.
- If you add, drop, or withdraw from a course, ***you must contact our office immediately*** to inform us so that we can adjust your scholarship award accordingly.

**WSU - Winona
Student Schedule
For Spring 2026**

Student Name: _____
 Student ID: _____
 Advisor: _____
 Major: _____

Registered

Course ID / Section / Title	Dates	Days	Times	Building/ Room	Instructor	Cr/Hr	Grading Method	Last Dates to Drop/Withdraw
000563 BIOL 209 01 Microbiology	01/12/2026 - 05/01/2026	T	8:00am - 9:50am	WSU - Winona Science Laboratory Center - 268	Martinez, Osvaldo	3.0	Normal	Drop Date: 4 business day(s) after 01/12/2026 Withdraw Date: 04/14/2026
	01/12/2026 - 05/01/2026	MW	12:00pm - 12:50pm	Stark Hall - 103	Martinez, Osvaldo			
	05/05/2026 - 05/05/2026	T	10:30am - 12:30pm	Stark Hall - 103				
Course Notes: \$5/credit tuition differential applies. Letter Grade Only This section includes lecture and lab								
000628 BIOL 211 02 Anatomy and Physiology I	01/12/2026 - 05/01/2026	T	10:00am - 11:50am	WSU - Winona Pasteur Hall - 301	Finnerty, Casey	4.0	Normal	Drop Date: 4 business day(s) after 01/12/2026 Withdraw Date: 04/14/2026
	01/12/2026 - 05/01/2026	MWF	3:00pm - 3:50pm	Stark Hall - 103	Larson, Elizabeth			
	05/04/2026 - 05/04/2026	M	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Stark Hall - 103				
Course Notes: \$5/credit tuition differential applies. This section includes lecture and lab								
000709 CHEM 213 06 Principles of Chemistry II	01/12/2026 - 05/01/2026 (In-Person Required)	W	8:00am - 10:50am	WSU - Winona Science Laboratory Center - 375	Nalli, Thomas	4.0	Normal	Drop Date: 4 business day(s) after 01/12/2026 Withdraw Date: 04/14/2026
	01/12/2026 - 05/01/2026 (In-Person Required)	MWF	11:00am - 11:50am	Pasteur Hall - 329	West, Joseph			
	05/07/2026 - 05/07/2026 (In-Person Required)	Th	8:00am - 10:00am	Pasteur Hall - 329				
Course Notes: \$5/credit tuition differential applies. This section includes lecture and lab								
001199 CMST 191 02 Introduction to Public Speaking	01/12/2026 - 05/07/2026 (Not Applicable)		-	WSU - Winona	Schilling, Stacy	3.0	Normal	Drop Date: 4 business day(s) after 01/12/2026 Withdraw Date: 04/14/2026
Course Notes: Letter Grade Only This is a highly intensive oral communication skills class. This class is not intended to help with English language confidence and proficiency skills.								
001527 RTTR 290 01 Foundations of Tourism	01/12/2026 - 05/07/2026 (Online)		-	WSU - Winona	Yoon, Violet	3.0	Normal	Drop Date: 4 business day(s) after 01/12/2026 Withdraw Date: 04/14/2026
Course Notes: Letter Grade Only								

NOTE: Room locations and instructor assignments may be subject to change. You are advised to check your class schedule for changes just prior to the start of the term.

Application Requirements: Financial Aid Award Summary

Description: This section explains what constitutes acceptable financial aid confirmation. See an example below. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Directions: Submit a valid copy of your Financial Aid completion.

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Federal Student Aid logo and links for FAFSA® Forms, Grants and Loans, Loan Repayment, and Loan Forgiveness. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Form: Parent Contributor Details". The page status is "Processed" with an "Actions" button. The "FAFSA® Information" section contains a table with the following data:

Student	Submission Number	Submission Type
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The "Status Tracker" section shows a vertical timeline of three steps:

- FAFSA® Form Started (started on Dec 21, 2024)
- FAFSA® Form Submitted (submitted on Dec 21, 2024)
- FAFSA® Form Processed (processed on Dec 26, 2024)

Below the status tracker, a message reads: "Congratulations! The student's FAFSA® form has been processed! The student will receive all related federal student aid eligibility information." To the right, there are "More Resources" including links for "Understand Financial Aid", "FAFSA Landing Page", "Information on Federal Pell Grant Program", "Information on Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program", and "How Aid is Calculated". At the bottom of the main content area, there is a "Was this page helpful?" section with thumbs up/down icons and a "Submit" button. The footer contains links for Help Center, Contact Us, Site Feedback, About Us, Announcements, Data Center, Resources, and Forms Library, along with the Federal Student Aid logo and social media icons.

Application Requirements: Current Transcript

Description: This section explains what constitutes an acceptable current transcript. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Directions: If you previously received scholarships from Higher Education, you must submit a transcript to close out prior scholarship terms.

- Electronic transcripts from student portals may be sent to the Higher Education Coordinator
- Please note: Screenshots will not be acceptable. All transcripts must be downloaded from institutions student information systems/official student portal access.

Application Requirements: Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and/or copy of Tribal ID

Description: This section explains what constitutes an acceptable Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) for your application and/or official Tribal ID. Please contact us if you have any questions.

- You can contact the Enrollment office at St. Croix Enrollment@stcroixojibwe-nsn.gov
- Note that in most circumstances, you will only need to submit this document once. Exceptions to this include name changes.
- Your CDIB and/or Tribal ID must include your current legal name and blood quantum

Application Requirements: Deadlines and Late Applications

Description: This section outlines the application timelines including the first day of school deadline and the process for requesting late exception. Please be aware that funding process can take several weeks after your application is completed.

Scholarships are awarded on a first completed, first funded basis and applications will be processed in the order they are received.

Important Note: applying after the priority filing date may result in the application being placed on a waitlist, as applications submitted on or before the priority date will be processed first.

Directions: Complete and submit St. Croix Higher Education Scholarship Applications to the Education Department by the timelines outlined. A new application must be completed each academic year for each academic institution that you attend.

- Incomplete applications will not be processed.
 - BIA Scholarship recipients must submit a St. Croix Scholarship Application via electronic application or paper copy.
- Ensure that all your supporting documentation is received
 - We will accept your materials until the midterm deadline established by the Higher Education Coordinator. Materials received after that time will be accepted, but scholarship consideration will not be provided until the term ends. Only the courses in which you earned Satisfactory Academic Progress (GPA above 2.5 for undergrads and 3.0 for graduate students) will be considered for a scholarship. All others will be at your expense.

Funding Amounts for the St. Croix Higher Education Scholarship (Fall & Spring)

Description: This section explains the scholarship amounts for the St. Croix Scholarship Program through either St Croix BIA Funding for the following degree's non-vocational Associate Degree, Bachelor degree and Graduate degrees and Job Placement Program funding for Technical Diploma (Certificate) and Associate degrees. We cannot retroactively award funding for a term that is no longer in session. All scholarships are subject to availability of funds.

Scholarship disbursement may take up to 30 days to be processed and mailed to the vendor after all documents are received, and the financial information from your academic institution has been reviewed by our team. Unfortunately, we cannot reimburse you for previous student loans incurred at your own expense or any late fees imposed by your school.

Directions:

- Complete and submit your St. Croix Scholarship Applications
- All applications must be received by:
- Fall term: July
- Winter/Spring term: October
- Summer term: April
- A new application must be completed each academic year for each academic institution you attend.

Associate Degree (2 year non-vocational degree)

Awards for full-time students per standard academic year (September to May):

- Maximum funding: \$3,000 (\$1,500/semester or FTE).

Awards for part-time students per standard academic year (September to May) are for direct costs (tuition, required fees, books) not covered by another source:

- Maximum of \$1500 (\$750/semester or PTE)

Four-year institutions Undergraduate and Graduate Programs (Bachelor, Graduate and Doctoral)

- Awards for full-time students per standard academic year (September to May):
 - Undergraduate maximum funding: \$6,000 (\$3,000/semester or FTE).
- Awards for part-time students per standard academic year (September to May) are for direct costs (tuition, required fees, books).
 - Undergraduate maximum of \$3,000 (\$1500/semester or PTE).

Intended Degree	Full-Time	Part-Time	SAP	Scholarship Limits
○ Associate	\$1,500.00 per semester	\$750.00 per semester	2.5	6 Academic Terms
○ Bachelor ○ Graduate	\$3,000.00 per semester	\$1500.00 per semester	○ 2.5 ○ 3.0	10 Academic Terms 6 Academic Terms (Professional Doctorate are eligible for additional funding)

Note: • SAP: Satisfactory Academic Progress (Cumulative GPA)

Academic Requirements

Description: You are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress by completing all credits funded by the Education Department, and to maintain a satisfactory term grade point average (GPA). Your GPA will determine continuation of St. Croix Higher Education Scholarship funding.

GPA Requirements:

- If you are in an undergraduate (associate degree or bachelor’s degree) program, you must maintain a 2.5 minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale each term or term equivalent.
- If you are a graduate student, you must maintain a 3.0 minimum GPA standard on a 4.0 scale (9 credits or FTE)

Additional Academic Requirements:

- You must successfully complete all the credits for which you were awarded.
 - If you do not complete all the credits you were funded, you will be placed on probation.
 - While on probation, you maintain eligibility for continued scholarship funding
 - If you do not meet all probation requirements listed in your probation letter from our office, you will be suspended.

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- Schools using alternative grading such as pass/fail, or credit hours will have a satisfactory academic progress equivalency scale established by the Education Department. For inquiries, please contact us at St. Croix Education Department.
 - ***If you withdraw from your classes, and the St. Croix Higher Education scholarship funds were disbursed to you in error by the institution's financial aid office, you must reimburse the pro-rated calculated amount to the Education Department before you may be considered for future scholarship funding.***
 - Further, if your program and the school return the scholarship to the St. Croix Education department due to dropped or withdrawn classes, thus creating a bill the school, the remaining financial obligation at the school will be your responsibility and not the St. Croix Education departments.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to email St. Croix's Higher Education Coordinator prior to withdrawing from a course or from an institution to discuss the potential academic and financial ramifications of those decisions. What is best for you academically may not be best financially and vice versa.

Academic Requirements: Probation

Description: This section outlines academic probation, how you got into it, and how you can be reinstated to good standing.

Timeline of events that could lead to probation:

- You did not successfully complete all the credits for which you were awarded. For example, if you received a fall scholarship for 12 credits and you only complete 9, you will be placed on probation because you did not complete all the credits you were funded.
 - Please note: While on probation, you will maintain eligibility for continued scholarship funding. This is the time to reflect on your educational goals.
- You did not earn the required GPA.
 - If you are undergraduate student and earn a term GPA between 1.5 to 2.499, you will be placed on probation.
 - If you are a graduate student and earn a term GPA between 2.0 and 2.999, you will be placed on probation:

How to reinstate St. Croix Higher Education funding:

To be reinstated for continued funding you must complete the equivalent number of credits you were funded during the term you were placed on probation.

- Only credits at the 100-level and above (or equivalent) will count toward reinstatement.
- Please refer to your probation letter for specific reinstatement requirements
- For undergraduate students on probation, you must earn at least a 2.5 term GPA to apply for reinstatement.
- If you enter graduate school on probation with the St. Croix Scholarship Program, you are required to complete the undergraduate equivalent number of graduate credits at a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- credits at a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Unfortunately, for-profit credits will not be considered for reinstatement purposes

Note: Please know that you are not able to reimburse the Education Department for credits funded to avoid probation and/or suspension after the term. When funding is returned by the school, attempted credits will be adjusted accordingly. If overpayment is sent directly to you in error, repayment is required to be eligible for further scholarship consideration

Academic Requirements: Suspension

Description: This section outlines suspension from the St. Croix Scholarship Program, how you got into it, and how you can be reinstated to good standing.

Events that occur leading to a suspension:

- You did not successfully complete at least half of the credits for which you were awarded. For example, if you received a fall scholarship for 12 credits and you only complete 3, you will be suspended because you did not complete at least half of the credits you were funded.
 - While you are suspended, you are ineligible to receive funding until you return to good standing.
 - However, you are still eligible to receive advising services from the St. Croix Education Department while on suspension.
- You did not earn the required GPA.
 - If you are an undergraduate student and earn a term GPA below 1.5, you will be suspended.
 - If you are a graduate student and earn a term GPA below 2.0, you will be suspended.
- You did not meet the requirements of your probation as stated in your letter from St. Croix Education Department.

Academic Requirements: The Appeals Process

Description: This section outlines our appeals process. If you are an applicant who has been placed on probation, suspension, or denied funding by us, you may file an appeal. Failure to complete the steps outlined below may affect the outcome of the appeal.

- An appeal is for extenuating circumstances beyond your control. Such extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to:
 - Major medical emergencies (for self or relative).
 - Documented mental health challenges (e.g., depression, anxiety, etc.).
 - A major life change (e.g., death of a loved one, divorce, separation, giving birth, etc.).
 - Active military service.
- Your appeal will be reviewed by the Higher Education Coordinator and the Director of Education.
- Once a determination has been made, we will send you notification through the email address listed on your St. Croix Higher Education Scholarship Application.

To file an appeal, please do the following:

- Submit a written appeal letter to the St. Croix Higher Education Coordinator that outlines the relevant extenuating circumstances and the specific action you want us to take.
 - Example of specific action: You may request that your suspension is overturned and to be reinstated into probationary status.
- Submit any additional information we request from you, such as a degree audit form and supporting documentation (e.g., a letter from your provider).

Academic Requirements: Reentry Opportunity

Description: If you have been suspended or not active for 5 or more years, you are invited to reapply to the St. Croix Scholarship Program. You will be considered for reentry on a probationary status at the start of the next term.

- For example, if a student was suspended for poor academic performance during the Fall 2015 term, they will not be eligible to receive a scholarship under the forgiveness policy until Spring 2020.

To exercise this option, please do the following:

- Submit a letter to the St. Croix Education Higher Education Coordinator requesting an audit of your file and inform us that you wish to apply for the Reentry Opportunity.
- We will review your file and notify you of your eligibility.

Student Success Funding

Description: The Student Success Funding is to assist you with payment of fees necessary to gain acceptance into a non-profit, Title IV regionally accredited institution. These fees include entrance preparatory courses, entrance exams/tests, and application fees.

- Preparatory courses are courses that prepare you for a specific entrance exam, e.g., the COMPASS, Accuplacer, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, etc.
- The American Indian Law Center’s Pre-Law Summer Institute is eligible for this program. This will be sent directly to the American Indian Law Center in one payment upon your enrollment.
- The Admissions Success does not pay for enrollment deposits or registration deposits.

To receive financial support through the Admissions Success Funding, please:

- Complete and submit a College Admission Success Funding Application and supporting documentation.
- Submit a copy of test exam results, transcripts, and receipts of payment for reimbursement within one year of test date or payment.
- Your documents must be received prior to reimbursement consideration.
- Complete a St. Croix Scholarship Application and have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) on file.
- Exception: Current year scholarship application not required if you are currently enrolled in high school and request payment or reimbursement from the Admissions Success Funding. A copy of your CDIB is still required.

Test/Exams and preparatory Course Fees	Technical College (2 year)	4 year College/University	Graduate	Maximum Funding Approved
Application	2 fees	4 fees	6 fees	
SAT/ACT and/or SAT/ACT Prep Course				Up to \$150
COMPASS/Accuplacer	2 fees			
Prerequisite Courses (Required for Admission)	Lifetime limit	Not to exceed \$5000 lifetime limit per student		\$5000
College Level Examination Program (CLEP) fees	Lifetime limit			

Graduate Entrance Exam		\$750 Half paid upon approval remainder paid after enrollment	Up to \$700
American Indian Law Center Pre-Law Summer Institute	NA		1 fee
Incarcerated Students	Up to 4 courses with an approved plan	Up to 4 courses by the Education Director	Up to \$2000 Paid in one payment upon enrollment

School Level	Test Type	Test Description
Undergraduate	SAT ACT COMPASS/Accuplacer	Formerly Scholastic Aptitude Test Formerly American College Test Placement Test
Graduate	GRE LSAT MCAT GMAT MAT	Graduate Records Exam Law School Admissions Test Medical College Admissions Test Graduate Management Test Miller Analogies Test

Graduation Achievement Award

Description: The Graduation Achievement Program provides enrolled St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin students attending non-profit, Title IV regionally accredited institutions with achievement incentives for degree completion.

You may receive a Graduation Achievement Award for each progressive degree earned. The amount awarded for certificates, associate, and bachelor’s degrees may not exceed the cumulative award total for each progressive degree level attained. However, advanced degrees (master’s, Juris Doctorate, and doctorates) will be awarded the full amount listed below. If you previously received a Graduation Achievement Award and later earned an additional subsequent degree, you may be

eligible (pending available funding at the end of the fiscal year in June) to receive the difference between prior and current Graduation Achievement Award amounts.

All documents must be received before the Graduation Achievement Award can be considered and processed.

Note: The names of Graduation Achievement Award recipients may be released to the St. Croix Tribal Governing Board and entities for potential employment opportunities (e.g., management or Executive Director positions). The Director of Education will approve the release of information to any St. Croix entities.

Degree	Amount
High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$500
One-Year certificate or diploma*	\$200
Associate Degree	\$700
Bachelor +	\$1000

Directions:

- Complete and submit a current Student Support Services Program application.
 - You must have a copy of your CDIB on file with us
- Close out all previous services (e.g., study abroad) and terms funded by our division.
- Submit your official transcript and a copy of your diploma to verify degree completion from a Title IV regionally accredited postsecondary school **within one year** of degree conferral date.
 - Late applications may be considered each June if there are funds remaining.
- Complete and submit a W-9 tax form within one calendar year of degree conferral date

Student Support Services: Study Abroad

Description: Study abroad is a program in which you attend school in a country outside the United States of America and receive academic credit toward your degree. The most common forms of study abroad include exchange programs, direct study abroad, intensive language programs, faculty-led programs, international student teaching, and teaching licensure.

- Graduate students will be eligible to participate in study abroad once per graduate degree. Maximum funding amount not to exceed \$3,000 per Study Abroad program
- Undergraduate student disbursement is based on grade status and earned credits toward degree (please refer to the chart for program eligibility). Priority will be given to undergraduate students for study abroad.
- You must be in good standing with us to receive funding for study abroad

- The credits for your study abroad experience must apply toward completion of your degree.
- You must earn the following GPA:
 - Undergraduate: 2.75
 - Graduate: 3.25
- Study abroad funding may be used for the following purposes:
 - Tuition, required fees, and books.
 - Food expenses associated with the travel.
 - Travel expenses associated with the trip.
 - Lodging expenses associated with the trip.
 - Other expenses associated with the study abroad experience may be considered.
- Study abroad funding may not be used for the following purposes:
 - Tuition, required fees, and books.
 - Food expenses associated with the travel.
 - Travel expenses associated with the trip.
 - Lodging expenses associated with the trip.
 - Other expenses associated with the study abroad experience may be considered.
- Study abroad funding may not be used for the following purposes
 - Reimbursement for alcohol, cigarettes, ATM receipts, etc.

Directions:

- Complete and submit a current St. Croix Scholarship Application.
 - Complete the entire St. Croix Scholarship application process including submission of supporting documentation.
- Provide degree audit documentation to verify grade-level status
- Complete and submit a current Student Support Application
- Provide a written budget for the study abroad experience.
- Provide documentation about how the study abroad experience is related to your degree area
- Provide a detailed written or multimedia trip report within one month of your return.
- If you do not submit the required trip report, it will result in scholarship suspension until your report is received.

Student Support Services: Professional Development

Description: Professional development provides you with additional funding to attend conferences and workshops, join professional societies related to your degree program(s), and other experiences that strengthen professional skill sets including required research (e.g., theses and dissertations, required residencies) and other scholarly activities.

- Graduate students are eligible to participate in a conference/workshop each academic year, though preference will be given to undergraduate students.
- All Undergraduate students are eligible for a combined total of \$1000 per year for Professional Development and Required Travel.
- You must be in good standing with us to receive funding for professional development
- Professional development funding may be used for the following purposes:

- Travel expenses.
- Lodging expenses.
- Professional memberships.
- Conference registration fees.
- Professional Development funding may not be used for the following purposes:
 - Reimbursement for alcohol, cigarettes, ATM receipts, etc.

Directions:

- Complete and submit a current St. Croix Scholarship Application
 - Complete the entire St. Croix Scholarship application process including submission of supporting documentation.
- Complete and submit a current Student Support Services Application
- Provide a written budget and or receipts for reimbursement for the professional development experience.

Student Support Services: Funding Eligibility

Credits	Degree Status	Year	Eligibility
1-30	Freshman	1st	One professional development experience and/or study abroad while in Freshman & Sophomore
31-60	Sophomore	2 nd	
61-90	Junior	3 rd	One professional development experience and/or study abroad while in Junior or Senior status
91-120+	Senior	4 th +	
Graduate Students			Up to 3 years of Professional Development, Required Travel, & one Study Abroad

