

Elmer Rapp Native American Scholarship

Elmer M. Rapp made a bequest to provide scholarship(s) to deserving men or women who meet the requirements that are provided below.

Eligible Applicants:

- 1) Must be a member of the Hidatsa, Arikara, or Mandan tribes.
- 2) **Priority** will be given to a graduate of any Fort Berthold Indian Reservation High School.

Requirements: A student awarded a scholarship shall receive (for the next school year) that portion necessary to pay the student's room, board, and tuition at a school of higher education or vocational or technical school. The scholarship shall be for one year only, but if a recipient is to continue their training or education for the following year, and if the recipient is in full conformance with the criteria below, the Trustee shall consider the recipient's needs prior to any other eligible candidates. Scholarship payments shall continue only so long as a student continues to pursue his/her training or education on a full-time basis and so long as the student meets all other criteria for eligibility. Scholarships are for Associate or Bachelor Degrees, or Certificate Programs only.

Criteria for Determining Recipients: Scholarships shall be awarded, at the discretion of the Trustee, to a student or students in need of financial assistance to pursue further education or vocational training and who have the maturity, aptitude, and character to utilize further education or training in a school of higher education, vocational, or trade school to his or her own advantage and that of society.

Scholarships: Scholarships will be awarded to recipients who meet the qualifications. The income earned from the trust fund investments and the number of applicants will determine the final scholarship dollars awarded to each recipient.

An application will be complete once all the documents listed below are received at the Bismarck Diocese. Sorry, unfortunately, any applications received that do not have all of the required items listed below will not be accepted or receive any scholarship funding.

- 1) Application Form
- 2) Verification of Tribal Enrollment (first time applicants only)
- 3) High School or College Transcript or a G.E.D.
- 4) Letter of Acceptance from a Post-Secondary institution
- 5) Financial Need and Certification of Admission
- 6) Letter of Recommendation (first time applicants only)

Application: Application should be made to the Elmer Rapp Scholarship Program, Bismarck Diocese, P.O. Box 1137, Bismarck, ND 58502-1137. The 2026 application deadline is July 15, 2026.

**ELMER M. RAPP SCHOLARSHIP TRUST APPLICATION
BISMARCK DIOCESE
P.O. BOX 1137
BISMARCK, ND 58502-1137
(701) 222-3035**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
Home Address: _____

Email: _____
Home Number: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
Social Security Number: _____ Sex ____ M ____ F
Tribal Affiliation: _____

***Attach a copy of Certificate of Indian Blood or tribal enrollment verification (document requirement #2)**

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School/City attended: _____
Date of Graduation: ____ / ____ / ____

***Attach a high school or college transcript or G.E.D. (document requirement #3)**

College or vocational school to which applicant has been accepted for enrollment

***Attach verification of acceptance from the post-secondary school (document requirement #4)**

Major field of study: _____ When do you expect to earn
your diploma or certificate of completion? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Documented financial need

***Complete, endorse, and return the attached NEEDS ANALYSIS form (document requirement #5)**

RECOMMENDATION (First time applicants only – document requirement #6)

Request that someone who can determine your maturity, aptitude, character, and can determine whether further education will benefit yourself in society.

Suggestion: your local school official, counselor, or a priest or minister.

***The person you choose should send his/her recommendation to the Elmer Rapp Scholarship Program, Bismarck Diocese, P.O. Box 1137, Bismarck, ND 58502-1137**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Date is July 15, 2026

ELMER RAPP NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP

2026/2027 - Needs Analysis Form and Certification of Admission

This form must be returned by the deadline of July 15th. ALL PARTS ARE REQUIRED! Parts I must be certified by the financial aid office at your college. You must sign and date in Part 2.

Please send completed form to: Elmer Rapp Scholarship Program
c/o Bismarck Diocese

Fax: 701-222-0269
Email: rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com
Email: bwinterberg@bismarckdiocese.com

PO Box 1137
Bismarck, ND 58502-1137

PART 1 - (COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE COMPLETES) – NEEDS ANALYSIS: The information in this Section must be submitted to the Elmer Rapp Native American Scholarship c/o Bismarck Diocese *by the student!!* Due to federal regulatory restrictions the NEEDS ANALYSIS must be submitted by you, the applicant. Forms that are emailed, mailed, or filed by the institution will not be accepted.

Please request that the financial aid office complete Part 1 with all of the information listed.

Again, DO NOT ask your college to return the information contained in PART 1.

This form MUST be submitted by you, the applicant.

I. Applicant has completed the 2026/2027 FAFSA: YES _____ NO _____

2. NEEDS ANALYSIS	Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
Cost of Attendance (COA)			
Financial Aid Resources (exclude loans)			
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)			
Financial Need (COA - Resources – EFC)			

Completed by:
(name/title/office):

PART 2 – APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information provided on this form has been completed by An authorized representative of my college and is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of scholarship applicant

Date