

Dakota Indian Foundation 2019 Spring Scholarship Recipients



Bobbi

My educational interest is the Criminal Justice Program. I decided to pursue a double major Criminal Justice/Paralegal. My plans are to obtain my AAS degree then a BA. My need for assistance is for tuition and transportation costs as I drive 80 miles daily to and from school. Upon completion of my degree I will be the first college graduate in my immediate family.



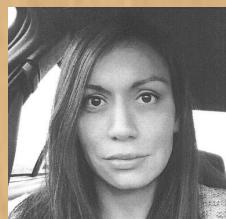
K' Dyn

I am interested in the dental field ... I would like to try and improve the services that our tribal members are getting. I feel it is also important to provide education to my fellow tribal members on the importance of taking care of your teeth through healthier eating and having regular exams starting at a young age... I strongly believe that our people deserve better dental care!



Lydia

I have acquired three Associates Degrees and am currently a Case Worker for my tribe. I am going back to school to pursue my Bachelors Degree... I am trying to be a leader to all my relatives and community members... I want to help mold our future leaders.... So I make it my mission to be a leader for anyone willing to help children succeed!



Heidi

Ultimately I plan to open my own business and co-own with my fiancé. He is passionate about the agriculture industry and I enjoy book-keeping and anything business related. The degree ... will benefit our long-term entrepreneurial goals. This will lead to a secure, financially stable future for our children whom we would like to join the family business one day.



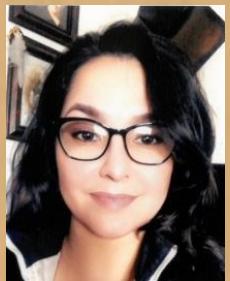
Bethany

I am a single mother of two kids and receiving a scholarship will boost my confidence...I plan on going for my bachelor degree in business. I chose business because my grandpa owned a business back home on the reservation called "Paul's Grocery Store". I want to be just like my grandpa, he knew business!



Ryan

Selection for this scholarship would help me tremendously in balancing my transportation and living funds while achieving my goal of graduating this spring. When I achieve my degree, I plan to further my education to a bachelor's degree and eventually return to the reservation to help and influence the younger generation that someone from his or her similar lifestyle is able to achieve a higher education!



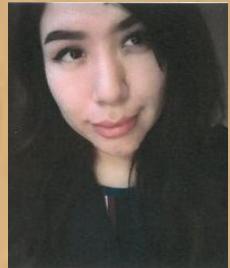
Candy

When I was younger I worked on the 911/Rural Addressing project on the Rosebud Reservation and know it was the education that made that happen...obtaining my degree was always important to me since my profession requires a bachelor's degree to qualify for more recognition in the Computer Science fields and offer better pay, it was a better excuse than any to finally go back to college and get the degree I deserve.



Talana

Education has always been an important foundation upon which I build my goals and dreams. Without education, I would not be able to achieve my greatest ambition: to help my children develop to their fullest potential. My dream for my kids is for them to better educate themselves for a successful career. I hope one day to have my own business.



Justice

Throughout my life there are a few things that have stuck with me and motivated me to want to succeed. The biggest one was my mother.... Her own success was limited because she lacked a college degree. Like my mother I've always tried my best to work hard while trying to work past my own hurtles of being a first generation college student.



Myah

My ultimate goal is to attend law school to study Indian Law. I am currently attending the University of South Dakota majoring in Native American Studies, with a specialization in Lakota Studies. One of my favorite experienced while in college was working with the Sioux San Boarding School project... transcribing files to present to reservations and communities throughout South Dakota.



Courtney

My educational goal is to complete my bachelors' degree in Business Administration in December, 2019. My future plans include completing my degree, improving my knowledge and preparing myself for the workforce. I hope to work for a company or business where I can help others come to a greater understanding of what is available to better themselves through education.



Abbie

I am currently pursuing a degree in Human Physiology and a minor in Health and Human Conditions with the hopes of pushing forward to graduate school to become a Physician's Assistant. I need this financial assistance to help me pursue what I want to know most about in the world, the human body, so that I can go forward and serve those in underserved populations and make my mark in the world while I am here.

**Gavyn**

I am currently attending the University of South Dakota as an undergraduate majoring in Native American Studies and English. I have pursued higher education possibilities since I was a little boy ...I knew this path would be able to make changes in my life. At this point in time, I want to teach indigenous youth how to walk the path between the one their ancestors lived and the current society's world.

**Jett**

After high school I attended Bismarck State College and acquired an Instrumentation and Control Associate degree. Since then, I have held a position as an Instrumentation and Control Technician. I have set for myself a much higher goal and have decided to return to Bismarck State College online and pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Energy Management.

**Renata**

It has taken me a while to get myself some confidence to go back to college and get my degree in Business. I am from Wakpala on the Standing Rock Reservation ... Once I finish my degree... my plan is to start working with my children's grandparents who own a real estate company in Pennsylvania. Once I get my business proposal set up, come back to the reservation and start building apartments to assist with the large number of homeless on the reservation (SRST).

**Marie**

I am currently working on my Bachelor's in Business Administration at United Tribes Technical College. As I graduate from college in May, 2020, I want to go on and pursue my Masters of Business Administration in Healthcare. Currently I am the Vice President of the American Indian Business Leaders(AIBL) at my college. I have three children, and am very involved in my children's education and activities.

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Elizabeth

I will be graduating in December 2019, from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, with my BFA in Ceramics and minors in psychology and art history. I have taken an interest in helping indigenous youth ... being a counselor at many camps for children including the Oscar Howe Summer Art Institute (OHSAI). Upon graduation, I plan on teaching art in Pine Ridge or Rosebud followed by Graduate School for Art Therapy.

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Wallace

I recognized the urgency of our environmental issues. It became acute and overwhelming during the NO DAPL conflict. I decided to act. I needed the credentials to become an entrepreneur. I will start-up an environmental salvation business here at Ft. Berthold Reservation. The business will incorporate wind, solar and sustainable renewable power - i.e. agricultural products

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Renewals

Andrea Archambeau	Leon Leader Charge
Joanna Austin	Jamie Marks
Marcus Bear Eagle	Anna Mesteth
Devon Berrios	McKenna Middletent
Eric Big Eagle	Sianna Moran
Valeriah Big Eagle	Jaron Morman
Shantelle Cruz	Lara No Braid
Kellen Claymore	Kendra Peck
Honey Clifford	Devon Peck
Mariah Foote	April Perkins
Shayla Gayton	Sylvia Rockwood
Robert Gourneau	Ashley Surat
Hanna High Elk	Cody Ward
Trista Jetty	Lydia Yellow Hawk
Baylee LaCompte	Elliot Ziebart