

Health and Nursing Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs

There are a number of scholarship programs to help Native Americans to pay for their Education. Now is the time for you to start applying for the 2014-2015 school year. To find the programs, we recommend that you sign up for one of the free scholarship search program. Do not pay anyone to find scholarships for you.

Free Scholarship Search Programs

- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.collegenet.com
- www.scholarshipmonkey.com
- www.scholarships.com

Indian Health Service Scholarship and Loan Prepayment Program

The Indian Health Service has complete scholarships for a variety of Health Care Programs and for Nurse Training. The web site is <http://www.ihs.gov/scholarships/>. You will need to watch in November, December 2013 to see if they have posted when they will be taking new applications. We recently had cut backs in government funding and the applications for 2013-2014 were delayed. The usual deadline for applications will be March 2014. Do not delay in applying once the applications are available. The deadline may come during your Spring Break, and the college staff that you need for references and documents may not be available during that break.

The Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program is provided for Health Professionals. The applicants are not required to be Native Americans; however, they do need to be employed at an Indian Health Service facility. The Indian Health Service will begin taking applications October <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/>. Applications are accepted year-round beginning October 1 through the Friday of the second full week of August and are evaluated monthly beginning in January (or as soon as funds become available). Applications must be completed before being submitted.

Nursing students can use the United States Department Human Health Resources Loan Repayment Programs to apply for scholarships and to help repay their college loans. Registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses (nurse practitioners) are eligible for financial assistance in return for working in a Critical Shortage Facility, which includes all Indian health facilities. The web site is <http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/index.html>.

American Indians into Nursing Program

The American Indians into Nursing Program's mission is to increase the number of nurses, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners who serve Indian communities. Applicants are required to attend the colleges that are offering the American Indians into Nursing Program. For more information, contact:

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American Indians into Psychology Program

A growing need for well-trained clinical psychologists of American Indian and Alaska Native descent led to the development of the American Indians into Psychology Program (INPSYC).

Scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing psychology degrees. INPSYC furnishes valuable, in-the-field training opportunities in Indian communities to graduate students in clinical psychology. Applicants are expected to attend the universities that are offering the American Indians into Psychology Program. For more information on INPSYC programs, contact:

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American Indians into Medicine Program

American Indian and Alaska Native college students can pursue support for their health care career preparation via the American Indians into Medicine Program (INMED). INMED presents a range of health care career possibilities and proven paths to success through career counseling, tutoring, scholarship, and financial aid application assistance. Educational summer sessions are available as are travel grants for health conference expenses. Contact:

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