

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

Cultural Diversity Waivers are intended to encourage enrollment of a culturally diverse student body for the benefit of all students and the academic community.

Eligibility: (Applicant must meet one of the following definitions for eligibility)

- Enrolled members of federally recognized American Indian Tribes, and Alaska Natives and villages as defined pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Special emphasis will be given to enrolled members of the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and students of North Dakota Tribal Colleges.
- Members of a culturally diverse group, who are defined as historically under represented (African American, Asian American, American Indian or Hispanic) persons of different cultural, racial, or ethnic heritage. International students do not qualify for this program.
- Students who have third party aid (tribal funding, Job Service, employer or other scholarships) above the cost of tuition, fees, books, housing, tools and supplies may be subject to denial of the waiver.

To Apply: Priority deadline for consideration: May 1st - Fall semester or November 1st - Spring semester. Applications may continue to be submitted and reviewed contingent on availability of funding. Due to the limited number of awards available, not all applicants are guaranteed this waiver. Priority is given to students with high financial need based upon their FAFSA. If denied, students must reapply each year for consideration.

To be considered for the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver, you must:

- Apply to Bismarck State College and be accepted as a degree seeking student for the fall or spring semester,
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), indicating BSC's school code of 002988. To be considered, you must submit your FAFSA free of errors by **March 1** of each aid year,
- Submit the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver (CDTW) application by semester deadline date,
- Include tribal enrollment verification or other related documentation to support ethnicity.

Academic Considerations:

Past academic performance will be used to determine initial eligibility. A student must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Must not have earned a degree from an institution of higher learning.
- Currently enrolled BSC students or transfer students from a previous college, minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 with a 66.67% completion rate of all classes attempted, and have earned less than 60 credits and in good academic standing.
- Currently enrolled high school student or high school graduate, ACT minimum composite score of 18 or high school GPA minimum 2.00.
- GED graduate, minimum average standard score of 500.

Renewal Requirements:

- Students' academic progress will be reviewed at the end of each semester to determine renewal eligibility.
- Students who successfully complete 2/3 of the attempted credits in their major field of study, maintain a 2.00 GPA for the semester and a 2.00 cumulative GPA, and have met with Multicultural Advisor in the Mystic Advising and Counseling Center (MACC) twice a semester will be renewed.
- Those students that received prior cultural diversity funding but were denied due to renewal requirements will not be eligible to reapply for the funding again.

Amount of Waivers/Duration:

- **Waivers will not exceed 50% of the amount of tuition and are awarded to students taking on-campus classes only. Tuition waivers do not include application fees, technology fees, books, room and board, online classes or off campus programs.**
- **Recipients should be enrolled full-time at Bismarck State College; however, consideration will be given to those enrolled less than full-time.**
- **Awards will be issued for an academic year, which runs from August – May.**
- **Recipients shall be limited to a maximum of five semesters of participation in the Bismarck State College Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver Program, if funds are available.**



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Deadline for top consideration: May 1 – Fall semester or November 1 for Spring semester

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE – Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name _____

(first) (middle) (last)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (_____) - _____ Date of Birth _____

You must check one of the following:

Culturally Diverse:

- Alaska Native
- Asian American
- American Indian (check one)
- African American
- Hispanic
- Other _____
- Enrolled Member (Tribal Affiliation) _____
- Non-enrolled member

Please complete the following:

Mother's Ethnic Background: _____

Father's Ethnic Background: _____

Have you completed your admissions process and been accepted to BSC? Yes _____ No _____

When do you plan to enroll? Fall _____ Spring _____ (Year) _____

Have you completed your Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA)? Yes _____ No _____

My signature below certifies that all information on this form is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. Any false or conflicting information will eliminate me from consideration of the Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. I understand that I am not guaranteed a Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. I also authorize officials at Bismarck State College to access my academic and financial aid records as needed to monitor my current and continued eligibility for this waiver program.

Students Signature Date _____

Return waiver form and any other documentation to: Office of Financial Aid, Bismarck State College, PO Box 5587, Bismarck ND 58506-5587. (701) 224-5494.