New Student Application for New York State Indian Aid (NYSIA)

The **New Student Application** is intended for students who have never submitted an approved application for NYSIA to the Office of Indigenous Education. If you have previously received NYSIA and are requesting aid for another semester, do not use this application! Submit a Request Form instead.

To download fillable, printable NYSIA forms, visit us at www.nysed.gov/indigenous-education and navigate to Student and Family Resources. For questions, comments, or general inquiries, the Office of Indigenous Education can be contacted via email at IndigenousEducation@nysed.gov or via phone at 518-474-0537.

The New Student Application must be completed in full, and no fields can be left blank. If a field does not apply to you, write N/A. All required supporting documentation must be sent as well; a checklist of all required supporting documentation can be found on Page 3 of this document.

Document deadlines are July 16th for the fall, January 4th for the spring, and May 20th for summer semesters. If some of your supporting documentation is unavailable and the deadline is approaching, do not wait until the deadline has passed to submit what you have! Submit the New Student Application and the documentation available to you as early as possible. In cases of missing or invalid documentation, the Office of Indigenous Education will follow up with you via email to obtain the necessary materials to complete your Application.

Completed Applications and supporting documentation can be submitted via any of three methods:

1. Email attachment to IndigenousEducation@nysed.gov (preferred).
2. Fax to 518-474-3666.
3. Physical mail to the following mailing address:

New York State Education Department
Office of Indigenous Education
89 Washington Avenue
EB 2 West Mezzanine
Albany, NY 12234

If submitting via physical mail, the envelope must be postmarked on or before the semester deadline date to be accepted. If sending documents via email, please note that the OIE team cannot open "cloud" attachment links such as Google Drive links; all documentation must be sent as standard email attachments.

Award Schedule

Awards for approved full-time undergraduate students, defined as taking twelve (12) or more standard credits per semester, are $1,000 per semester. Approved part-time undergraduate students enrolled in fewer credits are awarded $85 per credit. All approved graduate-level students are awarded $1,000 per semester.

Per Education Law §4118, approved students may receive up to four school years of aid unless they are enrolled in a course of study normally requiring five school years to complete.

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For students who have never received NYSIA and are applying for their first semester of aid.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Provide any other names by which you have been known in this field.

Date of Birth	Gender ☐ F ☐ M ☐ NB	High School Graduated From (or GED) and Date of Diploma Receipt

Street Address of Residence	Apt. #	City, State, ZIP Code

If you do not receive mail at the above address, provide your mailing address in this box.

Email Address (required for correspondence with the Office of Indigenous Education)	Phone Number

Indicate the New York State Tribal Nation in which you are an enrolled member.

☐ Cayuga
☐ Oneida
☐ Onondaga
☐ Seneca Allegany
☐ Seneca Cattaraugus
☐ Shinnecock
☐ St. Regis Mohawk
☐ Tuscarora
☐ Tonawanda Band of Seneca
☐ Unkechaug

Indicate the semester and year for which you are applying to receive NYSIA.

☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Fall _____

Indicate the semester and year when you expect to complete your current credential.

☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Fall _____

Indicate your enrollment status and the number of credits you are taking for the upcoming semester.

☐ Part-Time ☐ Full-Time _____ Credits

Provide your college-assigned student ID number if it is available to you.

Indicate the credential you are <u>currently</u> pursuing.

☐ Trade/Technical Certificate
☐ Associate's Degree
☐ Bachelor's Degree
☐ Master's Degree
☐ Doctorate

Do you intend to pursue another credential in the future?

☐ Yes (specify:) _____
☐ No ☐ Unsure

Have you registered for classes and obtained your schedule yet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide the name of the college you plan to attend this semester, including campus name if necessary.	If you do not have your schedule, provide the date on which you will register for classes.

Indicate the course(s) of study you are pursuing, such as major(s), minor(s), and/or concentrations.

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New Student Application Document Checklist

Complete this checklist to indicate the mandatory documentation you have included with your New Student Application:

☐ A New Student Application completed in full, including this signature page.

☐ At least one form of proof of graduation or high school equivalency:

    ☐ A copy of your high school diploma (preferred), <u>or</u>

    ☐ A high school transcript showing the expected diploma award date or awarded date, <u>or</u>

    ☐ A copy of your High School Equivalency diploma if you did not graduate from high school.

☐ At least one form of proof of college enrollment:

    ☐ A letter of acceptance from the college you are attending or plan to attend, <u>or</u>

    ☐ Your class and credit schedule for the upcoming semester (preferred), <u>or</u>

    ☐ An enrollment letter from the college you are attending or plan to attend.

☐ At least one form of proof of tribal enrollment:

    ☐ A copy of your tribal enrollment letter (preferred), <u>or</u>

    ☐ A scan of both sides of your valid tribal-issued ID card, <u>or</u>

    ☐ A copy of your parent's tribal enrollment letter <u>and</u> your birth certificate showing your enrolled parent's name.

☐ A completed FERPA release form, available for download here: https://www.nysed.gov/indigenous-education/forms

☐ A brief typewritten essay (two pages maximum) outlining your educational goals and plans.

The deadlines for submissions of New Student Applications are as follows:
<u>July 16th</u> for fall semesters, <u>January 4th</u> for spring semesters, and <u>May 20th</u> for summer semesters.

AFFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING

Information provided on this form will be maintained in a file by the Office of Indigenous Education of the New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Ave, EB 2 West Mezzanine, Albany, New York, 12234. The Coordinator of the Office of Indigenous Education is responsible for records maintenance.

This information will be used to identify Indigenous students who are funded under the New York State Indigenous Post-Secondary Grant-in-aid Program, and will be shared with tribal higher education offices and/or Indigenous tribal representatives working with higher education; higher education institutions personnel who are interested in the recruitment, admission and retention of Indigenous students at the undergraduate levels; and also with those institutions interested in recruiting Indigenous students in opportunities for further education, scholarships, or professional training; and it will be used to recognize the degrees earned by Indigenous Students to share with prospective employers that may be known to the Coordinator of the Office of Indigenous Education.

Student Signature (required):_____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Student (required): _____

Parent Signature (required if student is under 18 years of age): _____

Printed Name of Parent: _____ Date: _____

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