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**SMSC Scholarship Graduate Application**

**Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC)  
Scholarship Graduate Application**

This application is for new applicants to the SMSC Scholarship who will be entering the University of Minnesota in the Fall 2025 semester as new or transfer students.

Additional eligibility requirements can be found on the [SMSC Scholarship webpage](#).

Please note that admission into the University of Minnesota and submission of the [FAFSA](#) are required for consideration for the SMSC Scholarship. You may still apply to the scholarship before being admitted or filling out your FAFSA, but those two things must happen in order for your application to be eligible for review by the selection committee.

**DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2025 at 11:59 pm**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

First Name	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Home Address	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

**University of Minnesota Student ID# (7 digits)**

(If you do not yet have a student ID, please type "none.")

**Campus(es) applied to**

(Click all that apply)

- Duluth
- Twin Cities

**Campus(es) admitted to**

(Click all that apply)

- Duluth
- Twin Cities

**Select One**

- First-year in University of Minnesota graduate school or professional program
- Transfer student from outside the UMN system
- Transfer student from one UMN campus to another UMN campus

**What is your intended degree program?**

**Which degree program are you entering?**

- Master's
- Doctoral

**Have you received an SMSC Scholarship for a prior degree?**

**ESSAY**

**In your essay, help us get to know you by addressing the following.**

1. How are you connected and contribute to your Tribe/Nation or urban Native community?
2. How do you view your indigeneity, and how do you live that out in your culture and values?
3. How will this scholarship benefit you, your family, and your community?
4. What are your long-term career goals, and how does your proposed program help you achieve these goals?

**Requirements:**

1. Essays must be typed in 12 pt font and double-spaced
2. Minimum of 1 page, Max 3 pages
3. Type your name in the upper-right-hand corner of all pages
4. Submit as a PDF or Word document.

**Important – save the file as follows: "YourLastName.YourFirstName.ESSAY"**

UPLOAD ESSAY

**HERITAGE DOCUMENTATION**

**List Tribal Affiliation below. Do not abbreviate; list the full name of the Tribe.**

Eligible applicants must be one of the following:

1. An enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe
2. Eligible for enrollment in a federally recognized tribe
3. Identified as American Indian by the Indian Education Act
4. Identified as Canadian Indian by the Indian Act RSC 1985, CI-5

You can upload your documentation below as an image or a PDF file.

## UPLOAD PROOF OF HERITAGE

Please review your application to confirm you have answered all of the questions correctly and submitted the correct documents on the previous page.

If all of your documents are not submitted by the deadline, your application will not be eligible for review.

Once you are ready to submit your application, please select "Next" and then "Submit" on the next page.

### **DISCLOSURE**

Please read statement carefully before clicking the final "Submit" button.

"I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and true. All required documentation has been or will be submitted by the official deadline. I understand that my University of Minnesota admission and financial aid (FAFSA) applications will also be taken into consideration for this scholarship. I hereby authorize the release of this information to internal and external committee members as may be required to determine my eligibility for a scholarship."

Upon clicking "Submit," you will digitally sign, date, and agree to the statement above.